

# CBC Policy Conference ignites panel addressing the millennial generation

By Jackie Hampton  
Publisher

Mississippi Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Political Education and Leadership Institute (CBC Institute), welcomed participants to Tunica, Mississippi August 9-12 for the Mississippi Policy conference. “While we are faced with more challenges than ever before, we also have more opportunities to do more than ever before,” said Thompson, who has served as congressman for Mississippi’s 2nd Congressional District since 1993.

The primary mission of the CBC Institute, which was incorporated in 2000, is to “educate today’s voters and train tomorrow’s leaders. The institute also focuses on informing, inspiring and igniting communities on issues affecting communities and therefore chose “Inform, Inspire, Ignite!” as its’ 2018 theme.

There were entertainment and informative seminars throughout the 3-day conference. One seminar focused on civic engagement and was led by a 5-member panel. This panel, moderated by Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge from the 11th Congressional District of Ohio, was titled “The Frontlines of Change: Women, Minorities and Millennials.”

The Millennial generation is America’s largest, making up 25 percent of the total U.S. population and according to the 2010 Census is also America’s most diverse adult generation with 44 percent of minorities. With such large numbers, the panel definitely understood the power they have in shaping American politics.



L-R Cornell Belcher, Angela Rye, Tiffany Loftin, Marcia Fudge, Symone Sanders and Antjuan Seawright.

Symone Sanders, a CNN political commentator, said, “There is a misconception that young people are not plugged in, engaged or involved ... but young Millennials are already effecting change. Look at what happened in Ferguson, Missouri where Wesley Bell, an African American, won the Democratic primary, defeating 29-year incumbent Robert McCulloch for the County Prosecuting Attorney in a stunning upset.” Sanders said it was partially due to activists and young black Millennials that this victory happened.

Antjuan Seawright, founder and CEO of Blueprint Strategy, said Millennials need to figure out their whys, meaning why do they want to get involved? He said when they figure out their whys then seasoned leaders need

to show them how they can become senators, congressmen and whatever role they wish to be involved in.

Cornell Belcher, an award-winning pollster and NBC/MSNBC News political contributor, said Millennials need to realize their significant power. Belcher, author of “*A Black Man in the White House*,” said if Millennials voted at the percentage rate of Baby Boomers (69-70 percent) they could change the world of politics.

Tiffany Loftin, national director of the NAACP Youth & College Division, said so often what young people are contributing to politics is not acknowledged. “They are so often accused of not speaking up or not getting involved but the truth is they are getting involved; and yet, Millennials



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are still being murdered in Chicago and are being incarcerated in huge numbers,” Loftin said. “Young people don’t see changes being made in line with their efforts or in spite of their majority power.”

Angela Rye, principal & CEO of Impact Strategies and a CNN political commentator said that in addressing the power that Millennials have she was reminded of Dr. Martin Luther King’s concept of power as addressed in his 1967 ‘Where Do We Go From Here’ speech. Rye said King’s definition of power was the ability to achieve purpose. “Dr. King was a young person when he started in civil rights and people must realize it is not Millennials versus Baby Boomers, it’s us that are dying daily.” Rye told the

audience they should recognize the importance of the work young people are doing daily.

Each panelist agreed getting Millennials out to vote is of extreme importance but having a seat at the table, being involved and being respected is of extreme importance too.

At times, the discussions were very heated but at the end of the seminar, Congresswoman Fudge was very pleased. There was a lot of audience participation from members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Other seminar topics addressed included healthcare, workforce development, education and corporate diversity.

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## Sorority members across the United States visit Jackson to honor international president



Glover

By Kachelle S. Pratcher  
Ivy League Reporter

A sea of pink, green and pearls invaded the Capital City to celebrate and honor Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated International President Glenda Glover, Ph.D., JD, CPA. In a two-day event themed “One Moment in Time,” community members, elected officials and sorority members from across the United States showed up in their best attire to meet, greet and partake in this historic oc-

casion. The events held August 3-4, were sponsored by the Beta Delta Omega Chapter of which Glover is a current member.

The President’s Reception held Friday, August 3, at the Jackson Hilton Hotel was open to the community and had over 1,300 attendees. Sorority member and immediate past chair of the NAACP, Roslyn Brock, served as the mistress of ceremony. During Friday’s packed

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## Murray takes the helm at United Way of Capital Area Positioned to serve

By Othor Cain  
Editor

Having worked for the United Way of the Capital Area (UWCA) for nine years, Ira Murray thought he had served his time and had reached a good point in his career and was ready for change. “I knew that I wanted to do more in the area of education and in order to do that, I knew that I needed more education...more research, under my belt,” said the energetic newly installed president and CEO of UWCA.

Murray, who previously served the UWCA as director of community investment from June 2006 to June 2007 and vice president of community impact from June 2007 to June 2014, packed his family up and headed to Pittsburgh, PA to pursue his doctorate degree.

He was a K. Leroy Irvis Fellow at the University of Pittsburgh School of Education and Center for Urban Education. He recently received his PhD from UP’s Department of Administrative and Policy Studies, where he concentrated on issues such as race, equity and achievement in urban schools and communities. It typically takes 4-5 years to complete this track, Murray got it done sooner. “I finished all of my course work in three years, because I wanted one of my favorite professors whom I met while working on my master’s degree at Vanderbilt to chair my dissertation.

Murray said prior to learning about the job opportunity at his old stomping grounds, he had another job offer to join the staff of a prestigious university, but his heart was in Jackson. “I love Jackson, I met my wife here, we maintained our connection with our church here, we brought our



Murray

daughter here to be baptized. Jackson won me over the first time.

Murray’s vision for the UWCA is to continue to be a place where thought leaders gather but to also pull more folk into the giving process. “We are in an age where Millennials and Generation Y’s are becoming more involved in the process of giving and supporting,” he said. “We want to be a place where they can get involved, be a part of the process and see the impact of

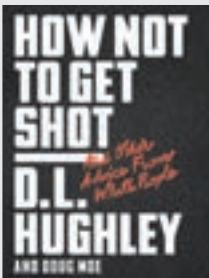
their work.”

Although the UWCA, a local nonprofit organization is located in Jackson, it serves Hinds, Madison and Rankin Counties. “We want people to know that not only are we here, but we are here to serve the entire metro area,” Murray said.

According to its website, UWCA’s mission is to bring the community together and

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## Continental selects Mississippi native for global program

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Continental, the leading technology company and premier tire manufacturer, is proud to welcome Mississippi native Marnise Webb to its global Human Relations (HR) Graduate Program. With this opportunity, Webb will gain HR experience locally and abroad over the next two years.

"Marnise will train within Continental all over the world. Her final job placement will be in Clinton where she will take over a key role in our HR organization to achieve her career goals closer to home," said Continental Tire Clinton HR Manager Marco Will.

The Continental HR Graduate Program starts with a Welcome Week in Hanover, Germany followed by four six-month assignments in various locations within the company. In this program, graduates and post-graduates receive training in key areas of HR:

- Recruiting
- Compensation and Benefits
- Talent Management
- Operative Employee Management
- HR Communications or a related department

"The program will provide me with ample opportunities to not only network locally but to also live abroad and meet new people, all while working on projects that will add to the company's suc-



**Webb**

cess," said Webb.

Webb is a Madison Central High School graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Tougaloo College and a Juris Doctorate from the Mississippi College School of Law. She is a member of the Magnolia Bar Association and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

For a view of which departments Continental Tire Clinton will staff through the end of 2019, visit [www.mississippi.org/continentalcareers](http://www.mississippi.org/continentalcareers).

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out event, the City of Jackson and the Hinds County Board of Supervisors presented two resolutions to Glover. One of the resolutions presented by Ward 3 Councilman Kenneth Stokes and Judge LaRita Cooper-Stokes, recognized the third of August as ‘Dr. Glenda Glover Day’ in Ward 3. The evening also highlighted special tributes by former Jackson Mayor Harvey Johnson and Immediate Past International President Dorothy Buchanan Wilson. The event was capped off with heart-felt remarks from Glover.

The President’s Brunch held Saturday, August 4, at the Jackson Convention Complex, featured over 1,200 sorority members representing all nine regions in the United States. All former international presidents were in attendance and most of the South Eastern regional directors. Sorority member Katina Rankin, WATN-TV news anchor in Memphis, Tennessee returned home to host Saturday’s brunch alongside WAPT-TV news anchor Erin Pickens. The morning of fun and fellowship featured great cuisine, live music, special tributes and words of wisdom from the 24th International President Eva Evans. A joint resolution from the Mississippi Legislature was presented to Glover by Representative Debra Gibbs and Senator Tammy Witherspoon. Representative Angela Cock-erham made a presentation from the Mississippi State Governor’s Office. Beta Delta Omega’s own Sonja Powe had the crowd in tears as she sang ‘One Moment in Time.’

