

Pastor Shaw and Pastor Young

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Mayor Lumumba joins city leaders from around the world in second class of Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba is going back to school this summer to study leadership and management practices, as one of 40 mayors chosen for an intensive education program with the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative.

As a participant in the initiative's 2018 program, Lumumba is part of a class of dedicated mayors attending a program delivered by faculty from Harvard Business School and Harvard Kennedy School as well as world-class experts from Bloomberg Philanthropies' global network.

The yearlong program



Lumumba

launched with a three-day convening in New York City, July 22, which Lumumba attended at

no cost to the city. Each day of the convening, mayors attended classroom sessions focused on the latest management and leadership practices, using case studies and workshops developed at Harvard.

"This was a tremendous opportunity to engage with and learn from leaders from all over the globe. I was there with mayors from as close as Birmingham, Ala. and as far away as Freetown, Sierra Leone and Sao Paulo, Brazil. The experience was enriching and inspiring to say the least. I'm certain that all of our cities will benefit from what we learned from one another and the relationships we

fostered," said Lumumba.

Michael R. Bloomberg, founder of Bloomberg Philanthropies and three-term mayor of New York City, collaborated with outgoing Harvard University President Drew Faust to create the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative in 2016.

Collectively, Harvard University and Bloomberg Philanthropies aim to help mayors and their leadership teams manage the complexities of running a city, and to have opportunities to learn from one another. The Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative connected Lumumba to some of the univer-

sity's top educators, coaching from experts, a network of peers and technical assistance. The program provides an opportunity to share best practices and learn from fellow mayors about the promising ideas that are already helping to enhance the quality of life in cities around the world.

After the mayors' convening, two senior-level city officials nominated by each mayor will attend a similar convening in August. From Jackson, Chief of Staff Safiya Omari and Chief Administrative Officer Robert Blaine will participate in the yearlong program, as well, and help Lumumba translate what

they learn into organizational changes that improve life in Jackson.

Lumumba's participation in the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative and that of his two senior leaders – including tuition, accommodation, meals and airfare – is fully funded by the program.

The Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative is a collaboration among Bloomberg Philanthropies, Harvard Business School and Harvard Kennedy School. Its mission is to inspire and strengthen city leaders as well as equip them with the tools to lead high-performing, innovative cities.

MC Law Dean Patricia Bennett receives Lifetime Achievement Award

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Honors keep coming for Mississippi College Law School Dean Patricia W. Bennett.

Leaders of the Mississippi Women Lawyers Association saluted Bennett with the organization's 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award. The honor in July goes annually to a Mississippi female attorney who's been a trailblazer for women in the legal profession.

This summer, Bennett also became president of the Mississippi Bar Association. She began teaching at the MC Law School in 1989. The Mississippi native is a graduate of Tougaloo College and MC Law School in downtown Jackson.

"I'm elated, but also humbled



Bennett

to receive the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Mississippi Women Lawyers Association," Bennett said. "This is

an organization that serves the state's legal community so well. I am grateful for the women who have mentored, cared for, trusted and respected me in this profession. I hope to 'pay it forward' and assist new women lawyers."

Beginning her service in July as the Mississippi Bar Association president, Bennett says she looks forward to working with so many outstanding lawyers and advancing the profession in the years ahead.

MC Law colleagues applauded the news of the award for the Mississippian.

"Dean Bennett has been so accomplished for so long that it would be easy to overlook the breadth and depth of her achieve-

ments," said MC law professor Matt Steffey.

"This award is a fitting honor. It offers a fitting time to pause and reflect on what she has attained," Steffey added. "Pat has a servant's heart. The MC law school and the Mississippi Bar are both well-served with her at the helm."

MC trustees unanimously approved Bennett's hiring as law dean in December 2017 after she served one year as its interim leader. She leads the Mississippi Bar for one year as its 113th president.

Earlier in her career, Bennett worked as an assistant U.S. attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice, and an assistant district

attorney for Hinds and Yazoo counties. She also served as a special assistant attorney general with the Mississippi Attorney General's Office. For eight years, Bennett worked as a JAG officer in the U.S. Army Reserve and Mississippi National Guard.

The Forest native has also served as director of the Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Center at MC Law. She and her husband, Claude, a building contractor, live in Clinton.

"Dean Bennett is so deserving of her latest award," says Karen Flowers, an assistant dean for advancement at MC Law.

The Lifetime Achievement Award speaks to "the great contributions she has made to the

legal community," Flowers says. "In addition, she will be a wonderful leader for the Mississippi Bar. MC Law could not be more blessed to have her as a leader."

For decades, Bennett built excellent working relationships with faculty, staff, students, alumni and the legal community. She's a former recipient of the Distinguished Professor of the Year Award at Mississippi College.

A highlight of her administration was when U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts visited Jackson to judge moot court competition between MC Law students and counterparts from the University of Mississippi Law School in Oxford.

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Espy

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the Senate, fighting for the things we desperately need today – like better jobs, improved educational opportunities and affordable healthcare. I am proud to offer my endorsement, and look forward to serving beside him in the United States Senate.”

Espy, who is running to fill the unexpired term of Sen. Thad Cochran (R), formerly represented Mississippi’s 2nd Congressional District, and later led the U.S. Department of Agriculture under President Bill Clinton.

Hairston

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additional funds. Reissuing the same amount for this bond will not cause a tax increase to homeowners.

It is important to note that the Board of Trustees is committed to transparency and accountability. To ensure that funds generated from the 2018 bond are managed and spent properly, and that the projects are completed, the Board of Trustees and our Leadership Team will:

- follow state law as it relates to awarding bids to vendors who are qualified to do the projects;
- create a committee composed of District staff and citizens from each Ward in the City of Jackson to provide oversight on the spending and execution of the bond projects for each school; and
- hold District staff accountable for providing monthly reports on the progress of projects. These reports will be presented at Board meetings and posted on the JPS website.

The passage of this bond on August 7 will enable the Dis-

“I am honored to receive this important endorsement from such a distinguished member of the Senate,” Espy said. “Cory is a bipartisan problem-solver who has worked across the aisle to develop and pass legislation that not only addresses the needs of his constituents – but also improves the economic and social wellbeing of the nation’s citizens at large. It is the same common-sense approach I intend to implement when I am elected to represent the people of Mississippi.”

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trict to improve the structural integrity of our buildings, provide upgraded bathrooms, ensure clean water for students and staff, and make our school buildings more accessible to all of our students, families and staff. Funds from this bond will create more productive learning environments for all of our students, and passage of the bond will demonstrate to our students that the adults in Jackson are serious about providing the high-quality education they need to compete globally in the 21st Century. The City of Jackson and the surrounding workforce also will benefit from the success of our JPS students.

On August 7, we have the chance to give our students hope for a brighter future for themselves, our city, and our state. We on the JPS Board of Trustees respectfully ask the citizens of Jackson to VOTE YES in support of JPS in the Bond Referendum.

Dr. Jeanne Middleton Hairston, President

Bravo

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laughter and murmured appreciation echoed.

At the end of the evening, all the chefs gathered to take a group photo, goofing around the entire time. As a fitting memorial, they finally settled on a semi-serious pose in the lounge in front of the Lynn Green Root mural as colorful as their personalities. Co-owner Jeff Good said, “It’s incredible to see how many successful chefs have gotten their start at BRAVO! over the years. It’s humbling to have six of them come home, joyfully, to share in all of this and to see how our legacy has passed on to another generation.”

See photos on page 19.



BRAVO! General Manager Tanya Burns and BRAVO! Co-owner Jeff Good acted as servers for the evening.

New Hope

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Road possible.

New Hope ushers and greeters were all smiles as they worked and overheard people describing the new sanctuary as ‘beautiful,’ ‘magnificent’ and ‘breathtaking.’

In his call to worship, Young stated he was refocusing his thoughts by first saying “I need to worship Him because of who He is and my God, for what He has done.” It was abundantly clear that he was grateful and looking forward to this highly anticipated service where more than 1500 people gathered for this historical occasion.

Mike Espy, a candidate for U.S. Senator and member of New Hope, stated in his welcome that a building does not necessarily make a church, because the word of God can be received in a tent, a barn, or even on a hillside, as long as there are people yearning to see the face of God and to hear the spoken word; however, chuckles and hearty applause could be heard throughout the sanctuary when Espy asked the question, “ But isn’t it wonderful to be seated on pews with cushions, to listen to a choir that can all be assembled in the same place with great acoustics, and all members can worship in a unified service?” Espy went on to say that it is great that this denominational achievement for Young is taking place at a time when Young is serving as president of the National Baptist Convention, USA.

In the occasion, New Hope member Alexis Morris stated that the church was honoring God by dedicating the church back to Him and that there will be a phase two and a phase three in the future to include a fellowship hall and a student center.

Local officials participating in the service included The Honorable Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba, City of Jackson; City Councilman Ward 2 Melvin Priestler Jr.; State Representative Debra H. Gibbs; Senator Sollie B. Norwood Sr. and Mississippi Attorney General Jim M. Hood.

Expressions were also made by William McElroy, M3A Architecture, PLLC; Gretchen Ware, Senior VP of Trustmark Bank; and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention Fred Campbell and pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Redwood City, Calif.

The New Hope Mass Choir, directed by Ruthie Sayles and Gisele Gentry, provided the music for the occasion. It was evident by the loud applause and standing ovations that the more than 100-member choir provided exceptional music to the listeners. Practically everyone in the sanctuary stood after the singing of “The Heavens are Telling.”

The message was delivered by William J. Shaw, past president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and pastor of White Rock Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa. where he has served as pastor for over 62 years. He took his message from Isaiah 6:2-9.

After the message, a hugh symbolic key of the church was presented to Young by Brad Fountain, president of Fountain Construction and John Patterson, chairman of the New Hope Building Committee after which the congregation participated in the act of dedication followed by the prayer of dedication led by Willie Mc-Griggs of New Hope.

