

# Jackson-Evers International Airport leading the charge for veterans



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The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority is proud to lead the charge for veterans. Officials brought businesses together a few weeks ago at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport to participate in a workshop to learn more about the Edge4Vets programs.  
The workshop, conducted by Tom Murphy, the founder of the program, focused on the businesses, now it’s time to connect them with the veterans. The program is geared toward teaching vets how to translate their military strengths into tools for civilian success.  
The program, originally started in New York and coming to Jackson this fall, is open to all veterans, military service personnel,

(including the National Guard) and their families. Veterans will meet November 6 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport on the 3rd floor in the Community Room.  
A free lunch will be provided and yields the perfect networking opportunity for business mentors and veterans alike, so veterans should be job-interview ready including their attire.  
Free transportation will be provided via shuttle service from the Veterans Center located at 1755 Lelia Drive, Jackson, MS 39216 to the airport. You must confirm your attendance for this service so we can properly schedule.  
It’s not too late for veterans or businesses to participate. Simply send an email to ymoore@jmaa.

com to express your interest, to learn more details about the November 6 event and confirm your attendance. Veterans who confirm their attendance will also receive orientation materials in preparation of the event.  
Edge4Vets is offered by the Human Resiliency Institute at Fordham University in partnership with Airports Council Int’l – North America as the airport association’s official vehicle to prepare and connect veterans to jobs at airports throughout the US and Canada.  
The program is currently being offered at Houston airports, LAX in Los Angeles and CVG in Cincinnati, just to name a few.  
We are excited to bring this program to Jackson, as a host, but we would love to include you as

a business partner at no charge to you for our PILOT program. What better way to give back to the veterans that have served our country.  
Edge4Vets offers veterans what employers say they need most; support through a resiliency workshop and online follow-up support to learn how to translate their leadership strengths from the military, including strong values and skills, into tools for civilian success.  
Edge4Vets will be conducting a pilot program this fall to establish momentum. This will posture us to expand the program as regular effort to support our airport stakeholders and businesses in Jackson and provide an ongoing source of

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# Piney Woods School to host Annual Founder’s Day weekend

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The Piney Woods School is set to hold its Founder’s Day Weekend October 20-21, an annual tradition honoring the legacy of Laurence C. Jones, who founded the institution in 1909.  
During this weekend, board members, parents, alumni and visitors will be welcomed to campus, to witness the work of PWS students and the future of their learning.  
In preparation for these events, demolition work has begun on three campus buildings, serving to constitute the construction of new faculty housing, as a part of the new campus master plan, which will be unveiled during the weekend’s events.  
As a part of its founder’s weekend activities, the school will also host its first Investor’s

Day – a unique opportunity for current and potential supporters of the institution to visit the campus, engage with our students, faculty and staff as we unveil the future of learning on our campus.  
“We hope that all who are able will join us October 20-21 for Founder’s Weekend, when we’ll reveal the future plans for our

campus and how we intend to help chart the future of learning everywhere, starting here at The Piney Woods School,” said Will Crossley, PWS president.  
For a full detailed schedule, or more information about Investor’s Day or Founder’s Weekend, call 601 845-2214 or visit [www.pineywoods.org](http://www.pineywoods.org)  
**About The Piney Woods**

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The mission of The Piney Woods School is to provide excellence in education within a Christian community through creation of an exceptional academic model which supports the tenet that all students can learn, develop a strong work ethic and lead extraordinary lives through academic achievement and responsible citizenship, but might not have the opportunity to do so for financial or other reasons.  
Encompassing 2,000 acres, the campus includes a 500-acre instructional farm, five lakes, managed timberland and Mississippi’s only rock garden amphitheatre. Our reputation for academic excellence attracts students from all over the world. Here, the past provides a foundation for the future.

# Election Day countdown: The war for maximum voter turnout in Nov. 6 election is on

By Hazel Trice Edney  
*TriceEdneyWire.com*

The Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law has filed suit against Georgia Secretary of State and Republican gubernatorial candidate Brian Kemp over the state’s “discriminatory and unlawful ‘exact match’ voter suppression scheme.”  
The suit alleges that Georgia’s “no match, no vote” voter registration scheme violates the Voting Rights Act, the National Voter Registration Act and the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution,” according to a statement from the organization.  
The alleged scheme appears to intentionally deter black voters who intend to vote for Kemp’s opponent, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Stacie Abrams, who would become the nation’s first black woman governor.  
Meanwhile, Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Cedric Richmond has written a scathing letter to Attorney General Jeff Sessions strongly objecting to what appears to be his “abdication of his complete abdication of the Department of Justice’s (DOJ) voting rights oversight responsibilities” in the Georgia controversy.  
And NAACP President Derrick Johnson has announced that the historic civil rights organization is also monitoring the situation in Georgia, which he describes as “a stain on our system of democracy when less than a month before an election which could produce the first African-American female governor in our nation’s history, we are seeing this type of voter suppression scheme attempted by a state official whose candidacy for the governorship produces an irretrievable conflict of interest.”



Clarke



Johnson



Richmond

The war for votes in the Nov. 6 election is on. And civil rights leaders across the country are fighting vigorously for each one. Despite the contention for political control of the U. S. House of Representatives, the historic gubernatorial election in Georgia is the ground zero of sorts as it tests fair elections after the 2013 Shelby v. Holder U. S. Supreme Court decision that outlawed the Section 5 “Pre-clearance Clause,” which once mandated Georgia and a list of other states to seek permission from the Justice Department before changing voting laws.  
“Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp has been a driving force behind multiple voter suppression efforts throughout the years in Georgia,” says Kristen Clarke, president and executive director of the Lawyers’ Committee. “If there is one person in Georgia who knows that the ‘exact match’ scheme has a discriminatory impact on minority voters, it’s Brian Kemp because we successfully sued him over a mirror policy in 2016.”  
In a nutshell, Kemp’s “exact match” policy has placed more than 53,000 voter registration applications on “pending” status a month before the midterm election. They are on hold because of simple typos or for not exactly matching the registrants’ official identification for any reason. Though Kemp contends the 53,000 can still vote, lawyers contend that just the implication that the vote may not count or that they may be questioned at the polls could cause black voters to become skittish and stay at home.  
There exists a stark parallel between the voter suppression schemes levied by states around the country prior to the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the insidi-

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# Thomas becomes St. Louis County Government chief diversity officer

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Jack Thomas Jr., who joined St. Louis County executive Steve Stenger's administration as chief diversity officer in July, has been recognized by a leading national organization for his work in promoting the inclusion of minorities and women in contracting opportunities and professional development throughout the aviation and aerospace industries.

The award recognizes Thomas' work at his previous employer, the Jackson (Miss.) Municipal Airport Authority. "This award reflects the outstanding professional that Jack is and the high esteem in which he is held by his colleagues," Stenger said. "Jack is the caliber of individual we sought to help lead our efforts to develop a culture of inclusiveness within St. Louis County government with the goal of having an equitable county procurement system

that is open to everyone and ensures the use of a diverse group of contractors."

The Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC) is the only national, non-profit trade association dedicated to promoting the full participation of minority-owned, women-owned and disadvantaged business enterprises (M/W/DBEs) in aviation industry contracting.

The President's Award, which Thomas received, recognizes a member for demonstrating leadership, service and dedication to execute AMAC's mission and strategic plan during the fiscal year.

"It is a great honor to have your work recognized by your peers and I am humbled by this," Thomas said. "My years in Jackson were fulfilling and I am forever indebted to the leadership and senior management team at the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority and the Jackson community for the

opportunity to be of service. I am now fully focused on increasing minority participation in St. Louis County contracts while growing sustainable minority-, women- and veteran-owned businesses."

Thomas was at Jackson Municipal Airport Authority for 10 years. But he spent most of his life in the St. Louis area. From 1999-2008 he was City of St. Louis-Lambert St. Louis International Airport assistant airport director for community programs and DBE program manager. In those roles he oversaw the airport's workforce diversity and business inclusion programs, including minority business certification, a process he shortened from one year to 60-90 days.

During his tenure at Lambert, Thomas also expanded the pool of qualified bidders for airport contracts by 25 percent through aggressive outreach and education. Be-

fore his work at the airport, Thomas held a number of positions of increasing authority with the City of St. Louis Community Development Agency /St. Louis Development Corporation. He started his career as a community development specialist in St. Louis County government.

Stenger ordered the first-ever St. Louis County disparity study immediately after taking office in 2015. The study analyzed county contracting data covering 2012-2015 to help establish a baseline from which to build a fair and equitable participation program for minority-, women- and veteran-owned business enterprises. It includes a number of recommendations that are being implemented under Thomas's guidance.

Earlier this year Stenger signed legislation establishing specific minority participation goals for all St. Louis County government contracts.



Thomas

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- Send a representative, or two, to participate in the pilot workshop and serve as mentors to the veterans. (Edge4Vets will provide a mentor orientation that spells out how all this works).
- Invite your HR coordinator to become part of

the program’s advisory committee.

Join us at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport’s Community Room on the 3rd floor, November 6, for a free workshop. Tom Murphy, the program’s founder, will conduct the workshop.

As noted, the participating companies that provide mentors for the workshops will have first-hand opportunity to hire these “job ready”

veterans at no cost to you.

Edge4Vets began in 2011 and has been offered to more than 1000 vets in NY, MA, FL, TX and LAX. A follow-up by the Institute at Fordham indicates that up to 80 percent of veterans who have taken the program have attained jobs.

Thank you for your interest to join in with us.

Please contact Yolanda Clay-Moore at 601 360-8631 if you have any questions.

Additional information about Edge4Vets and how the program operates may be found at <http://edge4vets.org>.

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ous tactics used by Kemp to capitalize on the Supreme Court’s decision in Shelby County to gut the Act and its protections for African Americans and other people of color that came with it. No less than 70 percent of people impacted by ‘exact match’ are African-American. We will continue fighting voter suppression to ensure a level playing field for voters across Georgia this election cycle.”

In his letter to Attorney General Sessions, CBC Chairman Richmond says Georgia is just a tip of the iceberg for voter suppression antics going on around the country.

“The current state of election integrity across the nation is in a tenuous position thanks to your intentionally lax approach to enforcement of voting rights laws. Bad actors in governments in various states have

been deliberately compromising fair elections with impunity,” Richmond wrote.

The NAACP’s Johnson says the organization will continue to monitor Georgia closely after a major win against voter suppression in the state just two months ago. In August the NAACP Georgia State Conference successfully fought against the closing of 7 of 9 polls in the nearly all black area of Randolph County.

The Associated Press has reported that Kemp has “cancelled over 1.4 million voter registrations since 2012. Nearly 670,000 registrations were cancelled in 2017 alone.”

Says Johnson, “We are closely monitoring this situation with our Georgia State Conference President Phyllis Blake and demanding a complete investigation and full transparency prior to the election.”

# Forest Hill High School band story update



Forest Hill High School



Jones

### Mississippi Link Newswire

There’s been so much talk this week about the band performance given by Forest Hill High School, last Friday, in Brookhaven.

*The Mississippi Link* has been following this story and our editor scored the only interview with the band director.


Several new developments happened as we were going to press Wednesday, and the staff here at *The Mississippi Link* made the decision to hold the story from this week’s publication out of respect to band director Demetri Jones and all students involved.

Jones, who has the best interest of all scholars, wants to ensure that no student will miss an opportunity to perform, be denied higher educational pursuits or placed in a negative light by anyone.