“Thank you to the community who came out in huge numbers to congratulate Dr. Glenda Glover, as we honored her for being elected as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorpo-

rated International President. The support was overwhelming and truly appreciated. Thanks to the Beta Delta Omega chapter for their tireless efforts in planning, organizing and praying for a successful event. Their work produced a week-end of celebration and elegance to be remembered. Special thanks to Beta Delta Omega Chapter president, Dr. Rose J. Franklin, for her leadership and service and for her unwavering support of Demetrice Wells-Williams as co-chair and of me as chairperson. We could not have hosted over 2,500 people at both the reception and brunch without the efforts and support of all the ladies of the Beta Delta Omega Chapter. It truly was a lasting One Moment in Time,” said Maggie Terry Harper, reception/brunch chairman.

Glover will lead Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for four years, 2018-2022 under the theme, “Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service.” The five program targets are:

- Target 1: HBCU for Life: A Call to Action
- Target 2: Women’s Healthcare and Wellness
- Target 3: Building Your Economic Legacy
- Target 4: The Arts!
- Target 5: Global Impact

Professionally, Glover serves as president of Tennessee State University and is the institution’s eighth and first wom-an president. Prior to serving as TSU’s president, Glover served as dean of the College of Business at Jackson State University from 1994 to 2012. Glover led the College of Business through the accreditation process and spearheaded the implementation of the nation’s first Ph.D. program in business at a HBCU. She is a certified public accountant, an attorney and is one of two African-American women to hold the PhD-CPA-JD combination in the nation.

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## Holmes Co.’s HIPPY program celebrates 8th transition ceremony



The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Community Students Learning Center’s (CSLC) Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) program recently sent 12 young scholars to the Holmes County Consolidated School District (HCCSD) school-ready.

HIPPY is an evidence-based program that works with families in the home to support parents in their critical role as their child’s first and most important teacher.

“We, as always, are extremely proud of our parents and our HIPPY babies,” said Lula Friar, CSLC’s HIPPY coordinator. Friar (now a 30-plus-year retired educator who can’t stop serving children) along with then-CSLC Project Director Henry Luckett were trained at the HIPPY USA Headquarters in Arkansas to implement the international HIPPY model in Holmes County, Mississippi. Lubertha Banks was the center’s first HIPPY-USA-trained home visitor.

The Holmes County-Lexington, Miss. HIPPY site was licensed to operate in 2010 under CSLC’s function as the Parent Information Resource Center for the state aka MS-PIRC.

“HIPPY works,” said Beulah Greer, CSLC executive director. “Our HIPPY program has

successfully fed more than 100 equipped and ready-to-learn pre-schoolers into the public school system. The parents truly love the program.” Greer says they are grateful for the support of their advisory committee, donors and everyone who help with the program. “We welcome any additional help,” she said.

One of those many parents is Jamilah Andrews, mother of recent graduate Khloe Andrews. “The HIPPY program was a wonderful experience for Khloe as it allowed her to explore new adventures through the books provided,” said Jamilah. “Not only is the program awesome, but so are the educators. They were extremely dedicated and helpful.”

The ceremony was exciting as keynote speaker Porche Frizell Dixon led the budding young stars in a cheer: “ABC, 123, HIPPY is the one for me!” Frizell Dixon, former CSLC project director, is currently the Dean of Instruction at S.V. Marshall Elementary School of the HCCSD.

“I would 100 percent recommend this program to every community,” expressed Jamilah.

For more information about the HIPPY program in Holmes County, call (662) 834-0905 or Beulah Greer at (601) 927-1495.

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Entertainment during the conference included comedian Rita Brent and The Keeshea Pratt Band during the Thursday night opening reception; Friday night celebration fea-

tured DJ Mark Battle; and Saturday night a concert that featured The Whispers.

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## Murray

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focus resources on the most critical human care needs. By partnering with businesses, individuals, government and other nonprofits UWCA is able to monitor the needs of the community and respond as issues or opportunities arise. As a convener, collaborator, founder and leader in addressing health and human service issues, UWCA fulfills a unique role in making our community a better place.

Murray is a member of the American Educational Research Association and the American Educational Studies Association, and has also served on the boards of organizations such as the Greater Jackson Chamber partnership and the Young Professionals Alliance of Greater Jackson.

Murray, his wife and daughter are happy to be back in the metro area. Murray is ready to lead by service.

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In Memoriam

Remembering Joyce Ann Smith

June 18, 1965 - August 4, 2018



Smith

Joyce Ann Smith, born June 18, 1965 in Yazoo City, MS, was the youngest daughter of Louise Evans and Samuel Leon Smith. She confessed her life in Christ at an early age and was baptized at Chapel Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Yazoo City. She later joined New Zion Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Willie E. Smith. There she served as financial clerk. She was cur-

rently a member of College Hill Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Michael T. Williams. At College Hill, she served with the New Members Ministry, taught the youth Sunday School class, was active in the General Mission Ministry, and she was a member of Mission Circle #5. She was a graduate of the Yazoo City Public School System, and after high school received a business degree at Draughon's Business College. Joyce began her working career with Legal Services and the Jackson City Attorney's Office. She later worked for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Piggott's Law Firm and Butler Snow. Her last employment was with the U.S. Federal Court as the court deputy for Judge Carlton Reeves. She will be greatly missed by everyone, especially the younger family members, because of her passion for their well-being. Joyce always made time to spend with all of them. Left to cherish Joyce's memories are her two children, Chauncy S. Smith (Jamessa) and Raymona Jenette Smith; granddaughter, Zoey of Jackson, MS; parents, Samuel Leon and Louise E. Smith of Yazoo City, MS; siblings, Rev. Willie Smith (Willie Louise) of Yazoo City, MS, Otha L. Smith (Brenda) of Ft. Washington, MD, Calvin L. Smith Sr. of Yazoo City, MS, James E. Smith of Huntsville, AL, Dorothy L. Smith of Jackson, MS, Carolyn Smith of Jackson, MS, Terry-L. Smith (Juanita) of Snellville, GA, Macie M. Johnson (Melvin) of Jackson, MS, Imogene Matthews (Calvin) of Jackson, MS, Wilberta Smith-Bynum of Washington, D.C. and a host of nieces, nephews and dear friends.



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# Jackson voters pass 2018 JPS bond



## Mississippi Link Newswire

Jackson voters responded overwhelmingly in favor of Jackson Public Schools in the bond election held Tuesday, August 7. The \$65 million bond referendum passed with 86 percent voting for the measure and only 14 percent voting against. JPS School Board President Dr. Jeanne Hairston talked about what the victory means for JPS students.

“This demonstrates to them that the adults are behind them 100 percent, and we stand ready to help them to be successful and achieve,” said Dr. Hairston. “We want our parents, our guardians, our grandparents to know that all of us in the district—this Board in particular—are committed to working every day on behalf of all of our students so that everyone is welcome here at JPS.”

The bond gives JPS the opportunity to complete improvements and restore infrastructure at all of its schools.

About \$15.5 million will go towards issues raised by the Mississippi Department of Education in a Corrective Action Plan. Also included are safety improvements at Newell Field. The field was a popular site for football and soccer games and band events. Some of the work will directly impact teaching and learning, such as science labs in all of the District’s middle schools and high schools and internet cafes in school libraries.

Jackson Mayor Chokwe Lumumba, who has made his support for the bond widely known, has said that it will not increase taxes. Since the District paid some previous debt earlier this year, reissuing the same amount will not cause any increase in taxes paid by homeowners for Jackson Public Schools.

The JPS School Board created an oversight committee with a resolution it passed at a special meeting on July 30.

# Tougaloo College Opens New Early College High School

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President Beverly Wade Hogan proudly welcomed the newest set of young eaglets to campus during the official opening of the Early College High School at Tougaloo College on August 8, 2018. The College has made history again by offering about 40 Jackson Public School ninth graders the opportunity to take college courses at Tougaloo while in high school.

President Beverly Wade Hogan told the students, “It’s our pleasure to have you on our campus. You’re our pre-eaglets to the College, and we expect you to perform better than the rest,” said Hogan. She informed the students that research has shown, students in early college perform better in their educational pursuits compared with other students. In addition, she said, “A Tougaloo College education is your passport to success.”