President of the National Capital Baptist Convention Charles W. McNeil Jr. and pastor of Unity Baptist Church in Washington D.C. gave the benediction. Members of the New Hope family as well as visiting friends agreed that the time spent at the three hour plus service was very well spent.

See photos on page 16.

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ADVICE FROM School buses and school zones call for extra caution

Mississippi Link Newswire

More children are injured by cars just as school resumes than at any other time of year. AMR medics remind drivers to take extra caution at school bus stops, when following buses and in school zones.

Stan Alford, operations manager for AMR in central Mississippi, said, “All drivers can do their part to make the road safer for students, other motorists and also for themselves.”

Alford noted that nearly 75 percent of those killed in school bus crashes are occupants of other vehicles. He said, “A school bus is much bigger and heavier than a car, so occupants of a car hitting a bus are more likely to die than occupants of the bus. That fact alone ought to make us more cautious behind the wheel when school buses are back on the road.

“We urge drivers to remember: When school children are out and about, they’re unpredictable and often don’t have safety on their minds,” Alford said. “You never know when a child will endanger himself or oth-

ers. So, above all, slow down and stay alert.”

Research has found that five percent of pedestrians die when hit by a vehicle going 20 mph. If the vehicle is going 30 mph, the risk of fatality rises to 45 percent. Eighty percent of pedestrians die when hit by a vehicle traveling at 40 mph.

Sharing the road with school buses

It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children. If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop from either direction.

A new Mississippi law went into effect July 1, 2016 clarifying whether drivers must stop for a bus on roads with four or more lanes. In Mississippi, if a road is divided by a median or barrier and permits at least two lanes of travel in each direction, motorists do not have to stop for a bus that is stationary on the other side of the road (that is, in the lanes headed in the opposite direction).

The new law clarifies a part of what became known as Nathan’s Law, a 2011 Mississippi statute. Among other steps, Nathan’s Law toughened penalties for not stopping for a stopped school bus. The law was named after Nathan Key, a five-year-old who died after a driver passed his stopped bus and hit him. The tragedy happened in 2009 in Jones County as Nathan was walking from the bus towards home.

If you’re driving behind a bus, follow farther back than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the bus lights start flashing and the stop arm extends.

School zones

When driving through a school zone

- Obey the speed limit through the entire zone.
- Stop completely at stop signs and crosswalks.
- If a crossing guard is present, follow his or her signals and watch out for kids who aren’t paying attention to the guard.
- If you don’t have to drop off or

pick up a child at a school, travel a different route. Avoiding the school zone will make your trip safer for all and may shorten your travel time.

If you’re dropping off or picking up a child at school

Schools often have very specific drop-off and pick-up procedures. Learn and follow those rules.

- Don’t double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles.
- Don’t load or unload children across the street from the school.
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school.

For more information on back to school safety, visit the National Safety Council at nsc.org.

AMR companies in Mississippi are the state’s busiest ambulance services. AMR and MedStat provide 911 ambulance service in 17 counties. The Mississippi Department of Health has reported AMR companies transports more ambulance patients than any other ambulance service in the state.

Traveling safely to and from school

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Whether on foot, on a bicycle or in a bus, children need specific knowledge and skills to avoid getting hurt going to school and back home.

Stan Alford, operations manager for AMR in central Mississippi, advises parents to teach their children the following rules to stay safe when traveling to or from school.

While school buses are the safest way for children to travel to and from school, nearly 12,000 children are injured and approximately 26 die each year in school bus-related incidents. Most children injured and killed in association with school buses are harmed while getting on and off the bus, not while riding.

Getting on or off the bus

Stay outside “danger zone” around the bus. That zone is ten feet wide all the way around the bus (for little children, say six “giant steps.”) At that distance from the bus, the driver can see a child.

If you drop something near the bus, signal the driver and tell him or her. Never try to pick it up first because the driver may not be able to see you.

Always stay away from the wheels of the bus.

Hold on to the hand rail getting on and off the bus.

Never assume other vehicles have

stopped for the school bus. Keep watching for other vehicles as you walk in front of the bus.

Getting to the bus stop

Parents should walk smaller children to their stop.

Each child should be dressed in contrasting bright colors.

Leave home early enough to avoid running to the bus. Running to the bus can be dangerous.

Older children should watch the younger ones closely.

Children walking or standing in groups are easier for drivers to see than one child alone.

Waiting for the bus to arrive

Always stand at least ten feet from the curb or edge of the road.

Do not run or play while waiting for the bus.

Do not take anything out of backpacks while waiting so that nothing gets dropped or blows away in the wind.

Getting on the bus

Be sure the bus driver can see you and you can see the bus driver.

Enter the bus in a single file with the younger children first.

Never walk behind the bus.

Go straight to a seat.

While the bus is in motion

Stay seated, facing forward.

Keep your hands to yourself. Talk quietly. Don’t talk at all at railroad crossings so the driver can listen closely for sounds of a train. Do not distract the driver.

Keep the aisles clear. Keep your belongings on your lap.

Do not block emergency exits with sports equipment or big musical instruments.

Getting off the school bus

If you have to cross the street, walk at least ten feet ahead of the bus until you can turn around and see the driver.

Make sure the bus driver can see you.

Wait for a signal from the bus driver before beginning to cross.

When the bus driver signals for you to cross, walk across the road while also keeping an eye out for sudden traffic changes.

If you leave something on the bus, never go back to get it. The bus may already be moving and the driver might not see the child.

Walking to school

Always walk on the sidewalk when one is available.

Cross the street only at intersections or street corners.

Before you begin to cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to spot oncoming cars.

If no cars are coming, it is safe for you to cross but continue looking left-right-left as you cross.

Walk, don’t run.

Do not dart into the street between parked vehicles.

Riding a bicycle to school

Always wear a helmet when riding your bicycle.

Make sure that your helmet fits correctly.

Ride on the right side of the road in the same direction other vehicles are going.

If two or more bikers are together, ride one behind the other, not side by side.

Come to a complete stop before crossing streets.

Make sure clothes, shoes and the bicycle have reflective materials so drivers can see you more easily.

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Virginia College in Jackson to host back to school event Aug. 4

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Virginia College in Jackson will host a back-to-school event for the community Saturday, Aug. 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the campus located at 5841 Ridgewood Road.

The event is free and open to the public and will feature refreshments, face painting, campus tours, backpack and school supply giveaways while supplies last. Additionally, attendees 18 and older can enter to win gift cards and other prizes.

The event is part of Virginia College parent company Education Corporation of America’s national Back to School Events being held at 62 other Virginia College, Brightwood Career Institute and Brightwood College locations throughout 17 states.

What: Virginia College Back to School Event

When: Saturday, Aug. 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Virginia College in Jackson – 5841 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

Phone: 601 977-0960

“With the start of a new school year comes a great deal of excitement and anticipation, promise and possibility,” says campus President Milton Anderson. “No matter your age or stage of life, we want to celebrate education and the aspirations of all members of our community. We invite everyone to come by our Back to School Event and say hello, and for those interested in pursuing a new career, talk with a member of our staff about the fast and focused career training we offer at our campus.”

The event will also allow attendees to explore the programs offered through Virginia College, including: business administration, cosmetology, HVAC-R technician, medical assistant, medical billing and coding specialist, medical office specialist, network and system administration, network support technician and pharmacy technician.

For more information about Virginia College in Jackson, call 601 977-0960 or visit vc.edu/jackson.

Former U.S. Dept. of Education Secretary to headline HCCSD Inaugural Convocation and Professional Development Conference

Gospel Artist Kathy Taylor also featured

LEXINGTON, Miss. – It is not often that Mississippi educators returning to the new school year get an opportunity to receive pearls of knowledge from a national education figure.

That is exactly what is scheduled to happen when administrators, teachers, and staff of the newly-operated Holmes County Consolidated School District in Holmes County, Miss.

HCCSD is announcing Former U.S. Dept. of Education Secretary Rod Paige as its keynote speaker for its Inaugural Convocation and Professional Development Conference, Aug. 1 and Aug. 2.

The convocation and professional development conference will open on Aug. 1 at the Deborah Mason Patterson Hall on Saints College Campus from 9 a.m. until Noon, and later from Noon until 3:30 p.m. at the Holmes County Central High School. The campus is located at 16979 Highway 17, Lexington, MS 39095, and the high school is located at 9479 Brozville Road, Lexington, MS 39095. The Aug. 2 activities will be held from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the high school.

Paige, a Mississippi native and product of its public schools, was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the 7th Secretary of Education, Jan. 20, 2001, following the inauguration of President George W. Bush.

Also featured during the convocation and conference is contemporary gospel artist Kathy Taylor, also known as Kathy Taylor-Brown. She came up through Rev. James Cleveland’s Gospel Music Workshops of America.

District educators and staff are asked to wear their building t-shirts and school colors. Staff will report to designated buildings at 8 a.m. Buses will be provided.

For more information about the district and convocation, call (662) 834-2175.



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The MS Bar recognizes Slaughter-Harvey with its Lifetime Achievement Award

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The Mississippi Bar presented Constance Slaughter-Harvey of Forest with its Lifetime Achievement Award during The Mississippi Bar's 2018 Annual Meeting. The bar presents the award to those individuals who have devoted service to the public, profession and the administration of justice over the span of a professional career.

Slaughter-Harvey was born in Jackson and raised in Forest. She earned her bachelor's degree in political science at Tougaloo College in 1967, where she was elected the first female student government president, and her law degree from the University of Mississippi Law School in 1970, where she was the first African-American woman to receive a law degree. Upon graduation she became a staff attorney with the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

Slaughter-Harvey has served as executive director of Southern Legal Rights; director of East Mississippi Legal Services; State Fair Hearing officer under Governor Cliff Finch; director of Human Development under Governor William Winter; assistant secretary of state for Elections and Public Lands and general counsel



Constance Slaughter-Harvey accepts The Mississippi Bar's 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award from MS Bar President Rick Barry during the Awards Program at The Mississippi Bar's Annual Meeting.

under Secretary of State Dick Molpus; and adjunct professor at Tougaloo College for 35 years. She is president of the Slaughter Memorial Foundation, an after-school tutoring service for at-risk children and founder and president of the Legacy Education and Community Empowerment Foundation, an education and empowerment program for youth and families in her hometown of Forest.

