

CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL 2019 GRADUATES

Retirees still
on the move



The Tougaloo Strutters

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

There was singing and dancing and a lot of laughter at The Jackson Metropolitan Retired Education Personnel Association’s (JMREPA) Spring Fling held at the Golden Key Community Center May, 21. The enthusiasm displayed in the room filled with retired teachers, principals, administrative personnel seemed to shout out “we are still on the move!” Aretta Smith, coordinator of the event served as the program guide.

The icebreaker was composed of a series of groups featuring activities from the past to include group game activities. A skit written and performed by members of JMREPA depicted what they do every day still being on the move by volunteering their services, gardening and just enjoying life and having fun.

There was line dancing, featuring the Tougaloo Strutters. In their final performance, the Strutters invited the audience to

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A United States
senator in the making

Recent High School graduate has his sights set on politics

By Othor Cain
Editor

One encounter with Clay Bingham Morris and you’ll understand why this soon-to-be college freshman has his sights set on becoming a United States senator. But, just in case you’re not presented with a chance encounter or a scheduled connection, allow me to provide a brief portrait.

Morris, a 2019 graduate of St. Andrew’s Episcopal School, finished with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.2. His ACT score is 31. It should be noted that St. Andrew’s does not use any form of class rank. The total number of students in his class is 94. If I were a betting man, I would easily say based on his grades he would rank in the top one percent of his class.

Morris who is headed to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall is excited about his journey. “I’m ready for this change and to really begin to pursue my passion,” Morris said via telephone. Morris wrote an essay about how and why he made his college choice. Here is part of his essay:

“It is not uncommon for people, places and things to have history. However, it is uncommon for people places and things to be curious about and grow from their history. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill’s complicated his-



Morris

tory with race and its southern identity seems to be proof that the institution understands the importance of reconciling with past wrongs...

UNC-CH additionally presents itself as enigmatic because of its collaborative approach to relationships between its administration and its students. Many schools see

their relationship with students from the perspective that students should be grateful for the opportunities being offered and respect the limits and rules at the school for this reason solely. However, the spirit of UNC-CH’s faculty is that just as students ought to learn from the school, the school should also learn from its students, and

be heavily receptive to the ideas, perspectives and opinions (good or bad) of the students...

“The interdisciplinary connections, a part of UNC’s academic philosophy, is also highly appealing to me. Illuminating the power of intersectionality and the juncture between academic topics often separated proves to me that UNC understands the beauty of differing ideas coalescing and truly wants to nurture critical thinkers...”

Morris, not surprisingly has a full ride to college having received the Morehead-Cain Merit Scholarship. It is the first merit scholarship program established in the United States and founded at the first public university in the United States. The first to envision and implement a strategic summer enrichment program and, most recently, the first to designate a fund for discovery for each of our scholars. Established in 1945 and inspired by the Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford University, the Morehead-Cain provides an undergraduate experience without peer.

According to its Website: The Morehead-Cain provides a four-year, fully funded educational experience for students of the

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Baccalaureate, scholarships
and music director farewell

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

Baccalaureate service at College Hill was a bitter sweet celebration because as high school students, college students and others receiving advanced degrees were being recognized and scholarships were being awarded, the College Hill family was aware that this was the last Sunday that Brandon Mitchell would be serving as music director at College Hill.

Mitchell was given a farewell reception Saturday at College Hill where well-wishers congratulated him as he embarks on a totally new spiritual service career.



Clay Morris, Pastor Williams, Mary Fisher, Denise Wright

Mitchell will be travelling nationally and internationally with his ministry “Brandon

Mitchell & Singers with a Purpose.” He will also be working as director of operations for an

international ministry, which will be officially announced June 1, 2019. Until then, Mitchell

is under a confidentiality agreement regarding the announcement.



Pastor Williams with college and advanced degree recipients

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Being part of a community can mean a lot of things. For some, it's about lifting each other up when a neighbor needs a hand. For others, it's about helping the next generation succeed. And sometimes it's just about spending time with friends and colleagues. For us at Nissan, community is all of this and more. We work every day not just to build great vehicles, but to build great communities, too.