In a call to excellence, City of Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba told the students about his family ties to Tougaloo College, as well as the rich history of the College being a place for people to rescue themselves. “You are now part of that continuing legacy,” said Lumumba.

While Tougaloo College draws upon its rich, strong legacy and heritage to advance the city of Jackson,



the state of Mississippi also benefits from this wonderful partnership. The Early College High School at Tougaloo College now joins the only hand-

ful of school districts in the state with a dual enrollment program, where students may earn college credit while attending high school.

# District Calendar

## August

Aug. 1. Online Registration  
JPS Information Meeting for Contractors: 9:00 AM

Aug. 2. Online Registration  
Bond Town Hall Meeting: 6:00 PM

Aug. 3. Online Registration

Aug. 4. Online Registration

Aug. 5. Bond Community Forum: 10:00 AM  
Middle School Open House Orientation: 2:30 PM  
High School Open House Orientation: 5:00 PM

Aug. 6. First Day for Teachers  
Elementary School Open House Orientation: 4:00 PM  
Bond Town Hall Meeting: 6:00 PM

Aug. 7. Bond Election for JPS: 7:00 AM

Aug. 8. First Day for Students  
Superintendent's Hotline: 7:00 AM

Aug. 9. Superintendent's Hotline: 7:00 AM  
JPS School Board Regular Meeting: 5:30 PM

Aug. 10. CDC Childcare Enrollment Deadline

Aug. 11. JPS Football Jamboree: 8:00 AM

Aug. 15. JPS School Board Special Meeting: 8:30 AM

Aug. 18. JCPTA Fall School of Instruction: 10:00 AM

Aug. 21. JPS School Board Regular Meeting: 5:30 PM

Aug. 30. Better Together Commission Meetings: 4:15 PM

## District Calendar At-A-Glance

DATE	EVENT
July 2-6, 2018	Independence Day Break (Districtwide Closure)
August 6, 2018	First Day for Teachers
August 8, 2018	First Day for Students
September 3, 2018	Labor Day (Districtwide Closure)
October 8, 2018	Fall Break (Districtwide Closure)*
October 22, 2018	Parent-Teacher Conference Day (No School for Students)*
November 19-23, 2018	Thanksgiving Break (Districtwide Closure)
December 21, 2018	Winter Break Begins (60% Day for Students)
December 24, 2018-January 4, 2019	Winter Break (Districtwide Closure)
January 7, 2019	Teachers and Staff Return
January 8, 2019	Students Return
January 21, 2019	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Districtwide Closure)
February 18, 2019	Parent-Teacher Conference Day (No School for Students)*
March 11-15, 2019	Spring Break (Districtwide Closure)
April 19 & 22, 2019	Easter Break (Districtwide Closure)*
May 24, 2019	Last Day for Students
May 27, 2019	Memorial Day (Districtwide Closure)
May 28 & 29, 2019	High School Graduations
May 29, 2019	Last Day for Teachers

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MC Singers perform at the Festival of Lights

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Mississippi College students will show off their musical talents and acting skills during a blitz of performances this Fall.

MC's Music Department will sponsor many of the major events.

One of the performances that folks shouldn't miss will be the MC Jazz Band playing swing hits of the modern era – from Duke Ellington to Count Basie and Benny Goodman through tunes of recent vintage. The concert on the Brick Streets of downtown Clinton is set for October 12.

Jazz fans should bring their favorite lawn chairs, enjoy the free music and dine at nearby Clinton restaurants. Food vendors will be on hand, too. The activity that Friday evening begins in the city's historic business district at 6 p.m.

A week later, October 19, Mississippi College rolls out its Sclater Chamber Music Series. The series is named in tribute to award-winning Clinton composer James Sclater.

A Mobile, Alabama native, Sclater retired after serving four decades as an MC music professor and mentor to generations of students. Tickets to the first show of the season at Aven Recital Hall are \$20 for general admission and \$5 for students and children. The show begins

at 7:30 p.m. Friday. More details will be announced soon.

The Mississippi College Singers are booked for their 2018 Homecoming concert October 27. The program begins at 1:30 p.m. that Saturday at Provine Chapel on the Clinton campus. The student group has performed in Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York City over the years. Conducted by Mark Nabholz, the vocalists traveled as far away as Europe and South Africa for concerts. The event is free.

There's much more to see and do for music lovers at the Christian university.

Music fans are invited to opera productions November 1-4 at MC's Aven Recital Hall. The programs November 1-3 begin at 7 p.m. and the show on November 4 starts at 3 p.m. The shows are ticketed events. More details will be announced at a later date.

Free events at MC include: the Choctaw Chorus concert at Provine Chapel on November 6, the MC Symphonic Winds concert in Swor Auditorium November 19 and a Jazz Band concert December 3 at the Aven Recital Hall. Nabholz conducts the Choctaws Chorus. Craig Young conducts the Symphonic Winds. Both are MC music professors. All three programs begin at 7:30 p.m.

One of MC's most memorable pro-

grams will welcome the Christmas season. The annual Festival of Lights concerts made their debut at the Baptist-affiliated university in 1986.

The 2018 Festival of Lights dates are November 29-30 and December 1. Tickets to the MC Singers performances at Provine Chapel are \$15 for the general public, and \$5 for students and children.

The programs pack the pews at Mississippi College's oldest building as the holiday season nears. It is best to purchase tickets in advance. For those who cannot attend, the festival is available to thousands of Mississippi Public Broadcasting viewers during TV programs airing statewide in December.

The Mississippi College Communication Department will again present Barbara Robinson's hilarious production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." The play appeals to people of all ages – from Mississippi children to senior citizens.

The ticketed shows run November 27-30 in Swor Auditorium. The production tells the story of how the rotten Herdman kids discover the true meaning of Christmas. MC communication professor Sandra Grayson returns as the show's director. She's done an admirable job directing students in the comedic production for the past decade.

## MSU among SEC institutions participating in Southeast Executives

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Mississippi State University is among Southeastern Conference institutions participating in the launch of the Southeast Executives on Roster (XOR) program to help match experienced entrepreneurs and university startups.

MSU and its 13 fellow SEC universities have jointly created the Southeast XOR platform to broaden access to experienced entrepreneurial talent and to match that talent to university-affiliated startups in need of executive management.

"Mississippi State has researchers working on some of the world's toughest challenges," said Kathy Gelston, MSU's associate vice president for corporate engagement and economic development. "In order to get that derived technology into the market place, we need to partner our scientists with equal-caliber business talent who are ready to dive in and build a company. We see the Southeast XOR platform as one way to build those partnerships."

Eric Hill, director of MSU's Center for Entrepreneurship and Outreach, said finding the right entrepreneurs ready for that challenge is not always easy. However, the XOR project helps MSU cast a wide net with its sister SEC universities who may have an opportunity right for alumni and affiliates and vice versa.

"In tandem with the E-Center's Mentor Network, the XOR network of entrepreneurial talent and startup opportunities shared across the SEC increases all of our chances at building successful spin-out companies," Hill said.

The XOR project started with a discussion at the annual meeting of the SEC Technology Transfer Directors in July 2017 and was completed after a year-long collaborative development process with technology transfer offices at all 14 SEC universities. The process included choosing a software platform development partner; creating the platform's core principles; designing the platform's specifications; drafting a "Guidebook" to govern the platform's use and operations; and recruiting and qualifying entrepreneurs and startups to populate the system for its pilot launch.

The software platform was developed by Wellspring, a technology-commercialization software development company, and it works by matching university startup companies with entrepreneur and capital networks outside each university's immediate area.

Jeremy Clay, director of MSU's Office of Technology Management, said combining the entrepreneur talent networks of all participating universities gives MSU's startup companies access to a larger talent pool in which members

are vetted by other SEC schools.

"We expect this system will improve the likelihood that startups will find experienced executive management and ultimate success," Clay said.

Similarly, Southeast XOR entrepreneurs looking for their next opportunity will have a larger pipeline of opportunities available in a central, user-friendly portal only accessible to those entrepreneurs who are members.

Initially, more than 50 select entrepreneurs will be given access to the platform to begin searching through the profiles of more than 35 initial university startups in the system. Additional interested entrepreneurs may access the platform through an application and qualification process.

Clay said MSU's Office of Technology Management and Center for Entrepreneurship and Outreach have partnered together and already have helped faculty researchers submit their companies to the XOR platform.

Examples include Azulux LLC, a company started by MSU Associate Professor of Chemistry Keith Hollis, that will build and optimize a stable blue emitter for organic light-emitting diodes; and NP Sway LLC, a company started by MSU Physics and Astronomy Head and Professor Mark A. Novotny, that has a focus on producing quantum dragon nanodevices with enhanced electron transmission enabling electronic devices to operate more efficiently.