Over the course of her career, Slaughter-Harvey has promoted civil and human rights causes like voter registration, desegregation in the Mississippi State Highway Pa-

trol and high quality legal representation for minorities. She is the first African-American female judge in Mississippi.

The Constance Slaughter-Harvey Endowed Chair in Political Science at Tougaloo College was established in her honor, and the Black Law Students Association Chapter at the University of Mississippi was named in her honor. She is the only female out of nine law students who founded the National Black Law Student Association in 1968.

She is the recipient of the ABA's Margaret Brent Award and The Mississippi Bar's Susie Blue Buchanan Award,

which are the highest honors bestowed on female attorneys. She has received over 900 awards, including awards from the Mississippi Women Lawyers Association, the American Bar Association, The Mississippi Bar, Girl Scouts of America, the University of Mississippi, Millsaps College, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi State University, Rotary International, National Black Caucus, Catholic Charities and others.

She has been inducted into the halls of fame for the National Bar Association, Tougaloo College, the University of Mississippi Law School and the University of Mississippi.

She serves as president of the Scott County Bar Association, is the former president of the Magnolia Bar Association, and is a former Mississippi Bar commissioner.

She is a lifetime member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Girl Scouts, American Bar Foundation, Mississippi Bar Foundation, Magnolia Bar Foundation, NAACP, National Bar Foundation and others.

State Treasurer Lynn Fitch said, "Throughout her career, Judge Slaughter-Harvey has been a role model and a leader, reminding lawyers that ours is a profession of public service."

Young elected to Mississippi Power Board of Directors

Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippi Power recently announced that Camille Scales Young, principal and director at Cornerstone Government Affairs, has been elected to the company's board of directors, effective October 23, 2018.

"Camille's career has focused on improving Mississippi, from our rural communities to the state's largest cities," said Mississippi Power President and CEO Anthony Wilson. "She is an accomplished leader whose insight and perspective will add great value to our company and benefit our customers."

"Mississippi Power excels in fostering the growth of communities throughout our great state," Young said. "I look forward to joining the company's board of directors and working closely with a dynamic leadership team that is dedicated to building a strong and prosperous Mississippi."

Prior to her work at Cornerstone Government Affairs, Young worked with Watkins Ludlam Winter & Stennis, P.A. and the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation.

Young's distinguished career of civic involvement and professional success includes affiliations such as the BankFirst board of directors, the Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership board of directors, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, the Mississippi 4-H Foundation, and recent honors such as being named one of the Top 50 Most Influential People in Mississippi.



Young

Young earned a bachelor's degree in communication management and a master's degree in education from Mississippi State University. She and her husband Keith have three children and live in Madison County.

Mississippi Power, a subsidiary of Southern Company (NYSE: SO), produces safe, reliable and environmentally responsible energy for nearly 187,000 customers in 23 southeast Mississippi counties. With nearly 160 megawatts of approved solar energy capacity, Mississippi Power is the largest partner in providing renewable energy in the state of Mississippi.

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Midtown/North End celebration shows promise

By James Hampton III
Contributing Writer

The Midtown/North End Block Party and Celebration went forward successfully July 28. The event featured music, food and fun for all ages on the lot beside Skinny's Elite Bar and Grille at the corner of Wilson Street and McTyre Avenue.

Antiques, collectibles and bric-a-brac were available for purchase. There was free food and drinks for the children.

As the block party booths shut down under early evening showers, the celebration continued inside with music provided by DJ Bill 50 and food by proprietor of Skinny's and one of the event organizers, James Bailey.

Another of the event organizers described the block party and celebration as a "warm up for the 2nd annual Midtown/North End Festival," a festival comprising a continuing effort to promote positive interaction of local residents sponsored by Midtown Partners, Skinny's, and others to be held in the same location August 25.



James Bailey, owner of Skinny's and a sponsor of the event



Skinny's Building

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Murrah graduate Olivia McNeal published first book

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Olivia McNeal, a 2013 graduate of Murrah High School, has published her first book. Released July 13, “Live Better with A-to-Z,” covers 26 essentials to meet your healthcare goals.

McNeal’s interest in public health began with her own family’s history of high blood pressure and struggles with weight management. As a participant in a summer program at Tougaloo College, she began developing her knowledge about health issues in African-American communities. This sparked her desire to teach her peers to find solutions to the health problems they face.

As a student at Peeples Middle School, McNeal served as student body president. In high school, she studied dance in the Academic and Performing Arts program. She was also Miss Murrah High School as a senior and graduated at the top of her class.

McNeal received her Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry at Alcorn State University. She is currently in the doctoral program at Auburn University’s Harrison School of



McNeal

Pharmacy.

McNeal was born in Dallas, Texas, but was raised and educated in Jackson, Mississippi.

“Live Better with A-to-Z” is available at Amazon.com. The cost is \$5.99 for the Kindle version and \$9.99 for the paperback. For booking, email Olivia McNeal.

JPS School Board establishes bond oversight committee

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At a special meeting held July 30, the JPS Board of Trustees adopted a resolution establishing and creating a citizen’s oversight committee in connection with the proposed issuance by the Jackson Public Schools of 2018 general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$65 million to raise money to pay for the costs of capital improvements throughout the district. The resolution states the following:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Jackson Public School District (the “District”), Jackson, Mississippi, acting for and on behalf of the District does hereby find, determine, adjudicate and declare as follows:

On June 7, 2018, the Board of the District adopted a resolution (the “Election Resolution”) providing for the calling and holding of a special election within and for the District for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District the proposition (the “Proposition”) of whether or not the District shall issue general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$65,000,000.00 (the “Bonds”) for the purpose of making capital improvements throughout the District; and

Pursuant to the Election Resolution, the Proposition will be submitted to the qualified electors of the District at a special election to be held on August 7, 2018; and

In the event at least three-fifths (3/5) of the qualified electors who vote on the Proposition in the election vote in favor of the Proposition, as certified by the election commissioners for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and accepted and approved by the Board, the District will be authorized to move forward with issuing the Bonds; and

In the event the District issues the Bonds, the Board desires to create and establish a citizen’s oversight committee, as generally described herein, the members of which shall serve as liaisons and provide public input and monitoring during the course of construction of the capital improvement projects financed by the Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District as follows:

SECTION 1. In the event the District issues the Bonds, the Board will establish and create the Jackson Public School District, 2018 \$65,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Citizen’s Oversight Committee (the “Oversight Committee”).

SECTION 2. The Oversight Committee will be an ad hoc committee comprised of seven (7) members, each one of whom is a resident of and represents one of the City of Jackson’s 7 wards. Committee members will be appointed by the school board member representing each respective ward, and in the event no school board member represents a particular ward, will be appointed upon the recommendation of the president of the Board, as approved by the Board.

SECTION 3. The Oversight Committee will meet with a member or members of District administration, designated by the superintendent of schools, throughout the term of construction of Bond-financed projects. The Oversight Committee will be provided written updates of the status of

construction of Bond-financed projects and the expenditure of Bond funds and, at times mutually convenient, will be provided opportunities to monitor and inspect ongoing construction. Oversight Committee members are expected to disseminate to their respective constituents, parents, neighborhood associations, wards, etc. information received by them regarding Bond-financed projects and expenditure of Bond funds, and bring to the attention of the District community questions and concerns. While neither Oversight Committee members nor the Oversight Community, as a whole, shall have any decision-making authority with regard to the selection of Bond-financed projects nor the manner or progress of construction of Bond-financed projects nor the expenditure of Bond funds, the Oversight Committee may raise questions or concerns associated with any or all of these for District administration and/or the Board.

SECTION 4. The Oversight Committee may, but is not required to, select a presiding officer and adopt such procedures for the conduct of its business as members deem necessary or convenient. The District shall provide the Oversight Committee with meeting space and such resources are as reasonably necessary to conduct its business, as determined by the superintendent of schools.

SECTION 5. The Oversight Committee shall exist and remain in place until the earlier of: (1) completion of construction of all Bond-financed projects and expenditure of all Bond funds; or (2) dissolution of the Oversight Committee by the Board.

DISTRICT CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

2018-2019

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

Inclement Weather Procedure

The following days will be used for inclement weather makeup days if needed:

- October 8, 2018 (Fall Break)
- October 22, 2018 (Parent-Teacher Conference Day)
- February 18, 2019 (Parent-Teacher Conference Day)
- April 19, 2019 (Friday of Easter Break)
- April 22, 2019 (Monday of Easter Break)

The District will delay the start of school when possible to address inclement weather if necessary. If additional inclement weather days are needed, adjustments to the calendar will be made. For more information, download the JPS Inclement Weather Procedures (PDF).

DISTRICT PROGRESS & REPORT CARDS

2018-2019

TERM	BEGINS	MIDTERM REPORTS	ENDS	REPORT CARDS
1	August 8, 2018	September 12, 2018	October 12, 2018	October 22, 2018
2	October 15, 2018	November 14, 2018	December 21, 2018	January 15, 2019
3	January 8, 2019	February 6, 2019	March 8, 2019	March 26, 2019
4	March 18, 2019	April 17, 2019	May 24, 2019	May 31, 2019

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MVSU to roll out Greenville Early College High School this fall



Mississippi Valley State University Vice President of Academic Affairs Constance Bland poses for a photo with parents and students of the Greenville Public School District who are set to participate in the new Greenville Public Early College High School next month.

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High school freshmen in the Greenville Public School District (GPD) who were brave enough to accept the challenge have become members of the inaugural class of the Greenville Public Early College High School (GPECHS) at Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU).

GPECHS is a new initiative that includes a partnership between MVSU, GPD and the Mississippi Department of Education to provide an academically energizing environment where high school students can simultaneously earn a high school diploma plus transferable college credit through concentrated dual-credit opportunities.