The students are looking for answers.

This is a story that *The Mississippi Link* is all over and had every intention of bringing the latest developments to our readers this week.

Stay tuned as we follow this story until the end. New developments will be shared next week.




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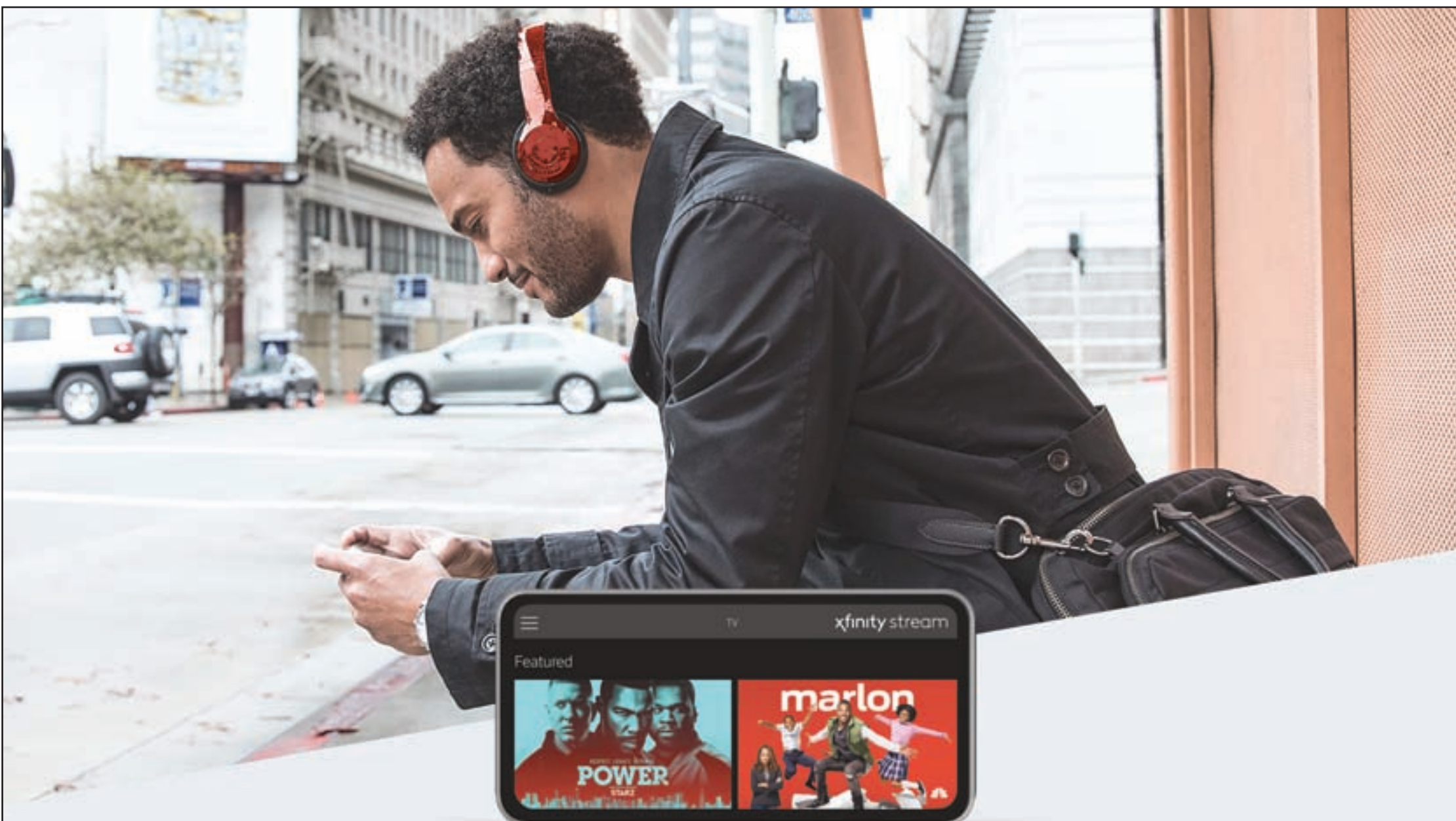
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# Chastain wins Middle School Volleyball Championship



Middle School Volleyball Championship winners – Chastain Middle School

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Congratulations to the Chastain Lady Warriors on winning the 2018 JPS Middle School Volleyball Championship October 11 at Peebles Middle School.

The Lady Warriors defeated the Lady Hornets of Peebles by winning two straight games in the best of three championship series. Both teams finished the season 6-1.

The Lady Warriors head coach is Dina Smith. She is assisted by Domika Tolliver-Moore. Quance Guyton serves as head coach of the Lady Hornets.



Middle School Volleyball Championship Runners-Up – Peebles Middle School

# JPS schools celebrate College Spirit Day

*Mississippi Link Newswire*

Schools throughout the Jackson Public School District celebrated College Spirit Day on the last Friday in September. There were tail-gate picnics, parades, pep rallies and other activities. The idea was to cultivate the expectation of going to college among students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

The event involves the whole community. Colleges and universities send marching bands, cheer-




This Jim Hill teacher must be a proud Stanford fan.



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- Former Hinds County District Attorney
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- Former Board Member Hinds County Human Resource Agency
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# Hinds CC Phi Theta Kappa inducts new members for Fall 2018

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The Gamma Lambda Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Hinds Community College held a ceremony Oct. 12 on the Raymond Campus to induct members for the Fall 2018 semester.

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for community and junior college students. Membership in Phi Theta Kappa is extended to students who have a 3.5 cumulative grade point average or above on 12 or more transferable credit hours. There are more than 1,285 Phi Theta Kappa chapters throughout the United States and abroad.



From left, Tandy Breazeale of Philadelphia; Maresha Chandler of Liberty; Carson Stinnett of Oxford; Teluhtahkilyah Greer of Jackson; Austin Blackledge of Laurel and Joi Harrell of Magnolia



From left, Leola Jones, Hannah Storey, Kathy Hunter, Alexis Spiller, all of Vicksburg.



Shawanda S. Taylor of Hazlehurst



Front, from left: Semenyo Kouhogan of Raymond; Nadia Tompkins of Byram; Charsity Ammons of Byram; Nayaa Belay Atkins of Terry; Jamie Collins of Raymond and Caila Hankins of Byram. Back, from left: Casey Hutson of Raymond; Trevor Florence of Byram; Ashley Craft of Edwards; Noah Stevens of Utica; Lanie Bradford of Raymond and Shelby Spracklen of Raymond



Jayla Walker of Port Gibson



Front, from left: Megan Akins of Brandon; Abby Butler of Florence; Alexandria Harris of Florence and Courtney Broome of Brandon. Back, from left: Reed Jackson of Brandon; Jordan Ellis of Pearl and Maria Sills of Brandon



From left, Niaya Thompson, Dorian Coles and Alexis Washington, all of Jackson



From left, Gracie Henson and Nathan Welch, both of Clinton

## Millsaps College receives \$1 million grant for new program of the Center for Ministry

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Millsaps College has received a grant of \$1 million to establish a new ecumenical program to support clergywomen as part of the Center for Ministry based at the college.

The program is part of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Thriving in Ministry, an initiative that supports a variety of religious organizations across the nation as they create or strengthen programs that help pastors build relationships with experienced clergy who can serve as mentors and guide them through key leadership challenges in congregational ministry.

The endowment is making nearly \$70 million in grants through the Thriving in Ministry initiative.

The Rev. Paige Swaim-Presley, director of the Center for Ministry, said the new program is for southern clergywomen who serve in their first solo pastor or senior pastor role and associate ministers who feel called to solo or senior pastor leadership in the future.

Clergywomen face many challenges that are particular to their dual status as pastoral leaders and women, Swaim-Presley said, and this program will connect them with mentors to educate them and their congregations about practices that strengthen their ministries and prepare them for healthy, effective long-term leadership. Program development should get under way in January, with the first peer groups beginning their work together in fall 2019.

"I believe that this work will be transformative not only for the clergywomen themselves, but also for their families, their congregations, their future ministries and the ongoing mission of the Center for Ministry at Millsaps College," Swaim-Presley said. "The new program embodies the Center for Ministry's mission of 'developing Christian leaders through lifelong learning,' and builds on its record of cultivating clergy excellence through continuing education, peer groups, and spiritual formation."

The Rev. Joey Shelton, chaplain and director of church relations at Millsaps, said the program would equip clergywomen to navigate their unique opportunities and challenges.

"In our geographic region there are significant numbers of congregations, within and beyond Methodism, resistant to receiving female clergy leadership," he said. "The Lilly Endowment recognizes the enormous long-term benefits this grant presents. The Center for Ministry is a one-of-a-kind entity in its relationship with Millsaps College and the Mississippi Conference of The United Methodist Church. As such, the center is well suited to bring together a large ecumenical audience of diverse clergywomen who will join God's transformation of the church and the world. This is energizing news."

Robert W. Pearigen, president of Millsaps College, said the college is grateful to the Lilly Endowment for its grant that will fund this new program.

"The Center for Ministry plays an integral part in the college's relationship with

the Mississippi Conference of The United Methodist Church, and I look forward to seeing this relationship grow even stronger through the important work that will happen because of this grant," he said.

The Center for Ministry is one of 78 organizations located in 29 states that is taking part in the initiative. The organizations reflect diverse Christian traditions: mainline and evangelical Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox.

Thriving in Ministry is part of Lilly Endowment's grantmaking to strengthen pastoral leadership in Christian congregations in the United States. This has been a grantmaking priority at Lilly Endowment for nearly 25 years.

"Leading a congregation today is multi-faceted and exceptionally demanding," said Christopher L. Coble, Lilly Endowment's vice president for Religion. "When pastors have opportunities to build meaningful relationships with experienced colleagues, they are able to negotiate the challenges of ministry and their leadership thrives. These promising programs, including Millsaps College and the Center for Ministry, will help pastors develop these kinds of relationships, especially when they are in the midst of significant professional transitions."

The Center for Ministry is a central component of church relations at Millsaps College and is a joint venture of the College and the Mississippi Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. Center for Ministry programs include Journey Partners, developed for clergy and laypersons of all denominations to provide training in spiritual direction within a rich Christian context. Completion of this study of classic and contemporary spiritual writings and experiential learning fulfills the Major Experience requirement for Millsaps students to graduate.

Other programs offered by the center include continuing education for United Methodist Clergy and the Mississippi Course of Study, an extension campus of the Course of Study at Emory University dedicated to the formation of part-time United Methodist pastors. The center is in the process of developing a Youth Theological Academy at Millsaps College.

Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by three members of the Lilly family – J.K. Lilly Sr. and sons Eli and J.K. Jr. – through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly & Company. While those gifts remain the financial bedrock of the endowment, the endowment is a separate entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff and location.

In keeping with the founders' wishes, the endowment supports the causes of community development, education and religion.

The endowment maintains a special commitment to its hometown, Indianapolis and its home state Indiana.

Its grantmaking in religion focuses on supporting efforts to strengthen the leadership and vitality of Christian congregations throughout the country and to increase the public's understanding of the role of religion in public life.



# JSU's first lady creates food pantry to address campus hunger

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

"Food insecurity is prevalent on college campuses in the United States and abroad. The Washington Post states that 36 percent of students don't have enough to eat – 36 percent," said Jackson State University's first lady Deborah Bynum to an audience at a ribbon-cutting ceremony recently for her Tiger Food Pantry initiative.