Clay and Hill said their offices will continue working together to recruit entrepreneurs and companies for the XOR platform, along with assisting MSU-affiliated entrepreneurs in building a pitch deck or other materials and collecting data for developing a company profile page in the platform.

In addition to affiliation with or recommendation for inclusion by a participating university, those interested in becoming an XOR entrepreneur should have experience raising capital for a startup company and/or worked at least 15 years as an executive in a specific industry. Willingness and availability to play an executive management role for a startup also is among criteria for consideration.

*For more information or questions about the Southeast XOR, contact Jeremy Clay at 662-325-8222 or jmc17@msstate.edu or Eric Hill at 662-325-3521 or ehill@ecenter.msstate.edu.*

The Office of Technology Management can be found online at [www.otm.msstate.edu](http://www.otm.msstate.edu); Center for Entrepreneurship and Outreach, at [www.ecenter.msstate.edu](http://www.ecenter.msstate.edu).

MSU is Mississippi's leading university, available online at [www.msstate.edu](http://www.msstate.edu).

## Algebra teaching and learning support extended to all MS school districts

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Starting this school year, all Mississippi public school districts will be able to implement the Algebra Nation program, which is designed to help students perform better in the Algebra I course.

Piloted in approximately 30 districts over the last two years, the Algebra Nation program includes custom-developed Algebra I resources, supports, student performance reports and professional development for teachers. The program also

extends learning outside of the classroom by providing a virtual community of teachers and students that collaborate and learn online.

Algebra Nation pilot program districts experienced a 7.2 percent increase in the percentage of students scoring at proficient or advanced on the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) compared to a 4.8 percent increase for non-Algebra Nation pilot program districts on the spring 2017 Algebra I assess-

ment.

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Office of Secondary Education content staff and the Research & Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University validated the effectiveness of the Mississippi-developed Algebra Nation resources.

"Mississippi students are benefiting from the instructional support Algebra Nation provides," said Marla Davis, MDE bureau director and mathematics content special-

ist. "The program's flexibility allows each district to use it in a manner that fits their individual needs and capacity."

Algebra Nation staff, in partnership with the MDE, are hosting approximately 10 regional trainings for teachers around the state during the months of August and September.

The Algebra Nation program is being extended to all school districts through a \$500,000 appropriation from the Mississippi Legislature.

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The Q.B. shrugs off any talk of nervousness about the upcoming season. But he does admit to feeling a slight pressure to perform. "Some of the guys have talked about the fans. They love you when you're doing well, and they don't love you as much when you're doing bad." Strouse laughs, "So we just have to get out there and prove ourselves to all the doubters."

## Employees honored for service at MS State Hospital



Mississippi State Hospital August service award recipients include: (left to right) Rodney Jones (Jackson, 1 year), Gabriel Horvath (Brandon, 5 years), Shircell Massey (Clinton, 25 years), Shirley Varnado (Jackson, 10 years), Tammy Kopesky (Brandon, 20 years), Michelle Chmielewski (Madison, 15 years), Michelle Cushman (Morton, 20 years), Michaela Martin (Jackson, 1 year), Allen Johnson (Pearl, 5 years).

### Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippi State Hospital recently honored employees with August anniversaries for their years of service to the hospital.

Service awards are given to MSH employees in the month of their date of

hire, beginning with one year and followed by every fifth anniversary year. Employees receive a Certificate of Appreciation and a Service Award Pin.

The program is sponsored by Friends of Mississippi State Hospital, Inc.

MSH, a program of the Mississippi

Department of Mental Health, was founded in 1855 and helps the individuals it serves achieve mental wellness by encouraging hope, promoting safety, and supporting recovery. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission.

## SBA Mississippi now accepting 2019 Small Business Person of the Year & Champion Award nominations

### The Mississippi Link Newswire

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is now accepting nominations for the 2019 Mississippi Small Business Person of the Year and Small Business Champion Awards.

Do you or someone you know have what it takes to win one of the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) business awards? "If so, the SBA Mississippi District Office wants to hear from you," said Janita R. Stewart, SBA Mississippi district director.

"The SBA Mississippi District Office works with small businesses daily to help develop and grow their businesses, which in turn strengthens the state and national economy. "This is an opportunity to nominate a deserving small business or someone who champions small business for recognition in one or more of the nomination categories, said Stewart."

Since 1963, Small Business Week Awards has recognized the outstanding achievements of America's small business for their contributions to their local communities, and to our nation's economy. The National Small Business Week celebrations will occur during the week of May 5 -11, 2019.

"You can be part of this celebration by nominating an outstanding small business owner or small business champion in your community for one of these awards," said Stewart. "In past years, we've had the pleasure of recognizing some outstanding small business owners and champions throughout our state that represented Mississippi well. We know there are many others out there deserving of this recognition; we just need to receive nominations in order for them to be considered. Self-nominations are also acceptable."

The Mississippi SBA Small Business Person of the Year will be invited to attend the national celebration in Washington, D.C. to compete for the

National Small Business Person of the Year award against winners from across the country.

Small Business Champions of the Year award categories are for those who promote small business, including volunteering time and services to small business interests and groups. Champions may or may not be small business owners.

SBA Awards given in celebration of Small Business Week include the following categories:

- Small Business Person of the Year
- Small Business Exporter
- Young Entrepreneur
- Generational Family-Owned Small Business
- Minority Small Business Champion
- Women in Business Champion
- Veteran Small Business Champion
- Home-Based Business Champion
- Financial Services Champion
- Entrepreneurial Success Award
- Small Business Journalist
- Phoenix Awards (recognizing outstanding accomplishments during disaster recovery)

All nomination packages must be submitted to the SBA-Mississippi Gulfport Branch Office. Nomination packages must be hand delivered or mailed to SBA Mississippi-Gulfport Branch Office 2510 14th Street, Suite 103, Gulfport, MS 39501 no later than 4 p.m., Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

The dedicated website [www.sba.gov/nsbw](http://www.sba.gov/nsbw) provides forms, criteria and guidelines for submitting a nomination.

For nomination guidelines and additional information regarding the awards, visit the SBA Mississippi website at [www.sba.gov/ms](http://www.sba.gov/ms) or contact the SBA Mississippi District Office at (601) 965-4378 or Gulfport Branch Office at (228) 863-4449.

## Greater Pearlie Grove Missionary Baptist Church Blood Drive

### Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippi Blood Services (MBS) will be holding a blood drive with Greater Pearlie Grove Missionary Baptist Church Sunday, August 26, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The MBS Donor Coach will be at the church, located at 1640 W. County Line Road in Jackson. Donors will receive a T-shirt (while supplies last).

Mississippi Blood Services (MBS) is the only not-for-profit blood center headquartered in Mississippi. MBS serves hospitals across the state, from Holly

Springs to Keesler Medical Center in Biloxi. Every day, MBS ships out between 250-300 units of blood products to Mississippi hospitals but MBS cannot do this alone. Volunteer blood donors are the only source of human blood used in transfusion medicine. When you donate blood, you can save up to three lives. When you donate blood with Mississippi Blood Services, you save Mississippi patients.

Donating blood is safe, simple and it saves lives.

Donors must be at least 16 years old

(16-year-olds need signed parental consent, visit our Web site for a copy of the form), weigh at least 110 pounds and have a valid ID.

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PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (Aug. 8, 2018) Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class James Bennett, from Jackson, Miss., takes down a mooring line on the fantail of the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) during sea and anchor detail. Bonhomme Richard is currently underway in the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of operations. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Gavin Shields)

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# Plan launched to rename Richmond's Boulevard for Tennis Great Arthur Ashe Jr.

By Jeremy Lazarus  
TriceEdneyWire.com

A new effort is underway to re-name Richmond, Virginia's Boulevard in honor of Richmond-born humanitarian and tennis great Arthur Ashe Jr.

Richmond City Councilwoman Kim B. Gray says she plans to introduce legislation in September to change the street's name to Arthur Ashe Boulevard.

"I think it would be very appropriate to honor Arthur Ashe this way," the 2nd District councilwoman said. "This could be a first step in renaming streets in honor of other Richmond greats like civil rights icon Dorothy Height and Black newspaper giant John Mitchell whom the city has yet to recognize."

Gray said she is submitting the name change proposal at the request of the Ashe family. David Harris, nephew of the late Ashe, broached the idea at a recent civic group meeting in Scott's Addition. The idea already has received significant attention. This would be the second time such a proposal has been before City Council.