MVSU is the first four-year Mississippi Institution of Higher Learning to participate in an early college high school effort.

As part of the initiative, select high school students will spend their days on

the campus of MVSU completing high school and college courses. Ongoing plans have the first cohort of students, teachers, and classes coming to the University in August.

On July 18, those students who will be joining the program, along with their parents and guardians, visited MVSU to meet faculty, staff and tour the campus – including the Business Education Building where they will be taking courses.

Constance Bland, vice-president of academic affairs, shared her excitement with the students as well as encouraged them to do their best while explaining all the benefits of participating in the GPECHS initiative.

“I thank you so much for being brave enough to step out and be part of this adventure,” Bland said to the students and parents in attendance. You have the unique opportunity to gain college credits and get rewarded by knocking out possibly two years of college.”

MVSU Assistant Vice-President for Online Distance Education Kenneth Done then further explained what this unique opportunity will provide students.

“The impact for these students is great. They will be able to accumulate those hours and a high school diploma. When they complete high school, they will technically be a sophomore in college and all those hours are transferable,” Done said.

GPECHS Principal Pamela Ward said the initiative is a great way to prepare students for their postsecondary degree.

“This program is designed to help those students who may be first-generation college students to have the opportunity not only to earn college credit, but be a part of a college,” she said. “...and the best thing is that they can earn those credits at no cost to the parents.”

To learn more about GPECHS, contact MVSU’s Office of Distance Education at (662) 254-3913.

Alcorn State University to offer first in the nation master’s degree in NCAA Compliance

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Beginning this fall 2018, the Alcorn State University Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER) will offer a master’s degree program in NCAA Compliance and Academic Progress Rate Reporting (APR) – Non-Teaching track. The department will also offer a post-baccalaureate certificate program in NCAA Compliance and Academic Progress Reporting.

Jason Cable, assistant vice president for Athletic Compliance, believes the new programs will enhance the students’ knowledge while motivating them to succeed in their post-graduate careers.

“The department is committed to preparing its graduates with the skills necessary to become highly qualified and proficient leaders for the global marketplace,” said Cable. “Students will have the opportunity to experience fieldwork and internships that will prepare them for further career advancement.”

Applicants pursuing the master’s degree program on unconditional admission must have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university. A cumulative GPA of 2.50 for all undergraduate courses or a 2.65 GPA on upper undergraduate courses earned is also a requirement for admission. Applicants must submit the total of the combined scores on the verbal and quantitative components of the Graduate Records Examination (GRE) and must earn a minimum score of three or above on the analytical writing component of the GRE, which equals 300 points.

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Students seeking the master’s program on conditional admission must have a bachelor’s or an equivalent degree from an accredited college or university, a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 for either all undergraduate courses or upper undergraduate courses earned, the total of the combined scores on the verbal and quantitative components of the GRE, and a minimum score of 1.5-2.5 on the analytical writing component of the GRE, which equals 200 points.

Johnny Thomas, chairperson of the HPER Department, added, “The aim of this new hybrid program is to prepare and develop more knowledgeable practitioners for the ever-increasing focus area of intercollegiate student-athlete success and program compliance. One of our goals is to become a leader in this field.”

The 15-hour online certificate program is designed to provide a knowledge base regarding NCAA Compliance for professionals in intercollegiate athletics and those seeking a career change. Applicants must hold an earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 for all undergraduate courses or a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.65 on all upper undergraduate courses earned. GRE test scores are not required for the certificate program. Students must complete all 15 hours credits and earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA in coursework to receive the NCAA Compliance Certificate.

Students seeking admission and more information may contact Jason Cable at 601-877-6114 or Johnny Thomas at 601-877-6507.

Alcorn ranked number seven on College Consensus’ Best Historically Black Colleges and Universities

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The College Consensus has ranked Alcorn State University number seven on its 2018 Best Historically Black Colleges and Universities list.

Alcorn is the list’s top public HBCU in the nation, top-ranked Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) school, and top-ranked Mississippi HBCU.

President Alfred Rankins Jr. is proud of

the University’s latest ranking and credits its success to attention to detail and excellence.

“This latest recognition is a culmination of Alcorn’s focus on quality, affordability, brand identity, and data-driven planning and policy development,” said Rankins.

The College Consensus ranking of the Best Historically Black Colleges and Universities has a broader purpose than finding the HBCUs most praised by published rank-

ings and student reviews. It’s also an essential tool for students looking for a college or university that will best fit their needs. Whether they are looking for a supportive and inclusive community, a challenging and uplifting academic environment, or the networking opportunities of the legendarily loyal HBCU alumni, students can trust College Consensus to provide a comprehensive picture of the nation’s best HBCUs.



CPSD launches new district website



Check out the newly redesigned www.clintonpublicschools.com! The district’s website is a powerful communication and information delivery tool which must operate on a modern, secure platform. Our goal when creating the new site was to make it easy to use and adaptable to new technologies to include tablets and cell phones. Let us know what you think by replying to this message.

Clinton students excel on state tests

Our students are making the grade on state tests! The Mississippi Department of Education released raw scores this summer and will release school and district letter grade ratings later this fall. Some highlights:

Fourth Grade

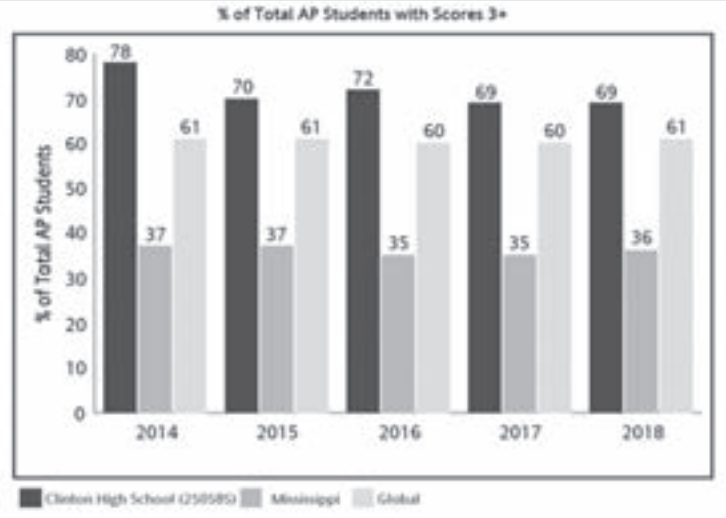
Our students showed staggering increases in fourth-grade English Language Arts, growing from 48.8 percent proficiency last year to 78.2 percent this year. Fourth-graders also jumped from 67.9 percent proficiency in math last year to 83 percent this year. In growth – which measures whether students show a year’s worth of learning for a year’s worth of teaching – fourth-graders grew 107 percent overall in math, with the bottom 25 percent of students growing 89 percent.

Algebra I

This subject showed the greatest growth for the bottom 25 percent of students. The overall growth for Algebra I was 88.9 and the bottom 25 percent showed 98.4 percent growth. This means nearly all students who were significantly behind their peers at the start of the school year had caught up at the end of the year.

Advanced Placement

Scores were relatively flat on the Advanced Placement tests, but more students overall are taking these test. In 2014, 94 CHS students took AP tests; this year 118 students did. Students who score 3 or higher on an AP test in high school can receive college credit at any public university in Mississippi.



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After a turbulent early life, Dennis Derrico makes a new one for himself and an example for other black men

By Freddie Allen
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Half way through a newspaper interview about his life, the negative effects caused by the absence of African-American men in the black community and how with the help of others he has been able to turn his life around, Dennis Derrico, a convicted murderer, began to cry.

As he talked, his eyes reddened and tears streamed down his face. His shaved head shook a little. I looked for a tissue in the office where we were sitting. I couldn't find any.

He excused himself and went into the bathroom where he found tissue to wipe his face and his beard. He sat back down and apologized. He continued crying and gradually regained control. It was hardly a reaction I expected from a man who spent 22 years in prison.

"I missed my teens, 20s, 30s and part of my 40s," he said with a laugh. He celebrated his 43rd birthday July 5. At one time, he may have been what many considered to be a hardened criminal and though that part of his life cannot be denied or forgotten, he has no plans to relive it.

A Michigan judge sent him to prison at 19 for stabbing to death a 42-year-old man during an argument in Detroit. At his sentencing, the victim's mother said she wanted him punished but she did not want him sentenced to life in prison. He had been living with his grandmother after his mother sent him to Detroit so he would stay out of trouble in Chicago.

He grew up in Englewood, a Southside Chicago neighborhood. The Michigan Department of Corrections released him from prison March 28, 2017, to Cherice, one of his younger sisters who lives in the Chicago area. His mother died while he was in prison and he never knew his father.

He described both his mother and stepfather as functioning drug addicts. For the first couple of weeks following his release, he felt as though he had landed on another planet. "I had a lot of high anxiety," said Derrico, adding that he didn't know about computers before he was sentenced to prison. Now they were everywhere.

He watched television, exercised and didn't do much else. Cherice than asked what was the vision he had for his life. This prompted him to call a number of agencies, including the North Lawndale Employment Network, which was founded in 1999. The organization provides job opportunities for ex-convicts and is committed to the area's economic development.

The network is funded by a number of organizations, including the Steans Family Foundation, whose goal is to revitalize North Lawndale, a neighborhood of 35,276 on Chicago's West Side. Its boundaries are Arlington Street, Taylor Street and 5th Avenue on the north. Twenty-first Street, Cermak Road and railroad tracks on the southern, eastern and western boundaries.

The neighborhood's population is 89 percent black, 7 percent Hispanic and 2.3 percent white. Martin Luther King Jr. lived there in 1966. Golda Meir, Israel's prime minister from 1969 to 1974, lived in the neighborhood and was employed by the Lawndale branch of the Chicago Public Library. Other celebrity residents included musicians Benny Goodman, Ramsey Lewis and singer Dinah Washington.