Housed inside the university's Campbell Suites North, the food pantry is the last of three initiatives – Tiger Career Closet and Tiger Recycling Program – that Bynum has implemented or expanded. Through a series of university and community partnerships, she was finally able to bring her idea to maturation.

"Although many of our students receive financial aid, it is sometimes not enough," she continued. "Today, we have students with higher unmet needs. And the mission of the Tiger Food Pantry is to provide supplemental food assistance to JSU students at no cost."

In the past, Bynum has shared her thoughts on starting a food pantry. However, the idea was further nurtured due to her being awakened at night by the sounds of the school's marching band, the Sonic Boom of the South. The first lady explained that she realized the cafeteria was closed and some students more than likely had no funds for meals outside their meal plans once their extra-curricular activities had ended.

She also said that, in addition to alleviating hunger within the university's student community, the pantry also aims to decrease the impact that food insecurity has on students' academic prosperity.

"We have labored hard to ensure that our students have the tools they need to be successful while they matriculate here at Jackson State University," she said.

Senior biology major Khaylan Foy said giving students access to toiletries and food at no cost is a great idea, and he was glad to be a part of the opening ceremony for a worthy cause.

"Anytime we can invest in the holistic success of our students it is a joyful day," sai Kimberly Hilliard, executive director of JSU's Office of Community Engagement. She explained that more non-traditional students are returning to school and are working two or more jobs to meet their living expenses.

"So, if we can provide them a healthy alternative to alleviate some challenges then we are here to assist them with that," she added.

Before Bynum cut the enormous blue ribbon fastened across the pantry's service window, her husband, JSU President William B. Bynum Jr., shared this joy and excitement at what his wife had accomplished.

"I am so thankful for the first lady's vision and her ability to determine the needs of some of our students," he said.

Aside from the couple's years in higher education, the president said having six children has given him and his wife an in-depth look into the fundamentals that college kids require.

"There is an assumption that college students are well off, but that is often not the case, Bynum said. He added that students, like most people, "are often surviving on a month-to-month basis."



Deborah Bynum at opening of food pantry. PHOTOS BY ARON SMITH/UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS



The Tiger Food Pantry offers students free toiletries and food.



Sandra Shelson, Langston Moore, JSU First Lady Deborah Bynum and JSU President William B. Bynum Jr.

After reiterating the importance of the pantry and his wife's other initiatives, the president's remarks grew more sentimental. He revealed his gratitude for having an "awesome helpmate" in Deborah Bynum.

He further expressed that it is significant for students to witness a husband and wife team leading and working together not only for the betterment of Jackson State but also on behalf of the student body.

"Now, we just need to make sure people fill up this food pantry," he charged.

With a mission to change the culture of health in the state, The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi, a 20-year nonprofit organization, was one of several collaborators at the event.

Executive Director Sandra Shelson said, "We've been doing a lot of work around increas-

ing nutrition and physical activity and found that there was a real need for access to healthy foods. The more work we did with that, we found there was a real problem with campus hunger."

Shelson further explained that Mississippi has a large population of children on free and reduced lunch in the public school system.

"That doesn't go away just because they graduate from high school, a lot of these kids may still live at home. Again, there is no free or reduced lunch when you're in college," she said. She then pointed out that hunger impedes kids trying to better themselves and get an education.

Langston Moore, communications and community engagement director for the nonprofit, said he recently read that "hunger happens between a bag of

chips," and the words resonated with him.

"If you really think about that, when a child eats a bag of chips it only fills a need for a small period of time," he said. "If they do not have access to the cafeteria or have disposable income, they're going to be hungry until they find a bag of chips somewhere."

Shelson and Moore are working to debunk the myth that because a person is in college that naturally means they have economic stability or access to means.

"That's not true in Mississippi. That's not true in Jackson. It's not true around the country. That's what we're finding," said Moore. "People are just starting to open their eyes to this, and we're so excited to be a partner with Jackson State in addressing this issue."

Bynum took a pair of gigantic scissors and sliced through the blue ribbon, signaling the pantry is open for business. Attendees lined up to view the quaint kitchenette complete with a stove, microwave and refrigerator. Cabinets are already stocked with items such as peanut butter, microwavable macaroni and cheese, pop tarts and cereal. There is also a storage area that houses shelves of food and hygiene products.

"We have to go where the students are," said Tammy Timbers, executive director of JSU Housing, when asked how the food pantry came to be located in the lobby of the Campbell College North residence suites.

She shared that campus residents may be ashamed to ask for extra supplements. However, having the pantry in a familiar environment with resident directors students engage with on a daily basis makes the process more comfortable. For anonymity, requestors will also be required to provide only their J-number.

For those looking to donate, Timbers suggests that people contribute healthy, microwavable and non-perishable options.

"This is an awesome initiative, and it falls in line with the president's pillar – student centeredness," Timbers said.

To make donations or request food assistance, email Timbers at [tammy.m.timbers@jsums.edu](mailto:tammy.m.timbers@jsums.edu) or Campbell North Hall director Sean Wallace at [sean.a.wallace@jsums.edu](mailto:sean.a.wallace@jsums.edu).

## President's Inauguration Celebration Dinner reels in nearly \$305,000 for scholarships



JSU's Division of Institutional Advancement presented President William B. Bynum Jr. with a check that far exceeded expectations. Bynum is pictured with inauguration committee members: Constance Lawson, co-chair; David Howard, co-chair; Veronica Cohen, chair; Maxine Greenleaf, co-chair; and Carol Woodson, co-chair. PHOTO BY CHARLES A. SMITH/JSU

*Jackson State University*

Jackson State University will provide nearly \$305,000 in student scholarships thanks to donors who supported President William B. Bynum Jr.'s Inauguration Celebration Dinner that featured renowned gospel artist Marvin Sapp October 11.

The event in the Jackson Convention Complex followed an investiture earlier in the day. That ceremony officially installed Bynum as JSU's 11th president.

Bynum graciously accepted the check presented by inaugural chair Veronica Cohen, vice president of Institutional Advancement and External Affairs. The president also offered gratitude to dozens of donors, saying, "Because of your support we're going to be able to change a lot of lives at Jackson State."

Bynum illustrated the importance of their benevolence.

"For most of our students, the difference between being enrolled and not enrolled is usually only about \$500 to \$1,000. ... To a lot of our families that might as well be \$10,000 or \$15,000 because it's that impossible," said Bynum, who said he came from a family that struggled similarly.

He reminded the audience that he was born and raised in the projects of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. He and seven siblings were raised by a single mother.

Despite people's tribulations, Bynum – a two-time president – suggested that the campus community "go back to the future." He used the oxymoron to hammer his message about restoring JSU to its fundamental foundation as an institution "built on God Almighty."

He reflected on the problems faced by students, and urged the campus to treat them right, put them first and "let them know that they don't have to check God at the gate."

Bynum added, "God is that important. He is the foundation, and he is the way that we're going to achieve great things in life. So, I want to see this campus on fire for God Almighty," whom he credits for making mankind "nicer" and "more respectable."

Furthermore, Bynum said, "It is our duty and responsibility to breathe life into students and make sure they achieve everything they desire and make sure they receive a return on their investment."

Addressing sponsors, he presented a litany of accomplishments by the university, which he described as "truly one of the treasures of higher education." Among JSU's attributes:

- One of the largest and highest-ranked HBCUs in this country
- Designated as Mississippi's public urban research university
- Carnegie classification as a higher-research institution, offering bachelor's, master's, specialist's degrees and 14 doctoral degree programs
- The No. 3 university in the country in bestowing doctoral degrees on African-Americans
- A successful executive Ph.D. program that has produced six current sitting HBCU presidents
- Honda Campus All-Star National Champions
- Home to four NFL Hall of Famers: Lem Barney, Robert Brazile, Walter Payton and Jackie Slater
- Home to the greatest band, the Sonic Boom of the South.

Despite all these accomplishments and accolades, Bynum stressed that his biggest mission is to make sure that "every son and daughter at Jackson State is treated the way that I want my son and daughter to be treated."

Inauguration co-chairs were Maxine Greenleaf, David Howard, Constance Lawson and Carol Woodson.



Sapp performing at inauguration.



# FILM REVIEW: THE HATE U GIVE

## AMANDLA STENBERG STARS IN ADAPTATION OF SEARING, INNER CITY SAGA



By Kam Williams  
*Columnist*

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter (Amandla Stenberg) straddles two different worlds which never intersect, one, black and poor, the other, white and privileged. That’s because she lives in the ghetto in Garden Heights, but her parents (Regina Hall and Russell Hornsby) have sent her to Williamson, an exclusive prep school located on the other side of the tracks.

gives her a better chance of making it out of the ‘hood than the local public high school which is only good for girls who want to get “high, pregnant or killed.” Consequently, Starr uses slang when hanging out with her friends on the block, although she always talks properly around her classmates.

Having different personas isn’t a problem until the night she accepts a ride home from a party from Khalil (Algee Smith), a close childhood friend she’d lost

touch with. While obeying all the rules of the road , they’re inexplicably pulled over by the police, ostensibly for “driving while black.”

Starr quietly complies with the condescending cop’s (Drew Starkey) every order, since she and her siblings had been carefully trained by her father how to survive such an encounter. However, Khalil opts to challenge the officer and is shot dead in seconds when his hair brush is mistaken for a gun.

Within days, Starr finds herself suddenly being swept up into the eye of a media storm as the only eyewitness to the killing of an unarmed black kid by a white lawman. The community calls for justice, but the only hope of Officer MacIntosh’s even being arrested is if Starr testifies before the grand jury.

That is the compelling point of departure of The Hate U Give, a searing, inner city saga directed by George Tillman Jr. (Notorious). The movie is based on An-

gie Thomas’ award-winning novel of the same name which spent 50 weeks on the New York Times’ Young Adult best seller list.

The heartbreaking bildungsroman features a top-flight cast, starting with Amandla Stenberg who is riveting from beginning to end as the terribly-conflicted Starr Carter. Also delivering powerful performances are Russell Hornsby, Regina Hall, Anthony Mackie and Common in service of a timely story certain to resonate with African-American au-

diences.

A grim reminder of just how tough it is to be young, marginalized and black in a merciless environment oblivious of your plight.

Excellent (4 stars)

Rated PG-13 for violence, profanity, drug use and mature themes

Running time: 132 minutes

Production Studio: Temple Hill Entertainment / Fox 2000 Pictures / State Street Pictures

Studio: 29th Century Fox

# Kam’s Kapsules | Weekly previews that make choosing a film fun

By Kam Williams  
*Columnist*

For movies opening October 19, 2018

**Wide Releases**

**Halloween** (R for graphic violence, bloody images, nudity, profanity and brief drug use) 11th installment in the horror franchise finds Laurie Strode (Jamie Lee Curtis) bracing for her final confrontation with Michael Meyers (Nick Castle), the masked serial killer who has haunted her for the past 40 years. With Judy Greer, Will Patton and Andi Matichak.

**Independent & Foreign Films**

**The Advocates** (Unrated) Skid Row documentary chronicling the tireless efforts of the social workers attending to the needs of L.A.’s homeless.

**American Deep State** (Unrated) Political expose’ uncovering the clandestine network of government bureaucracies and espionage agencies controlling U.S. policy. Featuring commentary by James Comey, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Joe Biden, Jeff Flake and Trey Gowdy.