In 2003, 6th District Councilman Walter T. Kenney Sr.'s proposal to



Ashe

rename the Boulevard in honor of Ashe was rejected on a 7-2 vote. Gray is taking on the issue because a major portion of the Boulevard is in the 2nd District. She believes the proposal has a greater chance of success this time.

She said she has heard from

businesses and museums along the Boulevard that support the renaming. Gray also said she hopes Councilman Andreas Addison, whose 1st District borders a portion of the Boulevard, will join her in supporting the proposal. "I am open to exploring any and every

opportunity to celebrate and remember Richmond's historic leaders," said Addison.

"I support the public process to explore this renaming of Boulevard. I have not received any formal information or inquiry about this name change as of yet." Fifth District Councilman Parker C. Agelasto did not respond to a request for comment. A small section of the Boulevard around Byrd Park falls into that district.

Ashe, who is buried in a Henrico County cemetery, is honored with a statue on Monument Avenue, the first non-Confederate to have a monument on the street.

He is the only black man to win the singles title at the U.S. Open, Wimbledon and the Australian Open. Outside the sport, Ashe was an activist and humanitarian, winning recognition for his opposition to apartheid in South Africa and for opposing a U.S. crackdown against refugees from Haiti. He helped launch Virginia Heroes, a mentoring program for Richmond area youths, and started the Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS and the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health before his death Feb. 6, 1993.

# Justice Department settles race discrimination lawsuit against Mississippi Delta Community College

TriceEdneyWire.com

The Justice Department recently announced that it has reached a settlement with Mississippi Delta Community College (MDCC) to resolve allegations that MDCC discriminated against Pamela Venton on the basis of race in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. Title VII is a federal statute that prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin and religion.

According to the United States' complaint, filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi, MDCC did not have a legitimate, nondiscriminatory reason for paying Pamela Venton, who is black, a significantly lower annual salary than four of her white coworkers working in the same position with the same duties and responsibilities. Venton complained internally about the wage disparities and, while MDCC agreed to adjust her salary beginning with the next academic school year, it did not compensate Venton for her lost wages.

"This settlement agreement reflects the Civil Rights Division's continued commitment to vigorous enforcement of Title VII's prohibition against race-based pay decisions," said Acting Assistant Attorney General John Gore of the Civil Rights Division.

Under the terms of the settlement agreement, MDCC has agreed to pay \$75,000 in back pay and compensatory damages to Venton. In addition, MDCC has agreed to implement appropriate training on identifying and correcting unlawful wage discrimination.

Venton originally filed a charge of discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). The EEOC's Jackson, Mississippi, office investigated the charges and made reasonable cause findings. After unsuccessful conciliation efforts, the EEOC referred the charges to the Justice Department.

The United States is represented in this case by Trial Attorney Torie Atkinson of the Civil Rights Division's Employment Litigation Section.

More information about Title VII and other federal employment laws is available on the Civil Rights Division's website at <http://www.justice.gov/crt>.

## At Senator Norwood's Desk



Jackson residents Annie L. Heard and Cleeta P. Edwards shared laughs with Senator Sollie B. Norwood in his office at the Capitol August 8. They sat at his desk as he explained the legislative process.

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# Choosing your destiny

## PART 2

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



I want to bring some thought to you from God's Word to establish the fact that the judgment will come in the end. My friend, you need to realize that for all your deeds and actions, for the very life you live, God will bring you into judgment one of these days. The devil does not want you to think about it. Oh, may God help me to convey the message so that you can see that the devil has caused you to become drunk on the spirit of this old world, sinner friend; therefore, you cannot really think as you ought to think.

Many people are caught up in the spirit of this age. The devil cannot wait to lure away precious young souls who have been brought up in Sunday School and in good Christian homes. The devil has so many things that he uses to get hold of them. He will put the facts of the

world before them, and he will entice them to seek after everything but the things of God. So quickly, he takes an innocent life and blackens it with the things of this old world. He uses drugs and alcohol and many other things to mark that life and that innocent looking face.

Dear one, the devil is just waiting to mark your life and ruin your character. He is waiting just around the corner. Oh, may God help you to consider this fact. The devil will tie you up and cause you to get wrapped up in everything but the things of God. He wants to tie up your mind.

The devil does not want you to give your attention to God's Word and heed the message. He does not want you to really think seriously and get sober in your mind so that you might be able to consider your ways and see what is ahead of you.

We read in 2 Corinthians 5:10 these words from the Apostle Paul, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things

done in his body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad." Hebrews 9:27 reads, "And as it is appointed unto men one to die, but after this the judgment." The Lord shed His blood at Calvary. He has already done a perfect work so that every previous soul on the face of the earth could be saved, but they are not saved because they have turned away from God and turned to their own ways. The enemy has them drunk on the spirit of this old world, and they are going headlong down the road of time, heading for eternal judgment.

Ecclesiastes 11:9 says, "Rejoice, O young men, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment." My friend, the devil has men and women bound in the clutches of sin. He has them shackled, and only the power of God can break those shackles and unloosen

the chains. God alone is able to open the prison door and let you go free, but the devil does not want to let you go free. Unless you cry out to Him for mercy and let the Spirit of God work in your heart and life, He will not be able to open the prison door for you. There is power in the blood of Jesus. He wants to save you, and He will save you right now if you will cry out to Him for mercy. You do not have to wait. He is passing by. You can read in Mark 10:47 that when the blind man cried out and said, "Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me," Jesus stopped the procession and healed his blind eyes. He wants to heal your soul, my friend and give you this precious life-giving substance that will set you free.

Next week, Part III—Choosing your Destiny"

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## PRESERVED

# Make progress... not excuses

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



But I also kept physically moving regardless of how lost I felt.

One time in particular, I wanted to find the Luxembourg Gardens in Paris. According to my map and GPS, it was 2 left turns and a brief 10-minute walk from my hotel. I figured even I, with my directionally challenged self, couldn't mess that up. Yet, at first, I misread the map and headed in the wrong direction. However, the GPS re-routed me and I found the park within minutes.


The real problem came when I left the park and attempted to walk back to the hotel. I walked around in circles for about 10 minutes following my GPS' directions. However, based on what it was showing me, I was going in the right direction but it didn't seem like it. The more I walked, it seemed the more disoriented I became. I stopped and looked at the GPS and map again. They both were sending me left but that didn't seem right. In frustration, I put the map away and trusted the GPS. It kept telling me to go right...so, even though it didn't seem right, I kept walking until I found the

correct road back to my hotel... just one short block away.

This experience reminded me of how some of us act when we find ourselves in times of spiritual confusion. We get frustrated because even though we say we are following the word of God, we keep going around in circles in our personal and spiritual lives. We keep dealing with the same problems we dealt with years ago. Some of us even make excuses like "God knows my heart." But what I learned from my travel experiences is that God doesn't want us to make excuses about what isn't going right in our lives. Even when we don't think God's word is working for us, God wants us to stop making excuses, make progress and become spiritually mature by trusting Him and His word more.

Psalm 119: 105 reminds us that God's word is "a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Just like I obviously read the map wrong, sometimes we can misinterpret the Bible but we still have to keep trusting in its truth.

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**Homecoming - Sunday, August 19, 2018 – Dr. Earl Miller, Pastor Emeritus, Progressive Baptist Church, St. Paul, MN** is the guest preacher for Farish Street Baptist Church Homecoming Worship. Reverend Miller will be returning to his roots, the church where he acknowledged the call of God; the people who nurtured his growth and development; and his family and friends. What a delightful homecoming this will be, Homecoming 2018, a 50th Anniversary Homecoming celebration.

**The Homecoming Worship services will be held at 11 a.m. at Farish Street Baptist Church** located at 619 North Farish Street in the historic Farish Street District of Jackson, MS. The public is invited to attend.



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## When will it end?

By E. Faye Williams

Trice Edney Newswire



I wake up in the morning listening to the craziness in the White House or one of the agencies in this administration or some weird activity over on Capitol Hill. I only write articles for publication once each week, but I truly feel sorry for the press who are charged with analyzing, writing and talking about the madness we are witnessing daily. We have a press experiencing more than anything anyone should have to bear everyday they get up and go to work.

For a year and a half, not counting the campaign, we've had to listen to thousands of lies from #45. I won't go into the ones from his staff, agency heads and loyal friends; but they, too, are numerous. At the same time, parents and teachers are expected to teach young people to tell the truth.