There are vacant lots next to newly constructed homes. Homes that are boarded up next to incredibly beautiful two-story greystones. At the Homan Avenue elevated train station, an abandoned car with two bullet holes in the driver's side window had its front passenger side tire bumped upon the curb in front of the entrance to the "L" stop. A patrol car was nearby for a while. There wasn't yellow police tape or curious onlookers.

Today, North Lawndale's star is its location. It is five miles west of Chicago's Loop. You can stand in the middle of Jackson or Madison streets and see the Loop office buildings and gentrification moving further west. On Madi-



Derrico PHOTO/ROSEMARY LAMBIN

son Street is where the Chicago Bulls and Chicago Blackhawks play their home games.

In prison, Derrico began turning his life around. He took anger management classes and classes in conflict resolution. He also began working in landscaping with an eye to a vocation he would take up after he left prison.

He earned his GED (General Educational Development) and he read books about black historical figures, including Frederick Douglass. Michigan is home to the "big three" U.S. automakers. But Derrico explained that Michigan was also known as the prison state.

When he was sentenced in 1995, Michigan operated 52 prisons. The Michigan Department of Corrections has closed many of them, currently operating 31 that house 41,000 inmates, a population larger than some small cities. The department also supervises 71,000 probationers and parolees, according to its website.

Derrico served time in 22 of the state's prisons during his incarceration. In most of the prisons, located in rural parts of Michigan, the majority white staff went out of its way to insult black inmates, telling them they did not know how to work together and that's why blacks have not achieved anything.

"It hurt to be put in that box," he said, adding that their hostile, racist comments did not define him. "I knew that it wasn't me," he said.

His belief in himself received a boost when the Department of Corrections transferred him to Mound Correctional Facility, which is in Detroit and has a large African-American staff. Mound's name has been changed to Detroit Detention Center.

Black men, including Victor Muhammad, regional director of the Nation of Islam's Prison Reform Ministry in Michigan, and Judge Greg Mathis, a popular judge on television, spoke at the center to discuss why so many black men are in prison and what needed to be done to change that trajectory.

Mathis, a Detroit native, has launched a prisoner initiative called Prisoner Empowerment Education and Respect or PEER.

Mathis is committed to reinvesting in the prison population according to his website. "African-American men make up 50 percent of the national prison population yet they are only 6 percent of the nation's population."

Derrico is now a crew chief supervising seven others in North Lawndale Employment Network's READI Chicago, which puts ex-offenders on an 18-month career pathway to regular jobs. The crew cleans beaches, parks and city streets.

Before joining READI Chicago, Derrico started with U-Turn Permitted, a four-week job readiness training pro-

gram. He also worked for Sweet Beginnings LLC, which makes and sells an all-natural line of raw honey and honey-infused body care products. North Lawndale Employment Network has an office, a classroom and a bee aviary at 3726 W. Flournoy. Derrico and I recently met there.

"This is where it all started," he said with a big smile. The READI job pays \$35,000 annually, according to the website. His leadership qualities are readily apparent to others who have met him, including the late Mayor Harold Washington and Cook County Board President John Stroger. His success since leaving prison is a major source of pride for him.

"I have a car, an apartment and a family," he said. Derrico compared himself to others who were released from prison about the same time or earlier than he, but who have not achieved what he has. Before he was sent to prison, there were plenty of signs along the way that he was headed there. As he talked about his early life, sometimes with a smile, I learned about his past. As a young teenager, he stole cars.

"That's how I learned to drive," he said with a laugh. He also burglarized homes. For his crimes, he spent considerable time locked up.

"I spent so much time in the Audy Home I thought it was my home," he said joking. The Audy Home is a detention center for juveniles in Chicago. He also was a member of the Black Disciples, a street gang in Englewood, and at one point he carried a gun for protection against rival gangs. He repeated seventh grade twice before he was kicked out of middle school for pulling a fire alarm. School officials transferred him to the 9th grade, but he didn't last long there either. He dropped out of high school.

Derrico said he wants to help and influence other black men by showing them how he has turned his life around. "The reason the black community is the way it is because black men have been removed from the community. We as black men have not evolved," he said.

He wants to start a landscaping business that involves planting flowers and trees to make black neighborhoods beautiful. "We react to what we see around us. That is my vision," said Derrico; adding that his grandfather was a landscaper. On the block where North Lawndale offices are located, people have dropped empty soda bottles, candy wrappers and papers on the lawns and walkways.

He also wants to earn a degree in social work with the goal of helping other black men. Derrico is philosophical about the twists and turns in his life's journey so far. He concludes, "I believe in a higher power. I was meant to go to Detroit. The life that I took there has now been given back to me."

MS Civil Rights Museum tells authentic stories from the movement



Exhibit commemorating the Jackson Public Library sit-ins. (Mississippi Civil Rights Museum)

By Freddie Allen
NNPA Newswire Contributor

In the early morning hours of January 10, 1966, civil rights leader Vernon Dahmer Sr. was jolted from his sleep, as members of the Ku Klux Klan surrounded his house just north of Hattiesburg, Miss. Dahmer, a black landowner, had been actively working to register blacks to vote and, in some cases, he even paid their 'poll' taxes. It was enough to earn a black man a death sentence in the South.

The klansmen bullets ripped through the darkness splintering wood and shattering glass as they fired on Dahmer's house; one of them hurled a Molotov cocktail through the window; the klan wanted to burn Dahmer and his family alive.

As smoke and flames engulfed his home, Dahmer grabbed his shotgun and blasted his way out, creating a diversion as the rest of his family fled into the woods. Later that day, Dahmer died from smoke inhalation at an area hospital.

A few days later, Dahmer's voter registration card arrived in the mail. "These are the kinds of stories we talk about in the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum," said Pamela Junior, the museum's director. "We tell people all the time: Museums are living and breathing places."

Junior lamented that, oftentimes, the history of the Civil Rights Movement is told through the narrow lens of a few key figures, like Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks. She said that it was important that people know that Mississippi was ground zero for the movement; the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum helps to tell the stories of the people that were there.

"What we want to do is make sure that the stories are told authentically," Junior said. "We have our own native son, Medgar Wiley Evers. We have Fannie Lou Hamer, June Johnson, Owen Brooks...local people who made up the movement."

Junior said that it was also important to show that civil rights leaders were ordinary people, yet they still managed to have a significant impact on the course of American history.

Junior continued: "So, to see something so powerful that these regular, poor people did to make things happen in the state of Mississippi is awesome."

The Mississippi Civil Rights Museum opened December 9, 2017. The Clarion Ledger reported that the Dahmer family donated a truck that had been shot during the 1966 attack to the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum.

The museum promotes a greater understanding of the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi and shares the stories of the movement that changed the world.

A press release that described the museum said that visitors can witness the freedom struggle in eight

interactive galleries that show the systematic oppression of black Mississippians and their fight for equality that transformed the state and nation.

The press release continued: "Seven of the galleries encircle a central space called 'This Little Light of Mine.' There, a dramatic sculpture glows brighter and the music of the movement swells as visitors gather."

Each museum gallery highlights a specific sub-topic or period. Gallery 1 defines civil and human rights; Gallery 2 focuses on the Civil War and Reconstruction; Gallery 3 highlights civil rights activists and shares the stories of a Mississippi movement that changed the world; Gallery 4 peels back the layers of a segregated society; Gallery 5 showcases the sacrifices and the successes of the 1960s; Gallery 6 takes a deep dive into the Freedom Summer and local movements in Mississippi (1963-1964); and Gallery 7 tells the story of black empowerment from 1965 to the early 1970s.

Junior said that, through the civil rights museum, the ills of Mississippi are finally on the wall.

"We're taking the bandage off of the sore," Junior said. "We don't allow it to fester anymore. We let it breathe, so that healing can continue."

The last gallery, Junior said, was designed to spark conversations about how all races can move forward together.

"Martin is gone. Medgar is gone. All of these people are gone that were at the center of the movement, at the forefront. We believed in them and trusted in them. These people are gone," Junior said. "So, what we want to do is teach people that they are the movement."

Junior continued: "We are the movement; it's up to us to do the work."

Gallery 8 is titled "Where do we go from here?" and features mirrors with quotes from Mississippians who made incredible sacrifices to improve the lives of others.

One of the last quotes that visitors see as they walk out of the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum is by Oseola McCarty, a black seamstress and domestic worker who lived in Hattiesburg, Miss. McCarty, who "quit school in the sixth grade to go to work, never married, never had children and never learned to drive," according to The New York Times, eventually donated nearly her entire life savings - \$150,000 - to the University of Southern Mississippi to fund scholarships for black students.

"[McCarty] said that, 'if you want to be proud of yourself, you have got to do things you can be proud of,'" Junior said. "So, I want people to live by that mantra."

For more information about the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, please visit <http://www.mcrm.mdah.ms.gov/>.

The judgment is coming

PART 3

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



Revelation 20:15 reads, “And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the Lake of Fire.” The Lamb’s Book of Life contains the names of all the redeemed, all who have been blood washed. When a sinner (non-believer) is saved, his name is written in the Book of Life. That is what the Bible is talking about in Luke 10:20, which says, “Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.”

Friend, if you do not have anything else to rejoice about, you can rejoice that your name has been inscribed in the Lamb’s Book of Life. I love the song that says: “My name is in the Book of Life, Oh, bless the Name of Jesus! I rise above all doubt and strife,

and read my title clear. I know, I know my name is there; I know, I know, my name is written there.” I am glad that I know that my name is written safe and secure inside. Jesus wrote it there one day. Praise be to God! Friend, you have to keep your name in that book.

Someone may say, “I thought once my name was in the Book of Life, it would always be in the Book.” No, friend, the Bible states in Revelation 3:5, “He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels. In order to keep you name in the Book of Life, you must be an overcomer. As long as you overcome, you can keep your name in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

In Exodus 32:33 the Lord said, “Whosoever hath sinned against Me, him will I blot out of My book.” If you will live free from sin, you can

keep your name in the Lamb’s Book of Life until Jesus comes back. All people will face Jesus as Lord and Judge and will receive just sentences for their deeds. I cannot imagine the horror of hearing Christ the Judge utter the word: “Guilty! Depart from Me into everlasting torments. I never knew you.” You never want to hear these words from the Judge of the universe because this is the court of no appeal.. When lots of folks go to court, before they ever get there, they have already planned to appeal in case they lose. Sometimes they begin to plan it weeks or months ahead of time. The Judgment will be a court of no appeal; nobody is going to appeal.