**Can You Ever Forgive Me?**

(R for profanity, sexual references and drug use) Adaptation of author-turned-crook Lee Israel’s (Melissa McCarthy) memoir of the same name in which she confesses to selling forged celebrity autographs and letters. With Richard E. Grant, Jane Curtin and Ben Falcone (Melissa’s husband).

**The Guilty** (Unrated) Suspense thriller, set in Copenhagen, about an emergency dispatcher (Jakob Cedergren) who gets more than he bargained for when he tries to search for a female caller claiming to be a kid-

nap victim. Cast includes Jessica Dinnage, Omar Shargawi and Johan Olsen. (In Danish with subtitles)

**Horn from the Heart: The Paul Butterfield Story** (Unrated) Reverential retrospective recapping the career of the legendary bluesman. Featuring archival footage plus commentary by Elvin Bishop, Buzzy Feiten and Anton Fig.

**Mid90s** (Unrated) Coming-of-age dramedy set in L.A. in the nineties and revolving around a rudderless 13 year-old (Sunny Suljic) from a dysfunctional fam-

ily who finds himself befriended by a motley crew of skateboarders. Written and directed by Jonah Hill, and featuring Lucas Hedges, Na-kel Smith and Olan Prenatt.

**On Her Shoulders** (Unrated) Heartbreaking biopic recounting the unspeakable ordeal of Nadia Murad, a 23 year-old Yazidi enslaved and raped by ISIS. Featuring commentary by Amal Clooney. (In English and Arabic with subtitles)

**The Price of Everything** (Unrated) Modern renaissance documentary examining the sky-

rocketing prices of contemporary art. Featuring commentary by George Condo, Jeff Koons and Larry Poons.

**What They Had** (R for profanity and a sexual reference) Holiday drama, set in Chicago, about concerned siblings (Michael Shannon and Hilary Swank) who return home to pressure their father (Robert Forster) to put their Alzheimer’s-afflicted mom (Blythe Danner) in a nursing care facility after she disappears during a blizzard on Christmas Eve. With Josh Lucas, Taissa Farmiga and Sarah Sutherland.

**Sudoku**  
The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

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**Cryptogram**

A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.

Hint: Quote by Burt Reynolds

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## Amidst community hopes and rears, Dayton races to prepare for Census 2020

By Khalil Abdullah  
TriceEdneyWire.com

The city that gave America and the world aviation pioneers Orville and Wilbur Wright and their friend, poet Paul Lawrence Dunbar, is still ahead of the curve. Aware of a steep price to be paid if it can't up its game, Dayton's new Dayton-Montgomery County Complete Count Committee is the first organization in the state dedicated to ensuring its people are fully counted in the 2020 census.

At stake is securing hundreds of millions of dollars in annual federal support over the next decade if its population makes its presence known. Especially at risk for lost funds in Dayton – and across the U. S. – are racial minority populations, often hard to count.

By Census Bureau standards, nearly every census tract in Dayton rates “Hard to Count,” said Tony Kroeger, acting planning manager for the City of Dayton. In the new light-filled Dayton Metro Library, he spoke at a recent census community organizing event co-hosted by the Washington, D.C.-based Leadership Education Fund and the Children's Defense Fund-Dayton, in partnership with Ethnic Media Services.

“Virtually everything we do comes down to the census,” Kroeger emphasized, as census data is a key factor in federal and state funding allocations, city project planning and decision-making at both the neighborhood and private sector business levels.

Fred Strahorn, minority leader in Ohio's Republican-controlled House, was the keynote speaker, following a slate of stakeholders and community presenters.

Dayton city officials have been told they've “set the bar” for innovative and pragmatic use of census data, Kroeger said, but gathering the most up-to-date data in the 2020 census poses new and difficult challenges on top of the city's stubbornly “Hard to Count” tracts.

For instance, Dayton's immigrant community has new cause to be wary of filling out the 2020 census form: the possible inclusion of a question on their household's citizenship status. Lawsuits opposing Commerce Department plans to ask this



question are winding their way through the courts.

But meanwhile, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids targeting undocumented workers in other parts of Ohio are stoking fears that such information could be used for deportation or internment.

And in African-American communities, there is skepticism that their neighborhoods will ever see the programs and services linked to census data.

Business owner Tommy Owens predicted that low-income community residents will be asking, “What are we getting out of this? It seems like we're living within the same economic status as 2010. Our roads aren't being paved; we don't have great education systems. We haven't seen any upkeep.”

As with immigrant communities, Owens said, the key question will be: “Why should we trust these folks?”

With its complete count committee, Dayton's on a full-throttle mission to ramp up participation in the 2020 census, still two years away but already mired in controversy.

Committee chair Nikol Miller said its task is to address community concerns and “localize” issues to bring home the pros, cons and ultimate impact of decisions to fill out or ignore census forms.

Miller worked extensively on the 2010 census when she lived in the Chicago region. Now, as a community outreach manager for the Greater Dayton RTA (Regional Transportation Authority), she embraced the opportunity to put that experience to use in her hometown.

She's joined on the committee by city, county and state administrators, elected officials, religious leaders and representa-

tives from community organizations serving ethnically diverse constituencies and neighborhoods.

There's no dearth of pressing issues.

“We talk about the food desert issue here in Dayton,” Miller said, for example, “and food deserts are defined by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration based on census data.”

As with so many other programs, the federal and matching state money for school breakfast and lunch programs and similar efforts for the impoverished elderly all flow from census data.

2020's census will be the first to rely on online responses. Miller warned of trouble ahead given a lack of computer access in some Dayton communities.

“We have an aging senior population who may not be as comfortable completing the questions online, and then we also have the digital divide,” she said.

Eugenia Kirenga, a Rwandan immigrant, founder of the nonprofit Greater Dayton African Coalition and immigrant resource specialist for Dayton's Human Relations Council, testified that many African immigrants struggle with English. Beyond that, their elderly, as in other communities, will have difficulty filling out forms online.

Stakeholders present from the Latino community voiced similar concerns.

For computer access and training help, churches and public libraries or Sinclair Community College were nominated as institutions that have the trust of their communities.

LaGloria Wheatfall of the Leadership Conference Education Fund also brought up the issue of cyber security but added

that the “insufficient and frequently late annual funding” for census planning this decade as yet another challenge that could jeopardize obtaining an accurate count.

Gabriela Pickett, founder of the Lynda A. Cohen Center for the Study of Child Development and a member of Dayton's Human Relations Council Board, immigrated to Texas from Mexico before moving to Dayton in 2001.

Ensuring accurate and complete census data is important, she emphasized, because it brings resources to the school system for bi-lingual education and remedial assistance for students who may otherwise flounder emotionally or academically. To lose such programs, she said, “makes parents doubt how immigrant-friendly our city really is.”

Ashon McKenzie, policy director, Children's Defense Fund-Dayton, reminded the audience of the census' most-overlooked population segment – children still too young for school.

“In 2010, young children – that's age four and below – were the largest underrepresented group in that census.” He added that “the undercount of young children has been getting worse.”

He also spoke of nontraditional family arrangements that may be harder for the census to enumerate, and cited the opioid epidemic as contributing to the increase of non-nuclear family groupings. As a result, surrogate caretakers, McKenzie said, may forget or decide not to include those children as members of their households on their census forms

However, Owens noted, “for African Americans, non-traditional is actually traditional. Grandparents are raising kids; brothers and sisters are raising kids, it's not non-traditional for us.”

Even within “traditional” communities, other challenges arise. Eldar Adam Muradov, the primary point of contact between the Osman Gazi Mosque in North Dayton and its 600 to 700 Turkish families, said many are beginning to move to other parts of the city. As a consequence, Muradov said “it is very hard to reach out to everyone.”

## AARP's 'Be the Difference. Vote.' stresses the importance of voting in this year's midterms



Launched in May, the “Be the Difference. Vote.” campaign relies on studies that show voters 50 and older are the most reliable. PHOTO: AARP

By Stacy M. Brown  
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Next month's fast-approaching midterm elections count as one of the most consequential in a lifetime, according to political scholar Norman Ornstein.

The folks at AARP “wholeheartedly concur,” and not just in word, but also by actions.

The organization, which was founded in 1958 on the principles of promoting independence, dignity and purpose for older adults, has launched a campaign titled, “Be the Difference. Vote.”

AARP doesn't endorse candidates or parties, they focus instead on policy that affects older adults.

“Be the Difference. Vote.” is a non-partisan campaign whose goal is mobilizing African-American voters – and all voters 50 and older – to exercise their power and vote,” says Edna Kane-Williams, the senior vice president of Multicultural Leadership at AARP. “Critical issues like Medicare, Social Security, prescription drugs and family caregiving are on the line and older voters need to show up and protect what they've earned.”

Launched in May, the “Be the Difference. Vote.” campaign relies on studies that show voters 50 and older are the most reliable.

The multifaceted campaign seeks to encourage the largest possible turnout of older voters to the polls during the midterm election, Nov. 6. This election places issues like Medicare, Social Security, financial security and caregiving – topics of particular interest to older voters – front and center.

Kane-Williams referenced U.S. Census statistics that reveal that only 57 percent of all U.S. citizens between ages 25 and 44 voted in the 2012 general election, compared to 68 percent of those between 45 and 64. Among African Americans, 65 percent of individuals between 25 and 44 voted, compared to 72 percent who were between the ages of 45 and 64.

African Americans will be a deciding voting bloc in key races across the country, especially in Pennsylvania, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia and other swing states, according to multiple political experts. However, forecasters also predict potential black voter dropout, a serious issue.

In 2016, the black voter turnout rate declined for the first time in 20 years in a presidential election, falling to 59.6 percent after reaching a record high of 66.6 percent in 2012, according to the Pew Research Center.

“We are at a moment in which important decisions need to be made on matters key to the lives of older Americans,” AARP editors noted in the October 2018 AARP Bulletin.

“Some are obvious, like the future funding and structure of Medicare and our health care system,” the editors wrote. “At

the same time, many states are grappling with issues related to worker discrimination, retirement savings, underfunded pensions, Medicaid, caregiving and more. Those we put into office could shape the resolutions of these issues for decades to come.”

In a colorful graphic for the magazine, AARP editors outlined what's at stake, including 35 of the 100 U.S. Senate seats; all 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives; and 36 of 50 states will elect a governor.

Nearly 300 state appellate judges, including 71 state Supreme Court justices will be elected or appointed; 25 of America's largest cities will elect mayors; and 82 percent of state legislator positions, totaling 6,070 seats in 87 legislative chambers, are up for grabs.

AARP's campaign is important, and the organization listed 10 ways in which the midterm elections will affect older Americans:

- Shoring up Social Security
- Rising Drug Prices
- Medicare Funding
- Medicaid: Grow or slow it?
- The future of Health Insurance
- Bolstering Retirement Savings
- Lower Retirement Taxes
- Fixing Pension Shortfalls
- More Help for Caregivers
- Fraud Targets.

Through the “Be the Difference. Vote.” campaign, AARP has used its website as a one-stop portal for voters to get information about the election, including issue briefings, polling results and voter guides.

AARP has pledged to conduct polls of 50-plus voters across the country and in battleground states, tracking voter sentiment on key issues. Throughout the initiative, the organization has delivered information on issues and election news, and has notified members of local events, tele-town halls and candidate forums.

Candidates are pressured to address issues of vital importance to older Americans in campaign speeches, literature and advertising messages, based upon the input received from AARP tracking polls and member communications.