This is not getting any better. As we're coming up to the mid-term elections, there seems to be a race among too many Republicans to see who can do the vilest thing and tell the biggest lie. I wonder if they have any time left over to work for the people who elected them. We already know they do not represent those who did not vote for them.

Something about which to shake your head happens every day that becomes public. One would think that what those same people say and do in private couldn't be worse, but we've learned it can. A few days ago, Rep. Devin Nunes, (chairman of the House Intelligence Committee) was heard talking behind closed doors, and anything we've heard him say in public pales over what he said behind closed doors at a fundraising activity for Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (another leader of the Republican Party who serves as House Republican Caucus chair).

In essence, Rep. Nunes let us know the real reason the Republicans must win the mid-term elections in November. Presumably they must win at all costs. He said if A.G. Jeff Sessions won't un-recuse himself and Mueller won't clear the president, then Republicans must remain in control. He suggested not impeaching Deputy A.G. Rod Rosenstein who is in charge of the Mueller investigation, even though he thinks Rosenstein should be impeached, the Republicans would have to drop everything – so it's just a matter of time that's preventing them from impeaching Rosenstein. Just a few weeks ago the notion of impeaching Rosenstein was just an idea of fringe members, but it wasn't going anywhere. Now, we hear from Nunes that to impeach him would imperil their ability to confirm Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court – a nomination they stole from President Barack Obama's right to nominate a judge before his term was up.

McMorris Rodgers and Nunes seemed to agree they intend to impeach Rosenstein, but just not until after mid-term elections. At that time they expect to still be in control of the House and the Senate, as well as the Supreme Court. #45 would then be safe no matter what he does to wreck our nation.

Add to that, we have just learned that the first Congressman to endorse #45 – Chris Collins (R), the purported richest man in Congress – was just arrested for insider trading.

Rudy Giuliani just said his client, #45, can't talk with Mueller's team because he might perjure himself. That can be done only if he lies. From his past record with the truth, Rudy should know – but isn't it a shame the president can't be trusted to tell the truth.

When will all of this end? How much more do we have to endure before this whole bunch of liars are sent home!

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By Marc H. Morial  
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National Urban League



*“The equity gap is calculated not just on the basis of what the black female corporate lawyer makes, compared with her counterpart within the firm, but it looks at the median average salary. What is really bringing that wage gap down are the women on the low end. Black women are underrepresented in corporate and professional roles – what is it, 8 percent of us in corporate sector jobs? 2 percent in leadership positions? – despite the fact that we are the most educated group as a segment of the population.”*

*“Where are we showing up mainly? In low-wage jobs. We make up 40 percent of health aides in America. You know what the average wage is for health aides? \$21,000. We're not even hitting the federal poverty level.” – Jennifer Jones*

## #AskYourWorth: The black women's pay equity gap is growing

Austin, chief executive officer and executive director of the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies

This week, the National Urban League hosted the New York State Council on Women and Girls for a panel discussion on Black Women's Pay Equity Day, featuring a distinguished group of women leaders led by Essence President Michelle Ebanks.

The civil rights icon Hazel N. Dukes, president of the NAACP New York State Conference and member of the NAACP National Board of Directors, told of her years as a single mother working two jobs to make ends meet.

“It's not easy to be a black woman,” she said. “But being an only child, and being a daddy's girl, I was born to be a hell-raiser.”

August 7 was Black Women's Pay Day – the day that represents how long women have to work in 2017 and 2018 to catch up to what white men made in 2017 alone. On average, black women have had to work more than 19 months to make

what white men made in 12. And this year, Black Women's Pay Day was even later than it was last year – July 31.

According to the Economic Policy Institute, despite the myth that education would narrow the wage gap, black women make less than men at every level of education, even when working the same jobs as men.

While black women with a high school education or less made 57.5 cents for every dollar made by a man of similar education in 2016, the pay gap among those with advanced degrees was only about two cents less – 59.6 cents on the dollar.

In response to the pay gap, Essence has launched the social media hashtag #AskYourWorth, urging women to demand equal pay.

One of the panel members, Blondel Pinnock, senior vice president, chief lending officer, Carver Federal Savings Bank, drew cheers when she outlined the way she asked for her worth:

“I kept copious amounts of notes

of everything that I was doing – every loan that I closed and the money that I made from the fees for those closed loans,” she said. “So when it was time for my performance review, I laid out everything that I had done. Here are all the transactions I have closed and here's how much money I have made for this institution. And I got a raise.”

In addition to Ebanks, Dukes and Pinnock, other members of the panel were Jennifer Jones Austin, executive director, Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies; Lola Brabham, acting commissioner, NYS Department of Civil Service; Janella Hinds, vice president for Academic High Schools, UFT and secretary-treasurer, NYC Central Labor Council; and Farah Tanis, executive director, Black Women's Blueprint.

“What a fantastic reminder of our culture: Black women supporting black women supporting black women,” Ebanks said. “That's how we got here, that's how we stay here, that's how we go further.”

## Sweet Revenge: The decline and fall of Bob McCulloch

By Julianne Malveaux  
NNPA News Wire Columnist



Just over four years ago, August 9, 2014, 18-year-old Michael Brown was murdered by police officer Darren Wilson. He was shot six times, and might have survived some of the shots, but was fatally wounded by a bullet in the head.

Wilson claimed he shot in self-defense, but Brown was unarmed. Prosecutor Bob McCulloch took his time convening a grand jury and announced in November, three months after Brown's murder, that the grand jury voted not to indict Wilson.

Critics say that McCullough manipulated the grand jury process to protect Wilson.

But now he has his come up-pance. The 27-year prosecutor was defeated by Wesley Bell, an African-American attorney and member of the Ferguson City Council. Bell seems quite the opposite of the racially biased McCullough, a prosecutor who incarcerated poor African Americans for minor offenses. McCullough and the Ferguson police department were cited by the Department of Justice for unfair practices and for using substantial traffic fines as revenue generators for the city.

Had Bell been county prosecutor,



McCulloch

it is likely that Wilson would have been held accountable in the murder of Brown.

Bell was endorsed by the Real Justice PAC (<https://realjusticepac.org>), an exciting new political action committee whose purpose is to “elect prosecutors who will fix our broken criminal justice system.”

It's a great approach given that “prosecutorial discretion” often determines who will be charged and for what offenses. Prosecutors are the ones who decide whether to charge someone with a crime or convene a grand jury. They also choose how much bail to ask for, often pressuring indigent defendants into plea deals or holding them in jail for long periods of time if they cannot post bond.

The Real Justice PAC website lists

nine endorsements for this election cycle. Two, Bell and Contra Costa District Attorney Diana Becton, won their elections. Two, Boston attorney Rachel Rollins and San Antonio's Joe Gonzales, face elections later this year.

The other five lost their races but were able to make essential points about criminal justice reform during their elections. Their opponents were all incumbents who will, perhaps, be motivated by their challengers to make changes in the ways they administer the law. This bottom-up approach to criminal justice reform, focusing on prosecutors who have a fair approach to “law and order,” is a logical outgrowth of the Black Lives Matter protests that have followed police killings of black men.

The legacy of the deaths of Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown has been a focus on police accountability. After Brown was killed, President Obama made \$75 million available for local police departments to purchase body cameras, increasing police accountability in some instances (although some officers conveniently do not wear their cameras).

Having lost the Democratic primary for St. Louis County Prosecutor, Bob McCullough still has a few months left to serve in his term. Hopefully, he will be chastened enough by his loss to curtail his oppressive manner of enforcing

the law. Indeed, activists will need to pay attention to these last days of McCullough's reign. While he has the potential to continue to damage the lives of many individuals, his loss is sweet revenge.

Bell, who has no Republican opponent for November's race, has the opportunity to model what criminal justice can look like when a progressive leader is making prosecution decisions. Perhaps Bell's win will encourage the Real Justice PAC to seek out candidates in other cities – their work, so far, has focused on California, Texas and the St. Louis race.

People of color in many urban areas, however, face injustice when biased prosecutors act on their biases with their “prosecutorial discretion.” Police officers, too, use their prejudices to decide when to charge and when not to. Unconscious bias is a benign word for racism, and it is rife in the criminal justice system. Electing better prosecutors is a first step toward reversing some of this, so I applaud the work of the Real Justice PAC. But there is so much more that must be done before we experience equal justice.