The difference between the save and the lost is this: the saved have settled their cases out of court. Praise God! I have had my case settled out of court. My Advocate is Jesus. His righteousness is my righteousness, and He has fully paid the price for my sins.

God has accepted the supreme payment at Calvary with the Amen of the resurrection and the promise of eternal life to all who will repent and believe. If you wait until the final judgment, the verdict will be guilty. Repentance, faith and the new birth can wipe your record clean. It replaces the record of your sins with the record of Christ’s righteousness.

Today is the day of grace and forgiveness. Today is the day of repentance, the day of mercy and the day of faith. Today is the day of salvation. None of these things will be dispensed on Judgment Day. Only judgment, swift and sure, will be issued from this great, white throne of the Lord, Jesus Christ. There will be no appeals.

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PRESERVED Second guessing God

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



What’s worse than not making a decision? Second-guessing the decisions that you have already made. Not making a decision is really a decision....kind of ironic way of saying that I like things the way they are. In making a decision and then second guessing it, you are essentially saying “I don’t really like things they way they are...but I’m too afraid to move forward.” To me, that is an even worse torment.

Think about Lot’s wife...she had her own battles with second-guessing and looking back. Genesis 19 describes how the angels came to Lot and warned him of the impending destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. They specifically told him not to look back at the punishment that was to come to the wicked city.

It’s not really clear why Lot’s wife looked back. Lot and her husband was hesitant having to be urged by the angels to flee and not look back. Hearing all of this, she was probably asking herself “Why do we have to leave now? Surely it can’t be that bad.” The next thing you know she was a pillar of salt. God was trying to deliver her from a life-threatening situation...but she was still dragging her feet. Genesis 19:26 says, “But Lot’s wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.”

The New Testament also speaks of the issue of looking back in Luke 17:31-33, “On that day no one who is on the roof of his house, with his goods inside, should go down to get them.


Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. Remember Lot’s wife! Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.”

Through a recent of chain of unfortunate events, I also found myself tempted to look back at my past and wonder what I was leaving behind. Despite the fact that God had made it clear in a number of ways that it was time to move on, I still was fighting the nagging urge to move forward. I knew they weren’t the best circumstances, but I still wasn’t ready to move on. Just when I started to turn my focus to the past, God blessed me to be able to see more clearly his future direction for my life.

Second-guessing is not yet regret but is rooted in unresolved issues including insecurity and rejection. Perhaps most significantly, second-guessing is mixed with just enough of those painful memories of past failures to keep us from successfully transitioning to new and more wonderful seasons in our lives.

Looking at my own life and some recent circumstances, I can understand how Lot’s wife was tempted to look back. It’s sometimes seems easier to focus on what you are familiar with than to embrace the unfamiliar. What I’ve learned is that at those times when it is hardest to stop looking backwards, we have to rely on faith to be obedient and move forward.

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Sister Power!

By E. Faye Williams
Trice Edney Newswire



I cannot count the times I have heard that black women don’t support each other. I always thought that was wishful thinking for those who wanted to play down our unity and our work for our people that ultimately benefits all people without regard to race, creed, color, religion and all the other things that often divide us. In order to succeed, black women have persisted for success against the greatest of odds.

We who are black women know that all anybody has to do is tell us what we can’t do, and the game is on! While we welcome the help of others who want to see the change we need to make our nation a more livable one for all of our people, others are slowly beginning to see that black women are serious, and when we’ve got our eyes on the prize, nothing will stop us from doing our part to make a difference.

Charlotte, North Carolina is named for Queen Charlotte who meets the “One Drop Rule” – meaning that if you have one drop of black blood, you are black! Since Charlotte was so successful as Queen of Britain and Ireland from 1761-1818 in which her mixed ancestry is convincingly revealed, there are still some who want to deny her black blood and question the legitimacy of her race.

Stephanie Myers recently wrote a well-researched book called “Invisible Queen” and she dispels any notion of Charlotte being anything other than a sister! Charlotte married into the British Royal Family at the age of 17, and history tells us that Charlotte understood her obligation to protect our people. It was no secret that she worked against slavery. For anyone who does not accept her as our sister should read Myers’ book (<http://myerspublishing.com>). By the way, Charlottesville (VA) is named for Queen Charlotte and so are the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County in N.C. named in her honor, as are many cities across the country and around the world. This sister used her sister power to do so many great things, despite the fact that she was only 17 years old when she became queen.

Let us look at my home state – Louisiana. I was speaking with Lue Russell, chairperson of my organization in La. recently. She told me the number of black women mayors has risen since we celebrated 19 a few months ago. Louisiana just added one more, so there are twenty black women mayors in the state now. This includes the three largest cities of New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Shreveport.

We’re everywhere running things as mayor. There’s Charlotte (NC); Atlanta (GA); Baltimore (MD); San Francisco, Fontana and Compton (CA); Toledo (OH); Washington (DC); Rochester (NY); Tacoma (WA); Baton Rouge, Shreveport, New Orleans, Ville Platte, Boyce, Maringouin, et.al (LA); Flint (MI), Gary (IN) and the list goes on. These sisters are representing a lot of people of all backgrounds and we haven’t heard a single uncouth word from any of them as we hear daily from the White House.

In Alabama, sister power showed up and elected Senator Doug Jones. In Georgia, sister power played a big role in getting Stacey Abrams the Democratic nomination to become governor of Georgia. Even the nomination is historic.

In the last Presidential election, sister power voted 98 percent against this chaos we are now experiencing. Too bad more people didn’t vote like black women. If everybody voted like black women, we would be well on the road to resolving so many problems for so many people. Let’s pray that on November 6, more people will recognize sister power and follow our lead.

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By A. Peter Bailey
Trice Edney Newswire



It is very revealing and often disgusting to witness the national press coverage of the bromance between Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin. They go on and on about Trump’s refusal to condemn the Russian “meddling” in the 2016 presidential campaign.

They recite horror story after horror story about Putin’s mortal sins when dealing with individuals and countries that do things he considers a threat to

himself and Russia. Someone lacking a knowledge of history would be led to believe that the United States does not and has not ever committed such mortal sins. Anyone with a knowledge of U.S. history is well aware that that this is a major fallacy.

This country, which the press is covering in the Putin-Trump saga as though it’s God’s gift to righteousness, has done practically every single thing to carry out its agenda as Russia has done and is doing to carry out hers.

It has assassinated or attempted to assassinate leaders and other people

who it considers a threat to its program; it has participated in the overthrow of governments who are not sufficiently obedient to its desires; it has invaded countries whose policies it opposed. The bastion of righteousness would react in the same way Russia acted on Ukraine if the countries on its borders, Canada and Mexico, attempted to sign a military pact with Russia or any other country.

The national press also doesn’t deal with the reality that Putin and Trump share two very basic beliefs. The first is acquiring as much money as possible by any means necessary.

The second is that both are white supremacists who strongly believe that white males should now and forever be the dominant force in the international arena.

Thus they believe that Russia and the United States are in the best position to maintain and advance their white supremacist goals.

This angle of the Trump-Putin connection needs to be explored by the national press rather than to continue weeping and wailing about what they consider Putin’s evilness and Trump’s ignorance. They both know exactly what they are doing.

By Julianne Malveaux
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Recently, news came out that the electronics retailer Best Buy, decided to reconsider their partnership with a company called Vivint.

The partnership allowed Vivint employees to work inside Best Buy stores, to sell Best Buy customers products capable of reducing their home’s energy usage. The potential decision by Best Buy is apparently just business, but it is a welcome piece of news because Vivint seemingly has a problem with African Americans.

Vivint isn’t alone when it comes to struggling with race. There has always been bigotry in this country. In 2018, thanks to the leaders of the civil rights movement who risked their lives fighting for equality and justice, things are much improved. But these days some racists in this country are feeling encouraged to express their ugly views in public or discriminate against people of color.

Recently, Vivint Solar – one of the largest sellers of solar panels in this country – was sued in California by a black employee who alleges his superiors likened him to a monkey, used a racial epithet against him and that his coworkers used cardboard boxes to build a fort around their desks that was marked as “white only.” The complainant’s lawyer provided pictures of this absurd and abhorrent cardboard

façade to the media, and the Washington Post published its photo.

David Bywater, the top executive at Vivint Solar, told the media that he was “deeply disturbed” by these allegations and: “I want to firmly state that Vivint Solar has a zero-tolerance policy for racial discrimination and harassment in the workplace. Our company is built on the strength of diversity.” This is precisely what a CEO is supposed to say, but a person of conscience would back them up with action. A deeper dive into Vivint’s practices makes me question Bywater’s sincerity.

In March, Hector Balderas, the Attorney General of New Mexico filed a 17-count civil complaint against Vivint Solar, accusing them of fraud, racketeering and unfair business practices. Balderas says the company which sells rooftop solar panels employed “high-pressure sales techniques and procedures designed to mislead consumers” and lock their customers into contracts lasting 20 years, with rates that increase “by over 72 percent,” as the agreement matures.

Also, according to the Balderas’ office: “The complaint also charges Vivint with filing improper notices in consumer real estate records that operate to cloud titles, and in some cases making it difficult for New Mexico consumers to sell their homes.” There is some evidence that consumers of color and low-income consumers are targeted for these pressure tactics.

Vivint Solar is connected to Vivint

Home Security, a company that also has had its run-ins with the law. Last year, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxson reached a settlement with the company for allegations the company violated the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act. This, combined with the action by the New Mexico Attorney General, paints a picture of a company that is not treating customers fairly.

I’ve been interested in the solar industry because it is an expanding industry that increasingly provides new opportunities. However, there also seems to be additional opportunities to exploit consumers, especially minority consumers.