AARP has also applied advanced data analytics to target turnout of 50-plus voters in major races across the country, while reaching out to African-American and Latino voters – especially in races where they represent a key or deciding voting bloc.

“AARP encourages all voters, regardless of their ages, to take part in the ‘Be the Difference. Vote.’ campaign by signing AARP's pledge to vote, using the voting tool to ensure they have the information they need to vote, and learning where the candidates stand on issues that matter to them and their families,” Kane-Williams said.

Voters can sign the pledge and get more information at [aarp.org/vote](http://aarp.org/vote).

## Man convicted of firing shotgun at black teenager seeking directions to school

By Frederick H. Lowe  
TriceEdneyWire.com

A white man who fired two shots from a shotgun at a fleeing black teenage boy who knocked on the man's front door seeking directions to school after getting lost, was found guilty Friday of assault with an attempt to do great harm.

The jury also found Jeffrey Ziegler, 53, of Rochester Hills, Michigan, guilty of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Ziegler stood on his front porch April 12 and shot at Brennan Walker, 14, as the teenager ran for his life. Walker knocked on the front door seeking directions to his school after missing the bus.

Ziegler's wife, Dana, saw Walker standing on the porch. She screamed, “Why are you trying to break into my house!” CCTV footage showed Walker waiting patiently on the porch for someone to respond to his knock.

Ziegler, a retired Detroit firefighter, hoisted his gun and



Ziegler

the teenager ran away. Ziegler fired two shots, but the jury ruled that he did not try to kill the boy. How they reached that conclusion is not clear.

Blacks often put their lives in jeopardy when seeking help from whites, especially some white women.

In 2013, Randall Kerrick, a Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officer, shot to death Jonathan Ferrell, a former student at Florida A&M University, who was seeking help following a one-car accident. Charlotte-Mecklenburg is in South Carolina.

Ferrell knocked on the front door of Sarah McCarthy's home. She called the police and reported that a black man was trying to burglarize her



Walker

home, which is same thing Ziegler said about Walker.

Police arrived and Kerrick shot Ferrell 10 times killing him. Kerrick fired several times as Ferrell lay on the ground. The next day police found Ferrell's car in a ditch. He was unfamiliar with the area and veered off the road.

A jury deadlocked on convicting Kerrick. He still has a badge and a gun.

This kind of treatment is not unusual.

When I first moved to Chicago, I lived in a first floor one-bedroom apartment a block from DePaul University. A white woman moved in the apartment across the hall. When she saw me, she was terrified. I could hear her repeat-

edly checking the lock. This went on for a year. She never spoke to me nor I to her.

I eventually moved. She yelled out from the safety of her window to ask if I was moving. I nodded my head but said nothing.

I walked into my apartment to pick up a few remaining items to give the movers. I heard her again unlocking and locking the door.

The judge in Ziegler's case revoked his bond and jailed him. He faces a mandatory two years behind bars for the gun conviction and up to 10 years for the assault charge. A judge will sentence Ziegler November 13.

This is Zeigler's second run-in with the law.

WDIV in Detroit reported in 2006 that Ziegler faced charges for aiming a firearm at a person “without malice.” A judge sentenced him to one year of probation.

Lisa Wright, Brennan's mother, said her son is in therapy following the near-death experience.



# Total submission to Christ

PART 1

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



The Lordship of Jesus over self, life and possessions must be acknowledged if we are to know Him as Savior and Lord. Of course, you will remember that before Paul met the risen Christ, the Apostle Paul's name was Saul. One of the costs of discipleship is the loss of your own identity. Another is the sacrifice of personal freedom.

What you must remember is that freedom in Christ is not freedom to do your own thing. It is freedom to choose Christ over the ways of the world. This is the freedom that you have, not to do what you want to and not to sin more or less every day. You are to choose Christ over the ways of the world.

Paul made it clear that to accept Christ is to change your slavery to sin and death for obedience to Jesus Christ. People today must realize that Jesus' commission to His disciples was to preach repentance and remission of sin.

We read in Luke 24:47, "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in

his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." There is no remission apart from repentance, and repentance involves the whole life.

What does repentance involve? Second Corinthians 7:10-11 says: "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. For behold this self-same thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter." You should have not only sorrow for the past, which leads to repentance, but also zeal and fervor for the future. This will affect how you live. Repentance is, therefore, the abandoning of your own selfish way to God's way in obedience and fellowship with Him.

The religious world and modern preachers are saying, "Just accept Christ and be saved." This is the appeal of the religious preachers and teachers of our day. Many people assume that it is a matter of just accepting Christ with

no strings attached. However, consider the words of Christ when He said in John 14:21-23, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him. Judas saith unto Him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest Thyself unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, 'If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.'"

Receiving Jesus requires a full surrender to the Lordship of Christ and a sincere acceptance of His commandments. This is the reason the gift of salvation, while it is offered freely in the Word of God, still comes with a high cost. Salvation cannot be earned. Salvation cannot be merited by any amount of good deeds. Even after a lifetime of diligent obedience, we are still unworthy servants. Luke 17:10 says, "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, we are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do."

The Lordship of Jesus Christ

rightly demands full surrender to His authority. When talking to people about counting the cost, seemingly all they can think about is what they will have to give up. Some say, "Well, I would have to dress differently." They are not willing to pay that price. Others say: "If I get saved, I would have to quit smoking;" or "If I get saved, I would have to quit drinking; it is going to cost me my booze" or "If I get saved, it would cost me my drug addiction." All of this is true. It would cost you those things that you know are sinful. You would have to give them up.

However, it is best to go ahead and give those things up immediately and not try to taper off. You need to sell out to God and give up sin. Get delivered now while there is time and opportunity. These addictions are real, friend. Therefore, I encourage young people (all people) not to get started down that road.

Next week: "Total Submission to Christ," Part II

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P R E S E R V E D

# Mahogany moments

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



A few years ago, a friend nicknamed me "Mahogany" because I love to wear bright colorful clothes with matching accessories. What she didn't know is that one of my favorite movies is Mahogany starring Diana Ross and Billy Dee Williams. It's a great love story but I enjoy watching Mahogany trying to figure out her life through her good and bad choices.

And like Mahogany, in the last year I've had to ask myself those insightful questions from the movie's theme song: "Do you know where you're going to?" "Do you like the things that life is showing you?" "Do you get what you're hoping for?" I'd made some changes in my life, but halfway through the changes didn't like where I was headed.

It's like when you walk into a room and forget why. Some call that a "senior moment." You had a good reason for going into the room but forgot it as soon as you entered the room. Sometimes life is like that. You decide to make some changes in your life believing that your decision is a good one. However, if things get difficult as you continue the process of change, you have "Mahogany moments" where you question everything about the change itself.

For example, questions like "Is this the right change at the right time?" came to my mind many times last year. Things in my life

were changing so quickly on so many different levels (emotionally, spiritually, physically) and they all seemed to be happening at the same time. I tried to reverse some aspects of the change (with very little luck). More than a few times, I had to ask myself, "Why exactly am I doing this?"

In looking for answers to that and other "Mahogany-moment" questions, I was led to look at Psalm 23. Psalm 23 starts with the familiar verses where David proclaims that God is his shepherd who leads and protects him. It is in verse 3 where David declares boldly "He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake." Verse 3 seems to remind us that God is leading us; in other words, he is in control of what is happening. Verse 6 says, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

Looking at these scriptures makes me think about the times that we say we trust God, but during moments of fear or doubt, we question where our faith is taking us.

However, even the most unclear paths can be paths of righteousness if we follow God's direction. And because we follow His path, God's grace (goodness and mercy) will chase after us and cover even our mistakes.

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# No matter what?

By Rev. Stephen Tillett  
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I am compelled to express my disgust at the determination of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the White House to ramrod through a Supreme Court (SCOTUS) nomination no matter what. While Brett Kavanaugh may meet some standards for a Justice, as far as

his legal training and experience, there are other factors which weigh heavily with this nomination. I am well aware that “elections have consequences,” so whomever the president is when a SCOTUS vacancy occurs has earned the right, by virtue of the votes of his/her fellow citizens, to nominate a person to fill the vacancy (unless you are President Barack Obama in the winter of 2016).

There are so many things that are being done out of order now that undermine any façade of comity or cooperation, that we find ourselves in a constant state of toxic politics. I am concerned that our democracy is being sacrificed on the altar of political expediency and ideological purity. I am especially troubled that some women would dismiss, out-of-hand, a complaint about sexual assault or harassment from other women just because it is ideologically inconvenient. While I expect, but don’t excuse, that cognitive dissonance from men in positions of power, I expect better from women. For some senators to earnestly assert their “sympathy” that Dr. Ford was assaulted, but to also claim that she has mis-remembered who assaulted her is insulting and laughable.

This is not about ideology nor the usual bloviations about “right” and “left.” This is fundamentally about human decency and respecting the claims of women about the abuses they have faced, whether there were eye witnesses to it or not (such as with the accusers of jailed comedian Bill Cosby. I’m just sayin’...) One has to wonder what the daughters and granddaughters of some US Senators think about their father/grandfather’s politically dismissive attitudes toward sexual assault.

This obsession over abortion overlooks a few realities. First, less than two percent of all the cases the SCOTUS hears will involve abortion. Second, even with the White House, both houses of Congress and a conservative majority on the SCOTUS, they will probably never end all access to legal abortion, because that would deprive some candidates of their go-to campaign issue every election season.

I know and believe that all life is precious, but not just pre-born life. Some of the same people who are obsessed to end abortion are also the people who oppose programs that would enhance the standard of living for the children once they have been born. How can one insist a child be born but then oppose AFDC and SNAP benefits, Head Start programs, health care for said children and free or affordable college or vocational education? If we made the world more child (and parent) friendly, there would likely be a lot less abortions.

Third, most of the political leadership, while manipulating the abortion issue to their own advantage are really more concerned with the other 98 to 99 percent of rulings the SCOTUS makes. And many of those rulings from a “conservative” (i.e., corporate and pro-business) court will lead to negative outcomes for most Americans, such as, rulings made asserting that corporations deserve the same rights as people.

The court makes many more rulings that damage our nation concerning the burgeoning security and police state in America, the environment, worker’s rights, voter suppression and gerrymandering and any number of other matters that affect the daily lives of many Americans.

This is about a lifetime appointment to our highest court. Irrespective of how long it may take, we have to get this right – no matter what!

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# Urban Reentry Jobs Program tapping into the full potential of formerly incarcerated community members

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*“I wasn’t informed about the long-term consequences of my conviction before or after I accepted a plea deal for seven years and eight months in 2004. It wasn’t until my release in 2012 that I learned about the hidden sentence I would experience for the rest of my life. When I was released I had a plan to succeed, but little by little my plan crumbled. I couldn’t become a welder, an auto body and paint technician or a barber. I couldn’t even scrub toilets and mop floors at the local hospital. The more I tried to contribute to my community, the more I faced barriers.” – Jay Jordan, Second Chances project director, Californians for Safety and Justice*

The part of my job I appreciate the most is getting to know the exceptional men and women who have turned their lives around – after facing seemingly insurmountable challenges – with a helping hand from the Urban League Movement.

Just last week in Chicago, I had the honor to meet two young men – one who has founded a thriving

landscaping business and another who is well on his way to a career as a commercial truck driver. These would be commendable achievements even for anyone with a reasonable clear path, but for those emerging from incarceration, they are extraordinary.