Julianne Malveaux is an author and economist. Her latest book “Are We Better Off? Race, Obama and Public Policy” is available via [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) for booking, wholesale inquiries or for more info visit [www.juliannealveaux.com](http://www.juliannealveaux.com)

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## Wellness initiatives recognized with state award



**Worksite Wellness Committee members (front row, l-r) Janette McCrory, co-chair; Bridget Breithaupt, chair; Clotee Lewis (back row, l-r) Gloria Miller, Christina Rushing, Holly Johnson and Sharon Scott, plan health and wellness activities throughout the year. They earned third place in the public category of the 2018 Mississippi's Healthiest Workplace Awards.**

### *The Mississippi Link Newswire*

The Institutions of Higher Learning was recognized recently as one of the state's healthiest workplaces for its efforts to provide information and programs to help its employees and their families lead healthier lives, while also creating a healthy environment in which to work.

The 2018 Mississippi's Healthiest Workplace Awards recognize the top employers across the state who show excellence in providing health and wellness programs and healthy workplace environments for its employees. IHL received the third-place award in the public category.

A collaboration of the Mississippi Business Journal, the Mississippi Business Group on Health and the Mississippi State Department of Health, the awards recognize employers who practice evidence-based comprehensive health management programs. These employers use best practices to improve health outcomes and improve the quality of life for their staff members.

In 2011, the Institutions of Higher Learning established a Worksite Wellness Committee (WWC), comprised of employee volunteers, that leads the wellness activities, guided by an annual strategic plan developed by the committee. The WWC is comprised of eight members who represent various universities, organizations and agencies housed with-

in the Education Research Center Complex.

The strategic plan focuses on goals, objectives and strategies to provide a safe and healthy environment to promote lifelong wellness of employees. Some of the activities include maintaining a Worksite Wellness webpage, hosting lunch and learn sessions, holding monthly blood pressure screenings and holding an annual health fair for employees.

Another strategic partnership was developed with the Mississippi Community College Foundation and the Mississippi Community College Board regarding their "Community Challenge for Change" (C3) initiative. This initiative, which was funded through a grant from Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation, was established to promote health education to participants and engage employees in a variety of physical activities. As part of the initiative, the C3 Wellness Center was established to allow more than 500 employees located within the Education Research Center Complex access to a fitness facility to improve overall health.

Director of Nursing Programs Janette McCrory, co-chair of the Worksite Wellness Committee, accepted the plaque on behalf of IHL at the awards luncheon held recently in Jackson.

## Millennials on board with healthcare sharing

### *The Mississippi Link Newswire*

More and more millennials are becoming members of healthcare sharing ministries, and in fact, these 18- to 35-year-old Americans make up about a fifth of the household members of Samaritan Ministries International (samaritanministries.org), one of the leading health care sharing ministries in America.

Nearly 17,000 of the households that make up Samaritan's 78,000-plus total households (or more than a quarter of a million individual members) are headed by millennials. And the number is growing. Since January 2017, about 28 percent of households that have joined Samaritan are headed by millennials.

"Some millennial-aged members of Samaritan Ministries were born into health care sharing," said Anthony Hopp, vice president of external relations for Samaritan Ministries. "It was a decision their parents made perhaps when they were children, and now many millennials are also choosing this affordable, God-honoring method of healthcare for themselves."

Millennial members say they chose Samaritan Ministries because of cost savings, the alignment with their beliefs and values, the ease and lack of stress and feeling connected to a body of believers.

"I love that we get to be a part of

a ministry of helping other believers and sharing in their burdens with them," said Derah from Illinois. "And I love getting the opportunity to trust and rely on God through this unconventional means of healthcare."

Likewise, Lauren from South Carolina said her first year as a Samaritan member has been "very positive."

"Even though I haven't had to share any health needs so far, it's been a privilege and joy to share in meeting the needs of other brothers and sisters in Christ," Lauren said. "This, to me, is much more special than mailing off an insurance check to a large corporation every month. With Samaritan, I get to participate in prayer and hear what God is doing."

Each month, Samaritan's growing Biblical community shares approximately \$27 million in medical needs person-to-person. In fact, from 2007 through 2017, Samaritan Ministries members shared \$1.2 billion in healthcare needs. Yet the monthly share has never exceeded \$495 for a family of any size and is even less for two-person and single-person households. Samaritan members also pray and send notes and cards of encouragement along with their financial shares, through this effective, affordable and God-honoring ministry.

## New home for Mississippi Center for Emergency Services will enhance disaster response

### *The Mississippi Link Newswire*

When Hurricane Katrina slammed the Gulf Coast in 2005, Mississippi emergency responders had no idea of the challenges they would face to deliver medical care, and no idea how challenging it would be to do something we all take for granted: talk to each other.

Lessons learned from that record disaster galvanized efforts to create the state's first comprehensive emergency medical response system. That network includes the Mississippi Center for Emergency Services, or MCES. The center was established in 2014 by the University of Mississippi Medical Center to expand Mississippi's ability to maintain medical communications for disaster and emergency preparedness and response.

A new brick-and-metal home for MCES will place all of its services under one roof, allowing better coordination between the state's emergency response agencies and quicker deployment of medical care to sites of disasters or emergencies. The Medical Center broke ground recently on the state-of-the-art facility that also will encompass the Mississippi Integrated Public Safety Communications Center.

U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker and former U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran led the effort to shepherd almost \$20 million in federal grant funding to build a home for MCES and outfit it with the latest technology. Construction is set to begin this fall and is estimated at 18 months.

"Right now, we are spread out across campus, and our campus is the size of a small city. This will get us all back in the same area to improve efficiency and work flow, and to better manage our projects," said Dr. Damon Darsey, associate professor of emergency medicine and MCES medical director, during the groundbreaking ceremony held on the northeast corner of UMMC's campus, near where the Center will be built.

"This is a dream come true for many of us," he said. "We've been talking about this for many years, and now we're physically able to do it."

"This facility is a game-changer that will put us ahead of the rest of the nation in showing what can be done in a rural state like Mississippi to respond to emergencies and save lives," Wicker said. "I salute Sen. Cochran and Gov. Barbour for being my teammates on this effort, and I am proud of the team of professionals on my staff and at UMMC."

Partners in the grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Technical Information Service are the office of Gov. Phil Bryant, the Mississippi Wireless Information Network, MSWIN for short, and the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services.

"Public safety has always been my number one priority, and this new facility for MCES will give our first responders better coordination and quicker response times to disasters," Bryant said in a statement.

"Due to the hard work of Sen. Roger Wicker, former Sen. Thad Cochran and oth-



**Concept**



**Taking part in the groundbreaking for the new Mississippi Center for Emergency Services building are, from left, Doris Whitaker, director of chaplain services; Dr. Alan Jones, professor and chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine; Dr. Damon Darsey, associate professor of emergency medicine and MCES medical director; former Gov. Haley Barbour; Dr. LouAnn Woodward, vice chancellor for health affairs; U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker; U.S. Rep. Gregg Harper; Aimee Meacham, chief of external affairs for BroadbandUSA; IHL Commissioner Dr. Al Rankins; and Dr. Jonathan Wilson, UMMC chief administrative officer.**



**Wicker and Kristy Simms of UMMC Government Affairs learn about a specialized intensive care isolette from transport nurse practitioner Casey Hall, left, and transport registered nurse April Davidson, right. The Mississippi Center for Emergency Services' deployable vehicles includes critical care transport for newborns.**



**Darsey explains the center's mission during groundbreaking ceremonies.**

ers, the new home for MCES will become a reality. This is a great day for the University of Mississippi Medical Center and the people of Mississippi."

The single-story, 20,000 square foot building will house Mississippi MED-COM, the 24-hour communications center that coordinates patient care and transport with emergency response agencies, hospitals and first responders statewide. MED-COM now operates out of cramped quarters near UMMC's Adult Emergency Department.

The facility will be a user-friendly base of operations for projects that will advance the state's medical response and emergency critical care capabilities. It will include a 10,000 square-foot training and simulation area for emergency responders. Among the scenarios: Replicating limitations to broadband connections in the state's rural corners so that first responders can brainstorm how to communicate around it.

And, it will bring together emergency transport teams, their vast deployable gear and administrative support under one roof.

In coordination with emergency response agencies and partners statewide, "We stand ready for the next disaster, if it occurs," Dr. LouAnn Woodward, UMMC vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine, said during the event. "We're in a very different place now than we were (when Katrina hit) August 23, 2005."

Under former Gov. Haley Barbour's leadership, the state of Mississippi in 2010 won a \$73 million Broadband Technology Opportunity Program federal award to develop a state-of-the-art public

safety communications and pre-hospital medical communications system. That grant was put on hold in 2014 in efforts not to duplicate a federal program deploying similar technology.