I’ve written about my concerns about the ways the industry targets less sophisticated consumers, echoing concerns raised by several members of Congress in a letter to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in early 2017. In response to my concerns, the Solar Energy Industry Association (SEIA) used a consultant to harass me and my staff. I received and accepted an apology from the CEO of SEIA. I hoped they were sincere in their stated concerns about consumer protection and also about diversity in their industry.

But Vivint Solar, with its “whites only” fort, is a member of SEIA. Vivint’s actions seem inconsistent with SEIA’s stated values. What must they do? I have some ideas.

First, SEIA should ask Vivint Solar to leave their trade association.

If SEIA wants to represent rooftop solar makers that respect consumers and employees, then Vivint Solar is a wrong choice. If SEIA doesn’t take action against Vivint Solar, there is no accountability, which only further erodes trust with minority communities.

Further, SEIA should back up their statement that “CEO, Abby Hopper, has established diversity of solar’s workforce and customer base as among her top three priorities” and their “Diversity Best Practices Guide” by funding and hosting consumer education seminars around the country to better inform consumers – and minorities – about their rights when it comes to rooftop solar.

I have always been excited about the ways solar energy can reduce our dependence on fossil fuel as a power source. But the solar energy movement is crippled when companies like Vivint Solar both take advantage of customers and discriminate against minorities. It’s not enough to have a “Diversity Best Practices Guide.” SEIA needs to let best practices be their guide in their dealings with Vivint Solar. Silence is complicity. It is time for good people to stand up against racism. Best Buy, SEIA – what say you?

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Congress must act to strengthen election security against foreign sabotage: Stop Russia!

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“It’s undeniable that the Russians are taking the lead on this. Basically, they are the ones that are trying to undermine our basic values, divide us with our allies. They are the ones that are trying to wreak havoc over our election process. We need to call them out on that. It’s critical that we do so, and then take steps to make sure that they are not able to do this with an election coming up...” – Director of National Intelligence Daniel Coats, July 19, 2018.

We don’t yet know to what extent Russian efforts to sabotage American elections succeeded. We do know that in addition to waging a massive disinformation campaign on social media, Kremlin backed hackers accessed private email accounts; stole personal information on at least 500,000 voters from a state election website; infiltrated a voter

registration software company and disseminated malicious software to Florida County election officials.

We also don’t know to what extent any Americans cooperated with Russians in these crimes. We know that the Trump campaign was at least willing to consider accepting opposition research from people known to have ties to the Kremlin. We know a congressional candidate asked for and received damaging stolen information on his or her opponent. Most importantly, we know that Russia continues its efforts at sabotaging our democracy, and little or nothing is being done to stop it.

Protecting the integrity of our democratic process should be the top priority of our elected officials. Instead, the president openly contradicts the assessment of American intelligence and the House of Representatives eliminated new funding for states to strengthen election security. The arrest of Russian operative Maria Butina, who forged close alliances with the NRA, raises questions about whether Russian money was illegally

funneled to political candidates through that organizations – and whether those candidates are Congress members who may have motive to thwart such an investigation.

Shortly after the inauguration of the current president, I noted that because his elevation to the office was by way of the anachronistic Electoral College – and not the will of a majority of voters – he owed the American people an exceptional level of deference.

Instead, he repeatedly has shown deference to the architect of the sabotage, lending validity to Vladimir Putin’s discredited denials and refusing to acknowledge the conclusion of the intelligence community that Russia has interfered and continues to do so.

In his farewell address, President George Washington warned “against the insidious wiles of foreign influence.” He wasn’t speaking in the abstract: France was actively trying to influence the American election in favor of Thomas Jefferson, who championed France in its conflict with Great Britain. France’s

attempts backfired, however, as voters viewed Jefferson’s party as pawns of the French government. James Madison wrote to Jefferson just before the 1796 election, France’s scheme was “working all the evil with which it is pregnant.” Jefferson lost to John Adams, who supported France’s rival Great Britain.

Almost as though he could foresee our present situation, Washington said in his address, “Real patriots who may resist the intrigues of the favorite are liable to become suspected and odious, while its tools and dupes usurp the applause and confidence of the people, to surrender their interests.” We will not surrender our interests.

For African-Americans, the right to vote is sacred. The men and women who died in the bloody battle for black suffrage – heroes such as Rev. George Lee, Medgar Evers, Jimmy Lee Jackson, James Earl Chaney, Andrew Goodman, Mickey Schwerner and Viola Liuzzo – are nothing less than martyrs. Inaction in the face of election sabotage is an affront to their memory.

Laughter, Travel and Trials: Oliver raises metastatic breast cancer awareness

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Anyone watching Becky Oliver hike up the lush green mountains of Ireland would see a youthful, vivacious woman working through her bucket list. While that perception is true, most may not expect that she also takes daily medication to keep her cancer in check. Becky suffers from stage 4 metastatic breast cancer, which is currently incurable.

"It turned out that I had breast cancer that had spread to my liver. It was in a couple of lymph nodes as well. That made it stage 4. It made it metastatic. Metastatic means that it has spread through your blood stream from one place to another place in your body, and developed a tumor there. It is the most severe form of breast cancer. I was shocked. I had never missed a mammogram. It's not that I did anything wrong; it just happened," Becky explained.

After receiving her diagnosis at the Forrest General Cancer Center, John "Bo" Hrom, MD, started Becky on hormonal therapy in conjunction with a new medication called Ibrance, which had only been FDA approved the previous year and was not yet available in Mississippi. This medication works by inhibiting kinases, a type of protein that occurs naturally in the body.

According to Insight magazine, "Certain ones, the cyclin-dependent kinases (CDKs) 4 and 6, can cause breast cancer cells to multiply. Palbociclib (Ibrance) and other CDK4/6 inhibitors work by interrupting that process, killing the cancer cells or stopping them from growing." Other than some minor fatigue and a lowered white blood cell count, both of which are common with this treatment option, Becky has not experienced the negative side effects many people associate with cancer. Having a lower than normal white blood cell count effects the immune system making patients more vulnerable to infections and other illnesses.

Becky said, "Other than that (low white blood cell count and fatigue), I did not have surgery. I did not have radiation, and I did not have regular chemo. The only thing I've done is take the Ibrance and Famara. It's called targeted therapy, and it basically puts the brakes on the cancer cells."

Three months after starting treatment, the tumors in her breast and liver disappeared, but that does not mean she no longer has cancer. Clinical trials show that patients were able to remain on this combination of medicine for a median of 24.8 months with no signs of cancer progression. Becky has been treated successfully with this combination for 30 months, and she remains optimistic.

"The statistics are very grim, but they've come a long way with medicine. We're treating it, and I just want to live into the cure. So much is being done in the way of research for breast cancer medicine, but not with metastatic," said Becky. She continued, "Nobody knows what 'metastatic' means. When you say metastatic, they don't understand. If you say Stage IV, they kind of get a sad look on their face; they kind of understand Stage IV. It's hard. Even family members don't understand it."

Tragically, according to the American Cancer Society, "only 7 percent of all breast cancer research funding is spent on Stage IV." This is why Becky is so concerned about raising awareness of this type of cancer and people, like herself, who will spend the rest of their lives in treatment of some kind. It was this lack of awareness from family and friends that led Kent Oliver, Becky's youngest son, to donate a portion of funds generated from this year's Laughs 4 Life to Stage IV breast cancer research. Kent started Laughs 4 Life three years ago after being diagnosed with multiple myeloma, which is also considered treatable but incurable.

Kent said, "Laughter is a powerful thing, and Laughs 4 Life was cre-



Oliver

ated with the intention of bringing the community together in laughter while raising both funding and awareness for cancers such as these lacking a cure. There are some incredible organizations accomplishing great things globally in the area of research for cancers such as Myeloma and metastatic breast cancer, but we don't want to lose sight of the fact that right here in the Pine Belt there is research ongoing through the Cancer Center that has the potential to be ground breaking as well. With the support of Forrest General, we are excited to have Laughs 4 Life bring the community together in laughter August 1, but equally excited to contribute towards the research initiatives going on right here in Hattiesburg."

The Forrest General Cancer Center, in partnership with Hattiesburg Clinic Hematology/Oncology, has an extensive clinical trial program that has grown to be one of the largest in the state of Mississippi. Clinical trials are research studies that allow physicians to find new ways to improve treatments and quality of life for patients who have cancer. Becky says this program has offered hope for herself and many others.

"This program is extremely important; it gives us hope. It gives me hope and others, too. And knowing that he is conducting some of these clinical trials gives you confidence and the feeling that someone is in the arena helping you in every way. It gives me reassurance that I'm doing the right thing at the right place," said Becky.

In addition to being a supporter of the clinical trials program, Becky also participates in the Metastatic Breast Cancer Project. This research program is led by the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard and depends on patients voluntarily coming forward to share their records and submit samples for study.

When she's not busy raising awareness and advocating for other cancer patients, Becky spends her time with her family and working through her bucket list, which involves plenty of travel. She has formed a small support group with two other women, who also have Stage IV metastatic breast cancer. The women currently all share similar treatment plans and have been able to support each other through all of the triumphs and setbacks they've encountered. Becky says she wants other patients to know that physicians and researchers are working diligently and have come a long way in developing advance treatment options.

She said, "It doesn't have to scare you so bad. They're coming a long way. There's great progress being made, and I hope that it will continue. It scares you out of your wits, but then again, nobody's guaranteed tomorrow. You've just got to have faith. I don't want people to see me and think, 'Oh, there's a poor lady with cancer.' I want them to say, 'oh, there's that lady who's working on her bucket list! She's traveling; she's going and doing, and having fun.'"

For more information about the clinical trials program or the Forrest General Cancer Center, visit www.forrestgeneral.com/cancer.

To learn more about Laughs 4 Life or to purchase tickets, visit laughs4life.com.

Alzheimer's and dementia conference offers strategies for brain health

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Health care practitioners, family members and students who work with those coping with Alzheimer's disease and forms of dementia can take part in an annual conference that teaches strategies to improve brain health and promote successful aging.