The National Urban League has been serving the formerly incarcerated for more than fifty years, only in the last few years with the support of the federal government. The Urban Reentry Jobs Program provides formerly incarcerated adults with the necessary skills and training to successfully re-enter the workforce and jobs at family-sustaining wages.

Through Adult Re-entry, a National Urban League signature program, the formerly incarcerated have an opportunity to earn industry-recognized credentials, learn employment-focused skills and form positive relationships with their communities.

Among the nearly 800 participants:

- 86 percent have earned a credential or certificate
- 95 percent did not return to prison
- 65 percent became employee.

A 35-year-old father of three, Mario emerged from prison after eight years never having held a permanent legal job. He was liv-

ing at the Salvation Army before he found his way to the Chicago Urban League. After completing the Urban Reentry Jobs Program, Mario has graduated with high honors from the welding program at Kennedy-King College.

The need for initiatives like the Urban Reentry Jobs Program could not be more critical. As many as three out of four people remain unemployed a year after their release from prison, and just 12.5 percent of employers say they will accept job applications from the formerly incarcerated.

This burden falls disproportionately on America’s people of color, who represent more than two-thirds of the incarcerated while comprising only about 24 percent of the population. African Americans are more likely than white Americans to be arrested; once arrested, they are more likely to be convicted; and once convicted, they are more likely to face stiff sentences. Black men are six times as likely to be incarcerated as white men.

No aspect of the criminal justice system has exacerbated the mass incarceration crisis more than the so-called War on Drugs, and none is more racially disparate. African Americans are no more likely to use or sell prohibited drugs than whites, but they

far more likely to be charged and sentenced to prison for identical conduct.

This crisis impacts not only the families of the incarcerated, but the nation as a whole. According to an ACLU report, the gross national product suffers an annual loss of \$80 billion a year due to employment discrimination against the formerly incarcerated. Not to mention the costs to local and state governments caused by recidivism: if states could lower recidivism rates by just 10 percent, they could save an average of \$635 million annually, according to Pew Research Center.

Millions of people leave prison to re-enter their communities each year. The Urban League Movement is committed to removing barriers to their full participation and helping every American to achieve his or her full potential.

As civil rights attorney Michelle Alexander wrote in her seminal work, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, “Martin Luther King Jr. called for us to be lovestruck with each other, not colorblind toward each other. To be lovestruck is to care, to have deep compassion and to be concerned for each and every individual, including the poor and vulnerable.”

# I’m about to have me a Kavanaugh!

By Julianne Malveaux  
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I’m mad. So mad that I can spit. Throw stuff. Holla. Make some noise. What is a righteous woman to do? I’m about

to throw me a Kavanaugh.

Brett Kavanaugh may have made it to the Supreme Court, but he also needs to make it to ignominy. In other words, he needs to go down in disgrace, not because he was accused of sexual assault, not because Senate Democrats never got his work product they asked for from the Bush Administration, not because there is some evidence that he perjured himself when he testified to the Senate during his hearing. Kavanaugh needs to go down in disgrace because he is an intemperate, rude, sexist who managed to maneuver himself onto the Supreme Court because his sponsor, the genital-grabbing President of the United States, stood by him.

Few have seen such a disgraceful performance as Kavanaugh’s 45-minute diatribe before the Senate Judiciary Committee. More than two thousand law professors said his demeanor was so objectionable that he was unqualified for the court. The for-

mer dean of the Yale Law School called his presence on the court “a national disaster.” He was confirmed by the narrowest of margins and is poised to move the court to the right, imperiling all kinds of human rights, including voting rights, a woman’s right to choose and other rights.

For his outburst and his ignorance, he deserves to go down in history, not as a Supreme Court Justice but as a singular example of white male rage and privilege. So let’s make Kavanaugh a noun, verb and adjective of disgrace. As a noun, it’s straightforward. It’s a synonym for hot, crazy, intemperate, loud, woman-interrupting fit. Noun. He pulled a Kavanaugh on us. That’s what we say when a fool white man loses it, gains some redness, inhales barrels of water and simply makes a spectacle of himself. As an example, didn’t Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) pull a Kavanaugh when he had an outburst during the Senate hearing?

Kavanaugh’s outburst set a standard for outrageousness. When women of color raise their voice and lose their tempers, think Serena Williams at the US Open, they are vilified with hostile and racist cartoons coming from all over the world. I’ve yet to see a Kavanaugh cartoon that

has lava coming out of his head or through his ears. I say lava, but given the line of questioning, it might well be another liquid, maybe beer. Since Kavanaugh has set a standard for outrageousness, let’s memorialize it by making him that kind of a noun.

He could also be a verb. He is just Kavenaughing for attention, we might say to the perpetrator of an outburst. Lots of Kavenaughing going on on Capitol Hill. Let’s just call it as it is. Not a fit. Not a tantrum. Not a loss of control. But a Kavanaugh.

A particular aspect of the Kavanaugh, or Kavenaughing, is interrupting, especially interrupting women. So the use of the Kavanaugh noun, verb, adjective is easily adaptable to the workplace, given the frequency with which men enjoy interrupting women. Please, don’t Kavanaugh me today, I’d like to make my point, a woman might say. Or we’ve had enough Kavenaughing for today, let’s conform to codes of civility.

Can’t you see how invoking the name of the great interrupter puts everything in perspective? To Kavanaugh is to interrupt, to disrespect, to come back with a tepid apology and to be assured that you will get away with it.

Then there is an adjective here.

An adjective is descriptive and Kavanaugh is sure-nuff a descriptive. That was a Kavanaugh fool. She threw a Kavanaugh fit. I won’t have a Kavanaugh worker in my shop. We can’t pay for Kavanaugh water consumption, we’re on a budget. There was so much in that Kavanaugh performance to link to a noun, verb, pronoun that I’m sure my Kavanaugh fit hardly scratches the surface.

The 51 senators who confirmed Kavanaugh to be a Justice of the Supreme Court represent a minority (about 45 percent) of the population. That alone is ground for considering amendments to the Constitution. More importantly, while we in the majority can’t immediately impeach, but we can immediately induct him into the Hall of Shame by making him a noun, verb, adverb (and for that matter a pronoun and an exclamation point). I am about to go somewhere, holler and scream at a job interview and just have myself a nice comfy Kavanaugh!

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# Blacks get kidney disease, need dialysis three times more often than whites

By Glenn Ellis  
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Tina Turner revealed that she underwent a kidney transplant with an organ donated by her husband.

The 78-year-old singer says in an upcoming autobiography that she has suffered from kidney disease, and by 2016 her kidneys were at “20 per cent and plunging rapidly.” Turner’s serious medical battles began in 2013. She suffered a stroke three weeks after she and Bach married. This diagnosis followed years of high blood pressure.

Turner revealed that she was so ill with kidney disease, with the thought of dialysis looming, she contemplated ending her life until her husband offered to become her organ donor.

Each year, kidney disease kills more people than breast or prostate cancer.

Kidney disease often has no symptoms in its early stages and can go undetected until it is very advanced. For this reason, kidney disease is often referred to as a “silent disease.”

Black Americans are three times more likely than white Americans to develop kidney disease and to require dialysis. Since the late 1970s, the incidence of end-stage renal disease (ESRD) has increased at a fourfold higher rate among African Americans, compared with whites.

The two most common causes of kidney disease in the black population are the same as other races: diabetes and high blood pressure, in that order. And yet, blacks are twice as likely as whites to develop diabetes and also more likely to develop kidney failure from high blood pressure and diabetes than any other racial group.

About 30 percent of people with diabetes will go on to develop kidney failure, while even more may be at risk of premature death from cardiovascular disease. Eighty to ninety percent of patients with Type 2 diabetes also have hypertension, a major risk factor for diabetic kidney disease.

African Americans account for 67 percent of prevalent dialysis patients, but only 39 percent of the prevalent transplant population. Many African Americans already know they have diabetes or high blood pressure, but are not aware they may also have kidney disease. They are shocked to be diagnosed with kidney failure and then immediately begin dialysis. Even though their kidney disease progressed over time to kidney failure, it’s as if it happened suddenly.

More than 661,000 Americans have kidney failure; of these, 468,000 individuals are on dialysis, and roughly 193,000 live with a functioning kidney transplant.

Once the kidney function drops to a certain level, dialysis becomes necessary. Dialysis helps the body by performing the functions of failed kidneys. The kidney has many roles. An essential job of the kidney is to regulate the body’s fluid balance. It does this by adjusting the amount of urine that is excreted daily.

There are over 6,000 dialysis centers in the United States, with at least 92 percent of them located in free standing locations throughout most com-

munities. Dialysis treatments usually last three to five hours, and the treatment is typically needed three times per week.

Not all kidney disorders are permanent. Dialysis can temporarily serve the same function as kidneys until your own kidneys repair themselves and begin to work on their own again. However, in chronic kidney disease, the kidneys rarely get better. You must go on dialysis permanently or until a kidney transplant becomes an option if you have this condition.

Here are three steps that you can take to prevent kidney disease and to detect it early in order to slow the progression to kidney failure:

- Ask your family for information. Talk to your parents, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles about whether anyone in your family has high blood pressure, diabetes or kidney disease. Ask if anyone has had a kidney transplant or been on dialysis. Family history is one of the most important risk factors for kidney disease.

- Get tested. If you have high blood pressure or diabetes, a family history of kidney failure or are over age 60, you should be tested. There are two simple kidney tests that should be done annually. Ask your healthcare provider for a blood test to calculate how well your kidneys are filtering wastes from the blood. Also, request that your healthcare provider checks for protein in the urine, one of the earliest signs of kidney damage. Together, these provide an assessment of your overall kidney health.

- Adopt a healthy lifestyle. If you have risk factors for kidney disease or are living with kidney disease, you can protect your kidneys and preserve your kidney health by following a healthy lifestyle. The DASH diet has been shown to have the greatest effect on blood pressure in the African-American population. Increase your physical activity to incorporate an extra 150 minutes of physical activity per week. Don’t smoke. Avoid alcohol to excess and steer clear of street drugs.

One-half of the increased risk of Kidney Failure among African-American adults can be eliminated just by modifying the risk factors.

As the saying goes, an ounce of prevention truly is worth a pound of cure. When it comes to kidney disease, awareness and prevention are critical to reducing this racial disparity.

Remember, I’m not a doctor. I just sound like one. Take good care of yourself and live the best life possible!

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# Clinical trial explores managing hypertension from home

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

The remote monitoring of Mississippi Delta diabetes patients in a nationally heralded telehealth pilot abundantly met its goals of keeping them out of the hospital and emergency room – and proved the technology could be used for patients with other chronic illnesses.

Researchers at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, through the UMMC Center for Telehealth, are embarking on a study to manage hypertension patients that has the potential to be just as far-reaching as the diabetes pilot.

“Hypertension is the leading contributor to cardiovascular disease. It’s a major problem, and highly prevalent in Mississippi,” said Dr. Donald “Trey” Clark, a cardiologist and assistant professor of medicine who is the clinical trial’s principal investigator. “With our telemedicine infrastructure, this is a great opportunity to employ remote monitoring so that we can track patients’ blood pressure at home through their electronic health records and implement a management protocol.”

The trial will evaluate the feasibility and safety of established patients with high blood pressure being monitored through caregivers in the Center for Telehealth. Dr. Dan Jones, director of clinical and population sciences at the Mississippi Center for Obesity Research, is a co-investigator in the trial. Jones also is the Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Sanderson Jr. Endowed Chair in Obesity, Metabolic Disease and Nutrition.