Instead, Mississippi in 2016 was approved to move forward with a modified version of the grant. That modification allowed for the expansion of MSWIN, development of a Mobile Tele-Assist System and construction of the Mississippi Integrated Public Safety Communications Center at UMMC.

The MSWIN expansion includes enhanced data-carrying capabilities and the opportunity for research and development on the use, training and policy development around mobile telemedicine.

In a disaster, Darsey said, "people don't always understand the power of talking to each other. Many people don't understand the power of a black box, but it is instrumental to everything we do."

UMMC Chief Administrative Officer Dr. Jonathan Wilson and Dr. Alan Jones, professor and chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine, are MCES' administrative leaders. An emergency department nurse in 2005, Wilson was among eight UMMC staffers deployed in the wake of Katrina to assess damages at Hancock County Medical Center.

Their mission quickly changed to one of medical response as they gave desperately needed help to hospital staff, treating the wounded and preparing patients for transport.

"We've taken those lessons and applied them to construction of this building. Everything is designed to support all of the needs of the medical community and emergency

services," Wilson said prior to the ceremony. "This building gives us the ability to advance that learning process to improve patient care, not just during a disaster, but every day."

The facility will provide a second campus helipad for UMMC's AirCare, the state's most advanced medical helicopter transport. AirCare will still land on the roof of UMMC's critical care hospital to deliver patients for treatment, but will be staffed and deployed from MCES.

"We can pull the helicopters inside the building for use in our simulation training," Darsey said. "The new space will protect our assets from inclement weather."

UMMC can cross-train first responders by bringing to MCES aircraft from partnering emergency response agencies, such as the Mississippi National Guard or the state Department of Public Safety. That could include U.S. Army Lakota helicopters and National Guard Blackhawk rescue helicopters. "We want what we do to be aligned with what they do," Wilson said.

The facility reflects the three missions of the Medical Center, Wilson said. "It has a component around education and training, a section that's about clinical care in disasters and everyday emergencies, and the infrastructure to do research."

"This building is another example of the recipe for success that we see here at the Medical Center," he said. "We take highly trained and educated personnel and give them access to advanced technology and equipment, and that really benefits patient care. We can apply that same recipe to future technology and training."

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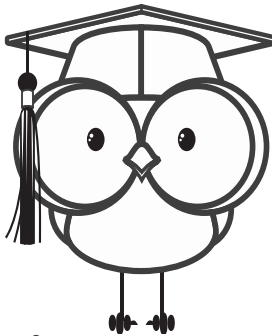
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# Thank you citizens of Jackson for passing the JPS bond referendum

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On behalf of the Jackson Public School District Board of Trustees, students, faculty, and staff, I would like to thank the Citizens of Jackson for voting to approve the \$65 million bond referendum on August 7th. Because of your support, we will soon be able to issue general obligation bonds to repair and upgrade aging schools and facilities across the District. As a result of the bond's passage, every school will be positively impacted by the projects to take place at each of the District's 54 school sites. This investment will allow us to address infrastructure needs cited by the Mississippi Department of Education, make safety improvements at Newell Field, and create quality learning spaces such as science labs and libraries in all of the District's middle schools and high schools.

In addition to voters, we are also incredibly grateful to the Bond Committee Co-Chairs Dr. Fran Bridges, Brad Pigott, and Leroy Walker and Campaign Manager Tyrone Hendrix. We appreciate the support of our state and municipal elected officials who attended and hosted Town Halls to engage all of Jackson in this important work. We recognize and appreciate the invaluable support of Congressman Bennie Thompson, Mayor Chokwe Lumumba, the Jackson City Council, and the Jackson Council PTA/PTSA. We also want to express our deep appreciation to everyone who worked alongside the Bond Committee to inform and inspire friends and neighbors throughout this process. Our clergy and faith communities, the Metro Jackson business community, #OurJPS, and several nonprofit organizations across the city were instrumental in passage of the bond. We also appreciate Interim Superintendent Dr. Fredrick Murray and his administration for providing leadership and the information required for voters to understand the urgency of the bond vote. The Board currently is developing a process to identify the individuals who will participate on the Citizen Oversight Committee established to ensure transparency and accountability regarding the use of these funds entrusted to us by Jackson voters. We welcome Jackson citizens to remain engaged with the District throughout the school year. Your commitment to our schools is essential to prepare our students to succeed now and in the future. Let's continue to build stronger schools together for all of our children.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Jeanne Middleton Hairston, Board President  
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## Metro-Jackson Alcorn Alumni Chapter recognizes leading Alcornites under 50

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Metro-Jackson Alcorn Alumni Chapter, Inc., has selected the honorees for its inaugural class of Leading Alcornites Under 50. An awards celebration will be held Saturday, August 25, 2018 at the Fairview Inn, 734 Fairview Street, Jackson, MS 39202.

This event will be two-fold: 1) to recognize Leading Alcornites Under 50 who have made great strides in their career, community and who have encouraged others to attend our prestigious university; and 2) to raise funds to provide scholarships for deserving students at Alcorn State University.

A cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. and the awards presentation at 7 p.m. Tickets to the event are \$50 each. Proceeds will go to support student scholarships at Alcorn State University.

The following Alcornites will be honored:

**Lakesha Minor Batty**, Vicksburg, MS, assistant principal, Warren Central Intermediate School, 1999, B.S., Biology Health Science, 2000, M.S. Secondary Education - Biology

**Larry J. Goodin**, New York, NY, Certified Life & Leadership Coach/adjunct professor, Fairleigh Dickinson University, 2005, B.S., Advance Technology, Adrian Hall, Vicksburg, MS, Forensic Scientist, Mississippi Forensics Laboratory, 1995, B.S., Biology

**Pelicia E. Hall**, Madison, MS Commissioner – Mississippi Department of Corrections 1997, B.A., Political Science



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**Adrian Hammitte**, Natchez, MS, director of Student Assessment, Jefferson County School District, CEO/consultant, Premier Minds Educational Group, LLC, 2008, B.S., Psychology, 2010, M.S., Education – School Counseling

**Sylvester J. Harris Jr.**, Atlanta, GA, president & CEO, S.J. Harris & Company, Inc., 1993, B.S., Industrial Technology

**Kim Hooper**, Blacklick, OH, Market Asset Protection senior manager, Wal-mart Stores, Inc., 2000, B.S., Business Administration, 1999-2000 Student Government Association president

**Tantaneshia Houston**, Pearl, MS, assistant principal, Jackson Public Schools, Sykes Elementary School, 2002, B.S., Elementary Education, 2003, M.S. Elementary Education

**Alisha Johnson-Thomas**, Jackson, MS, Senior Quality Assurance Auditor, Entergy Services, Inc., 1991, B.S., Chemistry

**Justin J. Mathis**, Frankfort, KY, President/CEO, Mathis Foundation, 2011, B.A., Elementary Education, 2015, M.Ed., Education

**Sebrina Palmer**, Jackson, MS, Lead School Improvement coach, MS Department of Education/University of MS, 1997-1998 Miss Alcorn State University, 1999, B.S., Elementary Education

**Brigitta Strutchen**, Jackson, MS, nurse practitioner, John M. Still Burn Center, 2002, B.S., Nursing, 2013, M.S., Nursing

**Keith Thompson**, Greenwood, MS, Owner/CEO/Agent, Keith Thompson State Farm Agency, 1998, B.S., Agriculture Business, 1999, M.S., Agriculture Economics

**Tameka Winston**, Nashville, TN, interim associate vice president of Sponsored Programs and Institutional Advancement and Department chair, Department of Communications, Tennessee State University, 2001, B.A., Mass Communications

**Jennifer K. Young Wallace**, Brandon, MS, Accreditation/Assessment coordinator and assistant professor, Jackson State University, 1991, B.S., English Journalism.

For more information, email [mja50under50@yahoo.com](mailto:mja50under50@yahoo.com).

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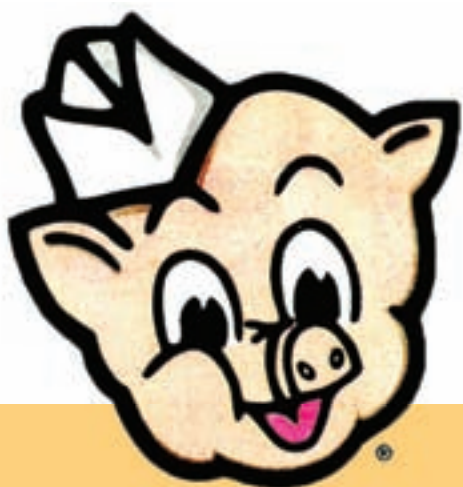


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