In the second quarter of 2019, our commitment to community was front and center. In April, we kicked off our 12th project with Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area. Over the course of eight weeks, our team members are building a home for Christina Wilder and her family in Canton. Also in April, volunteers from Nissan visited the middle schools in Canton as part of the Mississippi Scholars program. They encouraged 8th-grade students to pursue rigorous courses in high school so they're prepared for college, the workforce and the rest of their lives. In May, we co-sponsored the *Clarion Ledger's* Mississippi Sports Awards, celebrating some of our state's finest high school athletes. And for Mother's Day, our stamping plant team organized a luncheon to recognize our working moms for everything they do.

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Denise Griffin, who serves as secretary at College Hill, recognized each of the graduates and their accomplishments. She commended them for their many achievements and reminded them that the College Hill family will continue to expect great things from them. All of the graduates received gifts from the church family. On behalf of all the graduates, Paige Reeves, a graduate of Alabama A & M University, expressed thanks to the College Hill family for teaching, motivating and supporting them throughout their spiritual and educational journey.

This year marked the tenth year that College Hill has presented R.E. Willis Scholarship awards to high school graduating seniors. He believed in the power of education and established a library at the church while serving as pastor.

The scholarship committee and Pastor Michael T. Williams presented four scholarship awards. The recipient of the first place award in the amount of \$1,500 was given to Clay Morris, a cum laude graduate of St. Andrew’s Episcopal School. The second place award in the amount of \$1,200 was presented to KeShaun Markell Black-

mon, a Terry High School athletic standout. The third place award in the amount of \$700 was given to John Coleman Hall Jr., an honors graduate of Terry High School. A Book stipend in the amount of \$400 was awarded to Candace Mayfield, an honors graduate of Forest High School. The students were selected based on grade point average, ACT scores, participation in school, church and community activities, essays on why they chose the school they plan to attend, and letters of recommendation from school officials.

As service ended, members and friends continued to give congratulations and gifts to the graduates. They also thanked Mitchell for his outstanding service as music director. Pastor Williams said, “there will never be another Brandon Mitchell.” He stated that he had known for a long time that Mitchell would not be at College Hill very long because he would be given a higher calling to serve God.

Mitchell is well known throughout the state and beyond for his outstanding talent as a gospel singer, songwriter and musician.

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highest caliber at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. But it’s so much more than tuition and room and board. We set your potential free. We offer life-changing summer enrichment and Discovery Fund experiences. Immersion in a dynamic student body at a world-class university. And lifetime connection to an unparalleled community of Morehead-Cains scattered across the planet.

Morris is destined for greatness and is being guided by his desire to serve. “Growing up in Mississippi, I’ve long watched how things work in our state. I’ve studied the inequities in this state and I know what I’m being led to do,” Morris said. “I’m being led to serve and not sit on the sidelines...to get involved and I believe

politics is where I should be.”

Though he attended private school, Morris is well rounded and understands the struggles some students face in public schools. “I know our commonalities and I know, respect and value our differences,” he said. “We are all in this together and it is my desire to ensure that we all have a leveled playing field.

When it comes to social skills and experiences, Morris credits his high school experience for helping him navigate through what he bills as “awkward social experiences.” “I will be forever grateful to my high school and all those people that I’ve met and come to respect; they helped me grow.”

Morris’ essay will appear in next week’s edition.

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perform with them, thus proving this group of daring participants were ‘still on the move.’ Shouts of laughter and encouragement rang through from those watching.

Gwendolyn Chambliss, president of JMRPEA, presented to Rosemary Luckett, branch manager of the Fannie Lou Hamer Library, a financial contribution from its members. Chambliss said adopting the library was their project this year. She said, “we are presenting this check to the library in hopes that it can be used for

the children using the library.”

Luckett thanked the organization for the donation and said “it will be used for the children.” Luckett was also presented a print of Fannie Lou Hamer and Ida B. Wells Barnett. This gift for the library’s new display case was presented by Malena Dow. The artwork was done by local artist Gail Gettis.