Cher's 1980s pop hit "If I Could Turn Back Time" is the theme of the Conference on Alzheimer's and Other Dementias at the Bancorp-South Arena and Conference Center in Tupelo. Set for 8 a.m. August 22 through noon August 24, it's hosted by The MIND (Memory Impairment and Neurodegenerative Dementia) Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

"This is a unique opportunity to leverage the brain trust of UMMC's medical and clinical staff to bring comprehensive training to the professional and family caregivers of Mississippi to improve care for patients battling Alzheimer's and other dementias," said Denise Lafferty, The MIND Center's chief of operations.

The target audience includes nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers, physical, occupational and speech therapists, recreation therapists, nursing home administrators, family caregivers, seniors, students and mental health providers. Attendees can earn up to 16.25 continuing education credits.

Among the speakers is Kim Campbell, wife of the legendary Glen Campbell, who lost his battle with Alzheimer's in August 2017. Glen Campbell included a stop in Jackson, to benefit The MIND Center, as

part of his farewell tour in 2012. Conference activities August 23 include a viewing of the Glen Campbell documentary "I'll Be Me," followed by a panel discussion with Kim and other care providers. Tax-deductible tickets are \$10 and are available to the general public. Proceeds support The MIND Center's Alzheimer's research.

Conference sessions will focus on risk factors for cognitive decline and ways to improve brain health, including nutrition and exercise. Dr. Tom Mosley, UMMC Dudley and Robbie Hughes Distinguished MIND Center chair and director of The MIND Center, will present a comprehensive view of The MIND Center's groundbreaking research focused on risk factors for Alzheimer's and dementia.

Other topics will provide tools for family and professional caregivers to improve health care across the continuum. They include differentiating dementia types, current diagnosis and treatment recommendations, pharmacological and non-pharmacological treatment of symptoms and behaviors, effective communication techniques, promoting mental health and addressing depression in older adults, genetic considerations for Alzheimer's and the stigma of Alzheimer's.

Registration for continuing education applicants is \$215. A discounted fee of \$125 August 1 through day-of conference is available for family caregivers, seniors age 60 and above, and students. Registration includes meals and a welcome reception Wednesday evening.



Dr. Tom Mosley



Kim and Glen Campbell

For more information or to register for the conference, visit umc.edu/alzconf.

To reserve movie tickets, call 601 815-4237 or email mindcenter@umc.edu.

MS Primary Health Care Association to host 65x65 race and health fair

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Primary Health Care Association (MPHCA), in conjunction with member Community Health Centers (CHC), will host the 65x65 Race and Health Fair August 11, at 7:30 a.m. at the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.

The race officially kicks off National Health Center Week, an annual celebration with the goal of raising awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America's health centers over the past five decades.

Participants can register online at <https://65x65.com> and select either a 5K, 10K, or Kids' Fun Run. Registra-

tions will be accepted via mail through August 3 and online through August 9.

"Community Health Centers play a critical role in advancing health in communities through engaging activities like the 65x65 Obesity Challenge," said Janice Sherman, chief executive officer of MPHCA. "Our goal is to support broad system-wide efforts that aid in moving 65,000 Mississippians out of obesity by 2065, which will provide tremendous long-term benefits to our state."

The health fair will start at 8:30 a.m. and provide an opportunity for participants to learn tips on improving

health and nutrition from professionals and experts. Several other local CHC efforts will happen concurrently on a statewide basis and these events will be listed on the MPHCA website <http://www.mphca.org>.

Currently, Mississippi has the second highest adult obesity rate in the nation, according to data from the Trust for America's Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Mississippi also ranks second in the nation for adult hypertension and third for adult diabetes.

"Community Health Centers treat a disproportionate share of individuals with chronic diseases like hyper-

tension and diabetes every single day," said Sherman. "We want to partner with all stakeholders to invest in strategies that prevent these diseases and help reverse the troubling health trends in Mississippi."

Race and health care sponsors include Magnolia Health, LabCorp and United Health Care.

Organizations interested in sponsoring the event should contact Desiree Stinson, continuing education coordinator, at (601) 981-1817 or dstinson@mphca.com.

Individuals interested in volunteering for the race can visit <https://65x65.com/volunteer>.

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Hinds County School District Weekly Update

Welcome Back for the 2018-2019 Year! | Engaging-Empowering-Ensuring-Excellence

Welcome from the Superintendent’s Desk



Martin

Dear Parents and Friends,
I hope your summer has been relaxing, refreshing and rejuvenating. It is with a deep sense of eagerness, enthusiasm and excitement that I welcome you back for another year of aspiration and achievement in the Hinds County School District. We have been hard at work over the summer preparing for a new school year and we are excited to work with you throughout the year to help your child achieve their success inside and outside the classroom. Your investment in your child’s educational process has contributed to our collective success and magnified the momentum propelling us further on our journey to excellence.

I am pleased to announce that we will begin this year as a district of Innovation – one of only seven such districts in the state. This designation is attributed to both what we’ve done over the years and what we plan to accomplish in the near future. We have increased our efforts to integrate technology into learning and have built a solid foundation for our new career academies and the introduction of our 1-to-1 technology initiative. These new tools will enhance our ability to provide high quality instruction that allows your child to be competitive in colleges and careers across the country.

One of the most meaningful factors in assisting students to have a successful school experience is the concern and participation of their parents. In order to help your children attain their goals, we need your involvement, whether it be through attending parent-teacher conferences, volunteering in your child’s school, or attending school community events. Your engagement throughout

the year strengthens the parent-student relationship and can increase academic performance.

Every day, we walk into classrooms full of ideas and imagination, and every day, it is our responsibility to harness the youthful, creative energy that fuels our district. Our goal is to create a learning environment that allows your child’s ideas to bloom and imagination to flourish. Our faculty, staff and administrators work hard every day to harness the youthful, creative energy your child brings to school each day. As Winston Churchill noted, “Continuous effort – not strength or intelligence – is the key to unlocking our potential.” We promise to display our unwavering effort to your child’s success, and we invite you to join us as we support every child in the Hinds County School District on their journey to excellence.

I look forward to another wonderful year full of inspiring stories and immense success.

Yours in Education,
Dr. Delesicia Martin, Superintendent of Education

Welcome from the Office of Child Nutrition



Brandon

On behalf of the entire CN staff, we want to welcome our students, parents and community to the 2018-2019 school year. Our objective is to offer healthy and quality meals to students in the district. We are excited to serve your child(ren) in our cafeterias! We would love to have you visit our cafeterias.

You can apply for free/reduce meals with a paper application or online at www.applyforlunch.com. You can pay your child’s lunch account at www.myschoolbucks.com. You can set up to receive low balance alerts, view the account and set up monthly payments.

Our school menus are available on line at www.hinds.k12.ms.us under Child Nutrition Department. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Wanda Brandon
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Welcome from the Office of Student Behavioral Health Services



Smith

Each new school year is a new beginning filled with new possibilities for success. The Student Behavioral Health Services staff warmly welcomes Hinds County School District students and families to the 2018 -2019 school year: New opportunities for excellence and success.

Talmadge Smith, Coordinator-Student Behavioral Health
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Welcome from the Office of the Director of Student Services



Ray

I will strive to provide leadership that ensures effective implementation of

academic policies and procedures. I will work to respond to the needs of students and ensure we are fostering student success within our district. Student services will focus on successful student outcomes including; student data, program selection, graduation, placement and transfer success. It is an honor and pleasure to have the opportunity to serve as the new Director of Student Services for the Hinds County School District and I look forward to working with students, parents and community members to foster success in Hinds County.

Michelle Ray, Director of Student Services
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Welcome from the Desk of the Maintenance Department



Smith

The Hinds county School District’s Maintenance Department wishes to welcome all teachers and students back for the 2018-2019 school year. I hope everyone had a relaxing summer and ready for a dynamic school year.

The Facilities Maintenance Department will provide a clean, orderly, safe, cost-effective and instructionally supportive school environment that contributes to the school district’s mission of educating our children to meet the intellectual, physical and emotional demands of the 21 century. The HCSD Maintenance Department will assist in accomplishing the district’s mission by values each employee will display. They include: INTEGRITY, QUALITY, PROFESSIONALISM, STEWARDSHIP, COLLABORATION, DIVERSITY AND RESPECT. We wish all success in the upcoming year. Welcome Back!!!
Ivan Smith, Director of Maintenance
601-857-7009

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Welcome from the Office of Community Relations



Neal

Welcome to a new school year, students! We look forward to serving you and making sure you have an enjoyable and successful year. Enjoy each day and know that you are surrounded by support. Try your best in everything you do, stay positive, have fun and keep smiling.

Make this year incredible!
John Neal, Associate Superintendent / Community Relations
601-857-7008
jneal@hinds.k12.ms.us

Welcome from the Desk of the Assistant Superintendent of Student Services



Sellers

This office addresses the needs and concerns of parents and students in several different venues. These venues include student transportation, student discipline and due process hearings, the Handbook for Parents and Students, updating Board Policies, state audits, residency verification, bullying lessons,

foster child liaison and completion of teacher, librarian and counselor growth rubrics. If at any time we may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call. Best Wishes to you and your student as every year is an important chapter in their life!

Dr. William Sellers, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
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bsellers@hinds.k12.ms.us

Welcome Back!



Burke

I hope you enjoyed a wonderfully relaxing summer and have returned to Hinds County School District recharged and ready to start a new school year.

I am so delighted that you are part of our amazing learning community. All signs point to another incredible and productive school year as the business services, child nutrition, maintenance and operations departments continue to provide you with high quality support services.

As you get ready for the new school year, I would like to thank each of you for your commitment to insuring that the Hinds County School District remains an engaging and empowering education environment that ensures excellence. I eagerly look forward to greeting each of you as I move around the district. It remains an honor and privilege to serve in this district.

Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all children.

Best regards,
Earl P. Burke, MBA, SBA, SFO, SFSA
Assistant Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer

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