The trial is also supported by a pilot grant from the Mississippi Center for Clinical and Translational Research. The Department of Medicine’s Division of General Internal Medicine and Hypertension and Department of Family Medicine are collaborating.

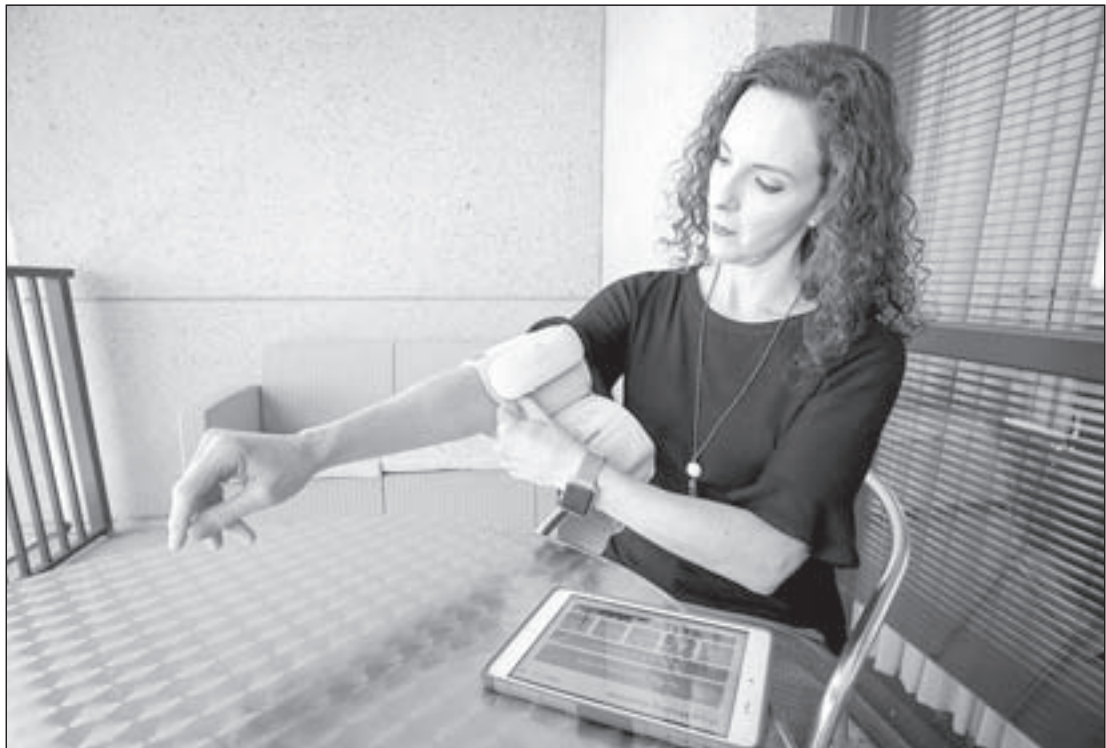
“The benefit of this trial is that it provides a structured program to not only diagnose hypertension, but to manage it according to American Heart Association guidelines,” said Michael Adcock, executive director of the Center for Telehealth.

“This augments what we are doing,” he said. “It allows us the ability not just to measure and diagnose from home, but to create a comprehensive management program for patients with hypertension.”

More than 700,000 Mississippians live with hypertension, and thousands more are at risk. The state has the fourth-highest rate of hypertension in the nation, 40.8 percent of the adult population, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says.

The way the trial will work: About 300 patients who meet specific criteria for participation will receive in the mail a kit that includes an electronic tablet equipped with a wireless blood pressure cuff that transmits measurements directly to the patient’s UMMC electronic medical record.

For six months, patients will transmit daily blood pressure readings – two measurements obtained one minute apart. They will be in regular contact with a Center for Telehealth registered nurse care coordinator who will provide education and encourage them to practice healthy lifestyle habits. Every two weeks, patients’ blood pressure medications will be adjusted by a clinical pharmacist in telehealth using a standardized, physician-approved



Tanya Tucker, R.N., an educator in the UMMC Center for Telehealth, demonstrates how patients can record their blood pressure from home.



Shirley Stasher, second from left, an R.N. care coordinator at the Center for Telehealth, gives Dr. Meredith Sloan, left, second-year resident, a demonstration on wireless blood pressure readings while Dr. Donald “Trey” Clark, right, and Julia Woods, telehealth clinical pharmacist, watch.



After putting on a blood pressure cuff, a patient can use a tablet to transmit the reading directly to his or her UMMC electronic health record.

protocol.

Clark and the research team will track and analyze data that include medication therapy and when it’s intensified; safety of the protocol; and patients’ blood pressure change from baseline. Safety metrics being tracked include self-reported adverse events such as emergency room or clinic visits that could potentially be attributed to the protocol.

The hope is that the study will produce a telemonitoring protocol for managing patients’ blood pressure more efficiently, and for better controlling it. “It’s also so that they don’t have to come to clinic as often,” Clark said. “Sometimes, it requires many clinic visits to get blood pressure under control. A lot of our patients live in rural areas, and it’s hard for them to come to a clinic.”

Clark emphasizes that remote patient monitoring is a replacement to a patient’s hypertension treatment. “The backbone of a patient getting care is that good face-to-face relationship with a primary caregiver,” he

said. “We are fortunate to have strong primary care leadership at UMMC, including Dr. Marion Wofford (Internal Medicine division director) and Dr. Shannon Pittman (chair of Family Medicine), who have been very supportive of this project.”

Clark and researchers are identifying candidates for the trial through their electronic health records, then coordinating with their primary medical team to get their permission to take part in the trial. “We can send them the kit, and actually (get their consent) for the study using audiovisual technology. That’s never been done here before,” he said.

“It’s exciting, because this allows people in rural areas to participate in studies like this,” he said. “It’s well documented that people in rural areas participate less in clinical studies. We’re taking the travel out of it so that’s not a barrier anymore.”

In 2017, the Center for Telehealth was named one of just two Telehealth Centers of Excellence by the federal Health

Resources and Services Administration. “As part of that, we’re required to do a work plan,” Adcock said. “This rolls nicely into our year one HRSA work plan, and into our cooperative agreement with HRSA to develop projects.”

Adcock said the Center for Telehealth is thrilled to work with Clark on the trial. “We could not be happier that he is excited and engaged in this project,” Adcock said. “It’s his brainchild.”

Although the study isn’t projected for completion until September 2021, “within a year, we’ll have preliminary data on the feasibility and safety of the program,” Clark said. “Can we do this? Does it work? Is it safe?”

“This particular concept of remote blood pressure monitoring and medication titration has been demonstrated in randomized trials to be effective. It just hasn’t been done in quite this way, and in a state like ours,” Clark said. “It’s proven to be beneficial, but now we’re able to do this for our population.”



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BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
JMAA PROJECT NO. 6000-007-18  
OCTOBER 10, 2018

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) will receive sealed bids at the Jackson- Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (“JAN”), Main Terminal Building, Suite 300, in the City of Jackson, Rankin County, Mississippi, until 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on November 16, 2018 (the “Bid Deadline”), for services in connection with the Solid Waste and Recycling Services, Project No. 6000-007-18, at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (the “Work”).

JMAA will publicly open and read aloud all bids at 2:05 p.m. Central Standard Time on November 16, 2018 (the “Bid Opening”), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building, Suite 300 at JAN. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to attend the Bid Opening.

The outside or exterior of each bid envelope or container of the bid must be marked with the wording: “Solid Waste and Recycling Services, JMAA PROJECT NO. 6000-007-18.” Bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids received by JMAA after the Bid Deadline will not be considered for any cause whatsoever.

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

The Information for Bidders is on file and open for public inspection at JAN at the following address:  
Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport  
100 International Drive, Suite 300  
Jackson, Mississippi 39208  
Telephone: (601) 939-5631  
Email Address: dherndon@jmaa.com

Attention: Deuntagus Herndon.  
Procurement Specialist

The contact for all questions and submittal of Bids and required forms is Mr. Deuntagus Herndon, Procurement Specialist. Mr. Herndon can be contacted at dherndon@jmaa.com or 601-360-8622.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on October 24, 2018, in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly recommended for all those interested in submitting bids as a Prime Contractor for the Work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Contractor. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Contractors and Sub-Contractors, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Bid Conference; review of the plans and specifications; and a site visit of the area covered in the scope of work. No site visits will be scheduled other than the one provided during the Pre-Bid conference.

JMAA reserves the right to amend the plans and specifications for the Work by Addendum issued before the Bid and to hold and examine bids for up to ninety (90) days before awarding the Contract.

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

JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 20% for the Work solicited by this RFB.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

DATE: October 10, 2018  
/s/ Carl D. Newman, A.A. E.

Carl D. Newman, A.A. E., Chief Executive Officer

10/18/2018

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PUBLIC NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Jackson is accepting applications for all local non-profit agencies, private organizations including Faith-based organizations, for-profit entities, and Economic Development Entities interested in performing professional services for the Blight Elimination Program, until 5:00 PM, CDT on Thursday, November 1, 2018 in the City Clerk's Office, 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS, 39201. Application packets are available in the Office of Housing and Community Development,

located at 218 S. President Street, Second Floor, Jackson, MS 39201, and on the City's website at [www.jacksonms.gov](http://www.jacksonms.gov). The application must be filled out in its entirety and all required documentation must be attached at the time of application submission. The City of Jackson reserves the right in its sole discretion, to amend, suspend, terminate, rescind, or reissue this RFQ for the Blight Elimination Program. Questions should be directed to: Valerie Tucker, 601-960-4238 or email [vtucker@cityjackson.ms.us](mailto:vtucker@cityjackson.ms.us)

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FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF JAMES HUGHES DECEASED  
NAMED HEREIN

CAUSE NO. F2018-J91 T/1

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executor upon the Estate of James Hughes, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

*Bobbie Jean Hall*  
Bobbie Jean Hall

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF Hinds

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named, Bobbie Jean Hall, Executor for the Estate of James Hughes, deceased, who having been by me first duly sworn, states that the above Notice to Creditors is true and correct as therein stated.

Given under my hand this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

*Shane Smith*  
Notary Public

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR  
JAN TERMINAL MODERNIZATION FEASIBILITY STUDY  
BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
PROJECT NO. 009-18  
OCTOBER 17, 2018

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) requests Proposals (“Proposal”) for Jan Terminal Modernization Feasibility Study as it relates to the development of a Terminal Planning Study (Terminal Plan) for Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport.

JMAA will receive Proposals at the offices of JMAA, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208, until 3:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on November 23, 2018 (the “Deadline”).

JMAA will not consider any Proposals received after the Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information for Respondents relating to this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFP, General Information for Respondents, Information Required from Respondents and Criteria for Selection. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Mr. Deuntagus Herndon, JMAA's Procurement Specialist, as follows:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority  
100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208)  
Post Office Box 98109  
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109  
Attention: Deuntagus Herndon, Procurement Specialist  
Telephone No.: (601) 360-8622  
Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713  
E-Mail: [dherndon@jmaa.com](mailto:dherndon@jmaa.com)

or from JMAA's website at <https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement/>

Based on the Proposals received, JMAA will select a maximum of three (3) Respondents with whom to enter into negotiations to provide the Services. JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent ranked first on the list. If such negotiations fail to produce an agreement in form and content, satisfactory to JMAA, within a reasonable period of time, then JMAA may reject the first-ranked Respondent and follow the same process with the other Respondents, in the order of their ranking, until a Respondent agrees to and enters into an agreement satisfactory to JMAA.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Conference at 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on October 31, 2018, in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Submission Conference is highly encouraged for all those interested in submitting Proposals as a Prime Consultant for the Services and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Consultant. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultants, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Submission Conference; and a detailed review of the scope of work. No additional conferences or meetings will be scheduled.