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By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

May is recognized as National Drug Court month and Tuesday a ceremony was held on the second floor of the Hinds County Courthouse building at 6 p.m. where 13 people received certificates of graduation.

Drug courts work to rehabilitate drug-using offenders by the use of drug treatment, drug testing, intense supervision and court appearances.

The Honorable Winston Kidd, Circuit Judge and Drug Court Judge, was the presider of the graduation. He said how happy he was for the graduates.

Greetings and words of encouragement were brought by the Honorable Eleanor Faye Peterson. She said changing a drug habit is hard and it is an



Graduates with Clark and Kidd

awesome thing to say you’ve done it. Peterson went on to say, “Once you’ve done it, you have changed not only yourself but others for future generations.” She encouraged those who are in the program that have not yet graduated to stay with it no matter how hard it is.

Kidd said addiction is a disease that effects participants

and their families. He stated the program promotes strict guidelines which offers an alternative to incarceration and there are many success stories.

Each graduate was given the opportunity to speak of their success, most of whom first gave honor to God and their families for seeing them through. They also thanked Judge Kidd

and others affiliated with drug court for their many hours of assistance. They admitted it was very hard but were blessed to have so many working to help them make it through. Family members present were taking pictures and shouting motivational messages to the graduates after they spoke.

The Honorable Judge Green

spoke directly to the graduates. She said she remembered when drug court was just a dream. She recalled when Judge James Graves tried to piece mill a program many, many years ago, with little or no funding. She was elated to share how far the program had come. Green could see the graduates were proud of their individual accomplishments and grateful for the support they had received.

Based on their own statements, Green said the graduates sounded as if they were receiving academy awards as they made it a point to thank everyone they could think of who helped to make them successful.

The Honorable Adrienne Wooten addressed the graduates and encouraged them to make the best of their second chance.

During the graduation ceremony, Representative Alyce Clark was honored for her role in founding the Hinds County Court which began in 2000. Both Green and Wooten spoke of how significant a role Clark had played in getting legislation to support drug court.

After the awarding of certificates, refreshments were served.

Linda Bennett, a case worker for the Hinds County Circuit Drug Court said, “I think the graduation was great.” She said, “I was happy to see all four circuit court judges present at the ceremony and giving such inspirational words of encouragement.” Bennett said she was very proud that the 13 graduates had met all the qualifications for graduation.

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JPS welcomes new principals for 2019-2020



Johnson Elementary
Guyniesha Johnston
Ms. Johnston previously served as an assistant principal at Quitman County Elementary in the Quitman County School District.



Key Elementary
Elaina Tate
Ms. Tate previously served as the interventionist/test coordinator at Lester Elementary in JPS.



Lake Elementary
Steven E. Douglas
Mr. Douglas previously served as an assistant principal at Blackburn Laboratory Middle School in JPS.



Brinkley Middle
Jeffrey Mumford
Mr. Mumford previously served as the principal at Hazlehurst High School in the Hazlehurst School District.



Hardy Middle
Dr. Adrienne Lacey Griffin
Dr. Griffin previously served as an assistant director of Diverse Learners in the DeKalb County School District in Georgia.



Powell Middle
LaShunna McInnis
Ms. McInnis previously served as a Curriculum subject area supervisor in JPS.



Jim Hill High
Bobby Brown
Mr. Brown previously served as the executive director of Curriculum in JPS.

Mississippi Link Newswire

Seven new administrators will join Jackson Public Schools to serve as school principals in the 2019-2020 school year. These new administrators were introduced to the community by JPS Superintendent Errick L.

Greene at the school board meeting held May 21.

Four of them previously worked as district or school level administrators in JPS. Three others are coming to us from other school districts – two from systems in Mississippi and

one from the DeKalb County School District in Georgia.

“We are excited for the talents and the skills they bring,” said Greene. “We know that together we will make good on the promise to our children and families.”

Forest Hill seniors sign with college teams



Jerry Currie (center) is the head coach of the Forest Hill basketball team. The school held a signing ceremony for senior athletes Rodreokus Bush (left) and Ken Evans.

Mississippi Link Newswire

At a signing ceremony held at Forest Hill High School May 14, Marc (Ken) Evans and Rodreokus Bush accepted athletic scholarships at their future schools. Evans is headed to Jackson State University, and Bush is going to Millsaps College. Both students are seniors on the school’s basketball team.

Evans led Forest Hill to the Mississippi High School Activities Association State Basketball Tournament for three years in a row. The team made it to the final 5A game in 2018 and to the semifinals this year. Evans averaged 16 points, 6 rebounds and 6 assists in his senior year at point guard. He scored a

career-high 33 points in a game against Natchez High School. He was selected as a Clarion-Ledger Basketball Dandy Dozen for 2018-2019. Academically, he is ranked in the top 10 of his class with a 4.08 GPA. Evans is also the reigning Mr. Forest Hill.

At Millsaps College, Bush will continue as a two-sport athlete in basketball and track. In basketball, he has been the Patriots’ defensive centerpiece on the last two State Tournament teams. He also competed in a State Track Championship in the 800 meters. He was recognized as a 2019 BankPlus WAPT Blitz 16 Scholar Athlete. Bush has a 4.23 GPA and is ranked in the top three academically at Forest Hill.

Two new administrators join team JPS for 2019-2020

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Jackson Public Schools welcomes two new administrators for 2019-2020. Pamela Franklin has been appointed to serve as an assistant superintendent for Elementary Schools. Kymyona Burk will serve as the executive director of the newly formed Office of Teaching and Learning.

Franklin is a 20-year veteran educator who has taught math in middle school and high school classrooms and as an adjunct professor in the college setting. Additionally, she has served as an education administrator in K-12 districts and private schools in Mississippi, Louisiana and Tennessee. She spent five years in JPS, as assistant principal at Murrah High School before becoming the principal at North Jackson El-

ementary School. She also has extensive experience supporting teaching and learning as an instructional coach/specialist, education consultant and data coach. She has helped build capacity in others by leading professional development workshops at district and regional conferences, writing items for state assessments, and working as a contractor for the Mississippi Department of Education.

Franklin has a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and economics from Tulane University, a Master of Arts in Teaching degree in mathematics education from Boston University and an education specialist degree from Union University. She was also selected as an American Economic Association Fellow and spent a summer at Stanford University.



Burk

“I strive to help all students realize their full potential as productive citizens in their local and global communities, as well as to understand that every human being has the capacity to serve others,” said Franklin. “Instructionally, my passion is



Franklin

grounded in building students’ confidence and competence with mathematics and teaching for conceptual understanding.”

Burk comes to Jackson Public Schools from the Mississippi Department of Education. As the state literacy director, she

was responsible for the implementation of the Mississippi Literacy-Based Promotion Act (LBPA). Under her leadership, the program has led to improved literacy outcomes for K-4 students across the state. Burk has extensive expertise in the areas of policy implementation, early childhood, reading, data-driven decision making, professional development and coaching. She has served on a number of advisory panels including MDE’s Reading Licensure Task Force, the Governor’s Task Force on Teacher Preparation for Early Literacy Instruction and the National Assessment of Educational Progress Content Alignment Panel in Reading.

Burk began her career in Jackson Public Schools as a reading teacher at Isable Elementary. She also taught Eng-

lish at Peebles Middle School and Jim Hill High School where she eventually became the literacy coach. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in political science, a Master of Arts in Teaching English, an education specialist in Secondary Education/English, a Master of Science in education administration and supervision and a Doctor of Education in early childhood education – all from Jackson State University.

Like Franklin, Burk has more than 20 years of experience as an educational leader and a demonstrated history of improving student achievement.

The JPS School Board unanimously approved the superintendent’s recommendation to hire Franklin and Burk at the regular Board meeting held Tuesday, May 21.