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

JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 20% for the Services solicited by this RFP.


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PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES  
OF THE  
JACKSON ZOOLOGICAL PARK

The City of Jackson, Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking assistance from management firms or individuals desiring to provide professional management services at a City of Jackson facility, known as Jackson Zoological Park, located at 2918 West Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Professional management firms or individuals that may be interested in contracting with the City of Jackson for such services are hereby invited to submit a response to this request in accordance with the requirements set forth herein.

Sealed Professional Management Service packets will be received by the City Clerk of Jackson, Mississippi, at 219 S. President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 or at the Post Office Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205, until 3:30 p.m., local time, November 13, 2018.

The bid advertises August 29, 2018 through November 1, 2018; however, bids will be accepted, and are to be stamped by the City Clerk, prior to the November 13, 2018, 3:30 p.m. deadline. Bid Opening Date: November 13, 2018.

This Request For Professional Management Services is also being posted on the Central Bidding website at: <https://www.centraauctionhouse.com/main.php>. You may submit your bids electronically through this provider. Packets may also be secured from the Department of Parks and Recreation, 1000 Metro Center, Suite 104, Jackson, Mississippi, 39209, telephone number (601) 960-0471.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on September 5, 2018, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., local time, in the City of Jackson Metro Conference Room, located at 1000 Metro Center, Suite 104, Jackson, MS 39209. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Professional Management Service packets shall be submitted in triplicate, sealed and deposited with the City of Jackson's City Clerk prior to the hour and date designated above. Each bidder shall write its certificate of responsibility packet on the outside of the sealed envelope containing its proposal.

The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all Professional Management Service packets and to waive any and all informalities.

Ison B. Harris, Jr., Director  
Department of Parks and Recreation

Dr. Robert Blaine, Chief Administrative  
Officer (CAO)  
Office of the Mayor

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# College Hill Pastor's Anniversary

**College Hill Baptist Church • October 14, 2018 • Jackson, MS**

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## Final service in College Hill's current sanctuary

Pastor Michael T. Williams' 8th anniversary

By Jackie Hampton  
Publisher

As the College Hill church family was celebrating the 8th year anniversary of Pastor Michael T. Williams, Sunday, Oct. 14, a sense of nostalgia was felt in the pulpit and in the pews. Everyone celebrating knew that this was the final Sunday that the College Hill family would worship in the current sanctuary. Groundbreaking for a brand new sanctuary will happen October 21.

According to Louise Marshall, long time College Hill member, this nostalgia did not take away from the pastor's anniversary celebration. She said, "the celebration was just beautiful. I am 92 years old and I know in my heart that God's love and spirit blessed the anniversary celebration." She continued, "There can never, ever be a better pastor's anniversary celebration than the one Sunday and I want to shout every time I think about it. I believe this is the best anniversary celebration I have ever experienced."

The guest minister was Rev.

Matthew L. Canada, pastor of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Madison, Miss. Bernard Bridges presided over the service. Special tributes to the pastor were given by Blake Hansberry, representing the Children's Ministry; Milalai Walden representing the Youth Ministry; Treasure Fisher representing the College Ministry and Leon Williams representing the church family.

A comedy dinner theatre was held Saturday night in the family life center where members, family and friends expressed personal tributes to Williams. Marshall Webber served as moderator. Stand-up comedian Lister Lucille, known for her quick wit and funny 'clean' comedy, was a surprise special guest.

Groundbreaking for the new sanctuary will be held Sunday, Oct. 21, at 9:30 a.m. Worship service will follow in the family life center beginning at 10 a.m.

College Hill is located at 1600 Florence Avenue in Jackson.





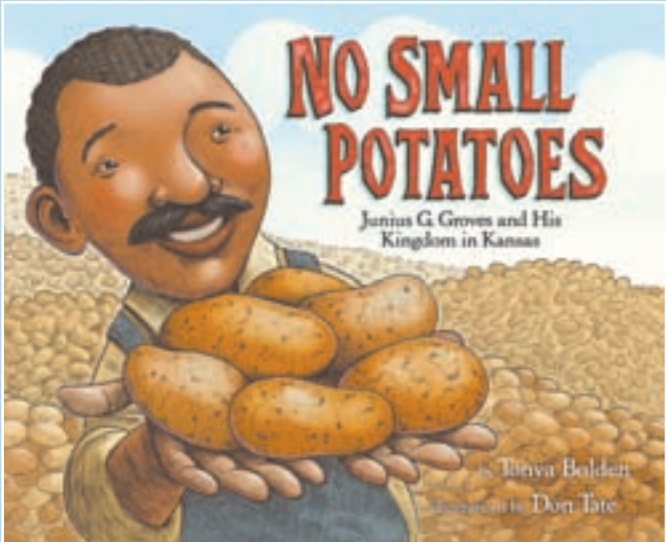
# JSU Hall of Fame Inductions

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BOOK REVIEW:  
“NO SMALL POTATOES:  
JUNIUS G. GROVES AND  
HIS KINGDOM IN KANSAS”  
BY TONYA BOLDEN, ILLUSTRATED BY DON TATE  
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
Columnist

Hard work pays off.

Your parents have said that; your teachers, too. Stop messin’, start paying attention, knuckle down, do your work, and see what happens. Hard work pays off, and in the new book “No Small Potatoes” by Tonya Bolden, illustrated by Don Tate, hard work grows an empire.

Forty cents a day.

That’s how much Junius G Groves made at his first paid job. Before that, he worked for no

pay because he was born a slave in Kentucky but as soon as “freedom came,” he headed west. He was about twenty years old then, and strong: some say he walked the whole way to Kansas, over five hundred miles. When he got to the Great Kew Valley, he landed a job for forty cents a day.

Junius G. worked hard and soon, he was making seventy-five cents a day. Then he was appointed foreman and started making a buck-twenty-five. He saved some of his money and he used the rest to rent farmland,

where he and his wife, Mathilda, planted potatoes and chopped wood for sale, so that they could save even more money.

Junius G., you see, had a big dream.

A plot of land near Edwardsville, Kansas, was for sale and Junius wanted it. Problem was, those eighty acres cost more than all the money the Groveses had. That bothered Junius G. but what could he do, except to go into debt? He moved to the land, promising that he would pay the loan off in one year – and he got

to work.

First, there was a house to build. There was a forest to clear, so he could plant more potatoes. The Groveses had children to raise by then and the kids pitched in. In a years’ time, they paid every penny they owed and you know what they did then...

By 1902, Junius G. was known as “Potato King of the World.” He sent potatoes north to Canada and south to Mexico. He grew so many potatoes that the railroad built a “hub” to him. He eventually “grew jobs,” ten

children, a community and a church.

This sounds like a wonderful little life-lesson fable, doesn’t it? A nice tale to encourage industriousness, right? Except that “No Small Potatoes” is a true story. It’s a delightful one, at that.

Author Tonya Bolden shares this hidden tale in a most unique way. Her story weaves between the words of Junius G. Groves himself, which shows his strength and ways of thinking. That determination is told as

though it’s no big deal, but kids will know better; it truly helps that the story, on Bolden’s side, is made completely relatable through words and language that a child might use, while artwork by Don Tate makes it feel comfortable.

Will you want fries with that? Maybe, because this book will also speak to young foodies who could eat spuds at every meal, as well as 4-to-8-year-olds who enjoy hidden tales. If that’s your child, finding “No Small Potatoes” will really pay off.

# Hinds County School District Weekly Update

## ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE

### Byram Middle School student to perform at the Apollo Theater



Demeira Rigsby, a 6th grader at Byram Middle School, has the opportunity of a lifetime. She is heading to New York City to perform during Amateur Night at the Apollo Theater October 24.

“A lot of the big stars like Michael Jackson and James Brown performed at the Apollo and I want to have a big career like they had,” Demeira said.

Her mother, Lameshia Rigsby, stated while Demeira’s journey in dance has created many experiences and has been a sacrifice, she is proud of her accomplishments.

Dance instructor Tiffany Jefferson said Demeira has performed in competitions all over the Southeast and has grown with every performance. “Each time she comes back, she is more mature. She is more professional. She is ready for graduation. She is ready to take on the next step,” Jefferson said.



Tiffany Jefferson, dance instructor and Demeira Rigsby, dancer



Demeira Rigsby



Demeira Rigsby



Marcus Hunter, morning anchor-WAPT; Tiffany Jefferson, dance instructor; Lameshia Rigsby, parent; Demeira Rigsby, student; Krissy Maynard, BMS dance instructor and Ben Lundy, principal

### GRE bus driver Keith Willis recognized as Bus Driver of the Month for September 2018



Curtis Washington, transportation director - Durham Services; Keith Willis, driver – GRE; and Bill Elkins, board vice president

### GRE receptionist Doris Wilson recognized as Employee of the Month for September 2018



Bill Elkins, board vice president; Doris Wilson, receptionist-GRE; and Jenetha Lampkin, principal-GRE

### THS kicked off College Application Month in a big way

At the end of September, Terry High School seniors traveled to Milsaps College where they participated in the regional college fair. Students researched their top choices and focused on their top 3 choices before visiting all colleges and military organizations represented.

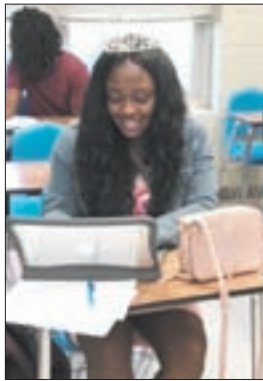
Governor Bryant recently declared October as College Application Month. During the month of October, Terry High School Senior Seminar teacher Elizabeth

Foster and the THS counseling team are challenging and assisting students in completing at least 3 college applications. The students are off to a great start. As they apply to college, students are signing up declaring the college they have applied to for all the student body and faculty. Once the acceptance letters pour in, we will proudly highlight their names on the wall. This has fueled excitement in our underclass students and fueled many conversations and

encouragement from our staff.

October 1 also signaled the opening of the FAFSA. Get2College was onsite October 11 helping students and parents complete this application for federal student aid. Counselors and Get2College will continue to work with all students.

“We are very proud of the great things going on at Terry High School” said, Stacy Michel, counselor.

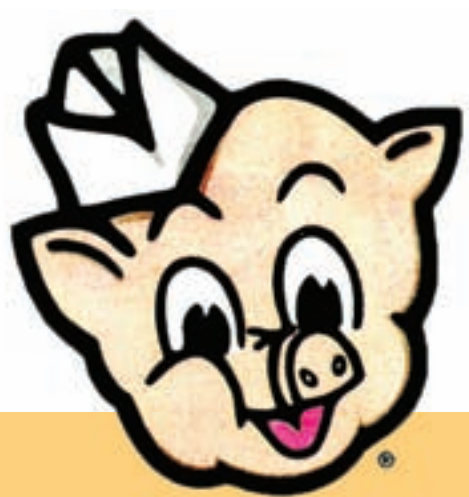


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