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FedEx Logistics launches new Historically Black College and University Employment Program at MVSU

The Mississippi Link Newswire

FedEx Logistics, Inc., a subsidiary of FedEx Corp. (NYSE: FDX), recently announced the launch of its program designed to offer employment opportunities at Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs).

The company is collaborating with Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) to provide professional opportunities for students and build a pipeline of talent to support its industry-leading customs brokerage operations.

FedEx Logistics will establish a satellite office on the MVSU campus in Itta Bena, Miss., staffed with qualified students. Students will have access to part-time employment while they are in school, with the potential for full-time employment upon graduation.

“I am extremely proud of this groundbreaking program and working with MVSU to help deliver a better future for its students and FedEx Logistics,” said Thanh Anderson, vice president of Global Support Services at FedEx Logistics. “MVSU and FedEx Logistics share similar values and a people-first philosophy, which makes this collaboration ideal. Connect-

ing people and possibilities and developing diverse talent in the communities where we live and work are priorities for FedEx Logistics, and I look forward to growth and success for all involved.”

“We are thrilled FedEx Logistics has chosen MVSU as the first institution for its HBCU campus satellite office program,” said Jerry Briggs Sr., president of MVSU. “Our students’ response to joining the FedEx Logistics team during their matriculation at MVSU has been tremendous. We envision a long-lasting relationship with FedEx Logistics that will be beneficial to both organizations, and we are excited about the opportunities this collaboration will provide for our students.”

FedEx Logistics and MVSU are working together to open the satellite office on campus in August 2019. Recruitment efforts are underway to hire students to operate the facility.

Applicants must be enrolled MVSU students in good standing and can apply for one of the available positions by contacting the MVSU Career Services Center.

Reminder: Nominations for Campus Search Advisory Committee due Friday, May 31

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning issued a call for nominations for members of the University of Mississippi Campus Search Advisory Committee last week. The deadline for recommendations for members of the Campus Search Advisory Committee is Friday, May 31, 2019.

Representatives from all stakeholder groups, including students, alumni, faculty, staff and the community are needed on the committee. Nominations may be submitted via an online form at <http://www.mississippi.edu/ieo/um/constituency.asp> or by mailing a letter of recommendation to Attn: UM Campus Search Advisory Committee, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211. Both self-nominations and nominations of fellow members of the UM campus community are encouraged.

Members of the Campus Search Advisory Committee will be asked to attend in-person meetings, participate in conference calls, and review materials through a secure

website. Some of the meetings and conference calls will be held before classes resume for the Fall Semester.

According to Board of Trustees Policy 201.0509 D, members must provide assurances that “they have not formed any opinion as to the identity of the particular person that should be selected as the IEO, that they have no personal, professional or other relationship with any person that they understand may be a candidate that would impair their objectivity in fairly considering all candidates, that they will endeavor to remain open to considering all persons that apply in a fair and unbiased manner, that they will not agree with any person to advocate or campaign for the selection of any particular candidate, and that they will not reveal any information about any applicants, before or after the conclusion of the search.”

For more information and to track progress on the presidential search, visit the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning’s Web site at <http://www.mississippi.edu/ieo/um/> and through Twitter @MSPublicUniv and @UM_Search.

Hinds CC Utica campus has graduation ceremony

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Hinds Community College’s Utica Campus graduated about 125 students Saturday, May 18.

The morning started with a bell-ringing ceremony at the iconic Utica Campus belltower and a procession into J.D. Boyd Gymnasium led by Utica Campus faculty and alumni.

This year’s ceremony also honored the Golden Class of Hinds Agricultural High School alumni from 1969 who celebrated their 50-year reunion.

The speaker for the graduation ceremony was former Secretary of Agriculture and Congressman Mike Espy, who spoke along the themes of courage, commitment and control.

“Learning is a lifelong activity. When you have that knowledge, no one can ever take it away from you,” he said. “You should consider your degree your sword as well as your shield ... You are equipped with the best knowledge this great college can offer.”

Throughout five different ceremonies spanning three days, Hinds awarded a total of 1,706 credentials to 1,254 graduates, with some graduates receiving more than one credential. At the Utica Campus, 125 graduates were awarded 162 credentials.

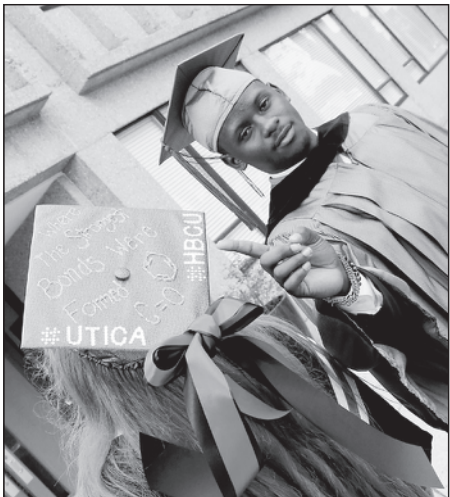
Of the spring Hinds Community College graduates, 260 achieved cum laude, 3.2 to 3.59 grade point average; 197 achieved magna cum laude, 3.6 to 3.99 GPA and 126 achieved summa cum laude, 4.0 grade point average. At the Utica Campus, 19 graduates achieved cum laude, 14 achieved magna cum laude and three achieved summa cum laude.

As Mississippi’s largest community college, Hinds Community College is a comprehensive institution offering quality, affordable educational opportunities with academic programs of study leading to seamless university transfer and career and technical programs teaching job-ready skills. With six locations in central Mississippi, Hinds enrolls about 12,000 students each fall semester.

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



Receiving the first Tom Joyner Scholarships were, from left, Qualyne Fuller of Hazlehurst, Talasha Moore of Hazlehurst and Laquinka Tillman of Crystal Springs. They graduated May 18 from the Utica Campus of Hinds Community College. PHOTOS BY TAMMI BOWLES/HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Jimmy Jones of Edwards points out the mortarboard of classmate Autumn Simmons of Hermanville. The two graduated on May 18 at the Utica Campus of Hinds Community College.



Students who were a part of the Utica Campus STEM program and graduated from Hinds Community College on May 18 include, from left, Ny’Daisha Dortch of Canton, Autumn Simmons of Hermanville, Stori Jones of Byram, Hezekiah Williams of Edwards, Jimmy Jones of Edwards, Frederick Jackson of Hazlehurst, Jasmine Meeks of Canton with Dr. Anna McClintony, STEM coordinator and Jonathan Townes, assistant director for Sponsored Grants. The STEM-UP Academy is funded by a National Science Foundation grant to increase the number of students completing an associate degree and then transferring to pursue a four-year degree in a STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) field.



Adria Lewis of Natchez announced her “psychopath” major on her mortarboard at the May 18 graduation at the Utica Campus of Hinds Community College. She listens as Hinds officials give last-minute instructions before the procession to Boyd Gym.

MDE partners with MPE to support 125 diverse new national board certified teachers

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) is partnering with Mississippi Professional Educators (MPE) to award scholarships to up to 125 diverse candidates who wish to pursue their National Board Certification. Awardees will each receive a \$475 scholarship. Diversity may be based on an educator’s race, gender, ethnicity, subject(s) taught or pathway to licensure.

The scholarship opportunity is made possible through a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, which also supports the Mississippi Teacher

Residency program.

This scholarship will provide seed money for recipients to begin their National Board journey. Scholarship recipients will use the state’s reimbursement of their initial component to pay for subsequent components.

Scholarship recipients will also be reimbursed for the \$75 registration fee to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and will receive up to \$100 for mentoring support at a World Class Teaching Program.

Ninety-five scholarships will be awarded to the highest-ranked applicants teaching in

Sunflower County, Jackson Public Schools, Moss Point and Ocean Springs school districts. The remaining 30 scholarships will be awarded to the highest-ranked applicants from the state at large.

To be eligible to apply, applicants must:

- Be under contract as a full-time educator in Mississippi during the 2019-20 school year
- Hold a bachelor’s degree and a valid Mississippi teaching license
- Have three years of classroom experience
- Submit the \$75 nonrefundable and nontransferable reg-

istration fee to the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards and have a valid candidate identification number

• Register with a Mississippi World Class Teaching Program by October 30, 2019 and adhere to all program guidelines

• Be a first-time National Board candidate who is pursuing the initial componen.

The application is available at the MPE website. Completed applications are due to the MPE office by 4:30 p.m. Friday, August 23, 2019.

For questions, please contact Kelly Riley at Kelly@mpe.org or 601 355-5517.



Farmers Market by Blackburn Middle School, JSU hits pay dirt, sells out in less than an hour

Jackson State University

Blackburn Laboratory Middle School sold out its entire stock of garden produce in just 45 minutes at its first Farmers Market held in partnership with Jackson State University, collecting hundreds of dollars.

Heather Wilcox, director of JSU's Center for University-Based Development, said she was happy all the produce sold but was stunned everything disappeared so suddenly for what was expected to be a three-hour event. The garden market was held in a JSU property-owned area located adjacent to the Jackson Public School.

"Definitely, for next year, we'll make sure we have more than enough," Wilcox said.

"Nevertheless, today is a great event because it was a collaboration between Jackson State University, Blackburn Laboratory Middle School and the West Jackson community. It was an opportunity for students at Blackburn to actually sell the produce that they grew this spring. Also, it was an opportunity for the community to come and see what the students have grown and to buy their vegetables."

Learning about entrepreneurship

Belon Jones, a sixth-grade science teacher at Blackburn, described the successful event as a way to allow students to "enjoy the fruits of their labor." She said, "Back in August, we started the garden and, in September, we had our collard greens cookout. So, now we're having our Farmers Market connect with the community. Our students learned about profits, gains and losses through our entrepreneurship class."

Jones said students put in a lot of sweat by fetching water as needed for the garden and were aided by rainwater and the community. "Last week, a neighbor across the street offered to allow us to use his water after he saw kids carrying water to the garden," she said. "It takes a village, and we're using the village and moving forward."

Jones said the students are amazed that the seeds they planted developed into full-grown vegetables. "Just seeing their work, being able to enjoy it, reaping the benefits and seeing their faces are more than enough for me." The JSU alum said working with her alma mater has allowed Blackburn to do "amazing" projects.

Observing the growth

Because of the garden success, Blackburn sixth-grader Amariye Ledbetter has her sights on the future.

"After I've seen what I've done, this can actually become a business. I can even go to California and do this for a living and get paid." She added, "Being able to grow your own produce means a lot to me. We started as a classroom garden and transported our classroom products to our garden out here, and it began growing. I would have loved to keep the items with me, but I couldn't because these are food products and, of course, they would rot," she mused.

Even so, she said she's thrilled that people are excited about the garden produce. "It makes me feel like I did something important, and they actually appreciate the food that I help grow from the ground. I hope our community sees what modern-teenagers are doing, and I hope they can do better and stop doing what they're doing," she said firmly.

Mississippi state Rep. Alyce Clarke was one of the first customers to arrive at the Farmers Market.

"This event shows what can



Blackburn Laboratory Middle School students assist a customer with the purchase of vegetables from their student-led Farmers Market. The event was held Wednesday, May 22, in partnership with Jackson State University and supported by sponsors and the community. PHOTOS BY CHARLES A. SMITH/JSU



Teen students celebrate their success. The garden produce that they harvested sold rather quickly. However, they'll have another opportunity in August or September for their second Farmers Market.



Patty Patterson, right, is a community advocate. "All year round we worked with the students, getting them to understand entrepreneurship, what the soil is all about and work ethics," explained Patterson, who said the project shows we can bring the community together. PHOTO BY L.A. WARREN/JSU



Feeling a little bubbly, Cindy Ayers Elliott gets in on the fun with one of Blackburn's students.



A patron observes as JSU husband-and-wife staffers Rod Denne and Heather Wilcox, director of the Center for University-Based Development, get a closeup view of items in the garden.



Amariye Ledbetter, a Blackburn sixth-grader, said, "It makes me feel like I did something important, and they actually appreciate the food that I help grow from the ground."



Anthony Gomes, a CSET graduate student studying computer science, displayed a device used to determine just the right amount of water needed to irrigate soil. The device automatically activates a sprinkler system if rainwater is insufficient. He wrote the coding and developed the apparatus that saves time, money and gauges soil moisture levels and temperature. PHOTO BY L.A. WARREN/JSU



LEFT: A student transports one of several watermelons to the garden site after they were added to the produce list. MIDDLE: Wilcox explains to JSU President William B. Bynum Jr. the student work that was involved in the project and the results of their labor. RIGHT: Mississippi state Rep. Alyce Clarke was one of the first customers. "It's so great to see something good going on in the neighborhood," she said.

plan to me. Of course, I didn't do it by myself. We had to have other people come in. I'm not the expert, but I am one who will put energy into getting partners together."

Patterson added that "it has been a great day for us and the community and the students, who will be getting out of school soon. But I would like parents to keep this up. We could pick them up and get them back into the process throughout this summer. It's such a learning process, and it keeps them busy. They also can get good fresh food and know where it's coming from."

As part of her outreach, Patterson conducted a short entre-

preneurship class. It was then that she said she discovered that the young people exhibited many creative skills and values such as accountability, responsibility and integrity.

She said this project shows that we can bring the community together.

'We're not giving up'

"We need to get out of the walls of our homes and visit an environment like this." She said projects like these in which land can be converted to gardens will help grow the community. "This will bring back out tax base. This will help get rid of dilapidated homes. We can let people know we are going to work here. We're



Patrons, staffers and other guests were served a small portion of chicken meatballs, kale, sweet potatoes and nut roll with Chantilly crème during a cooking demonstration.

not giving up. We're going to keep getting our hands dirty and keep our boots on the ground, so we can bring this neighborhood back," Patterson said.

Also, during the Farmers Market, a student and faculty member from JSU's College of Science, Engineering and Technology (CSET) exhibited a cost-saving Sustainable Irrigation System (SIS) that could be used to determine just the right amount of water needed to irrigate the soil. The application would provide readings from the sensors and allow users to turn irrigation on remotely. It hasn't been commercialized yet, but they're looking for investors and

a small farm to experiment on and collect data.

Meanwhile, Wilcox said, "Although the spring semester is now over, students attending Blackburn's summer school session will continue to maintain the garden with support from JSU. There's hope that another student-led Farmers Market will occur in August or September."

She said the community support overall was "phenomenal," and she expressed gratitude to nearby homeowners for supplying water and electricity and to the volunteers who built vegetable stands, the Bynum administration and Institutional Advancement.

The Heat is On!

Keep summer bills in check with energy-efficient solutions

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The calendar may say there is still some time before the official start of summer, but the weather is changing quickly. Now is the time to prepare for sizzling temps and the impact they can have on your energy bill.

Seven simple steps can help you save energy and money without sacrificing comfort:

- Get your A/C inspected to make sure your system is leak-free and operating as efficiently as possible. Don't forget about air filters; some units require monthly cleaning or replacing. Entergy Mississippi customers can get incentives of up to \$125 with a tune-up through the Entergy Solutions program.
- Set your thermostat at 78 degrees or the highest comfortable temperature. Every degree lower than 78 can raise your bill as much as 3%. If you crank down the A/C to a cooler 72 degrees, you've already increased your bill by 18%.
- Buy a programmable thermostat. As energy use rises, costs also rise. (Get up to a

\$100 incentive on select advanced smart thermostats.)

Use fans to cool off, but remember – fans cool people, not rooms. Ceiling fans, box fans and oscillating fans use very little electricity to circulate the air, which helps you feel several degrees cooler. To save more energy, be sure to turn them off when you leave the room.

Close blinds, shades and curtains to keep the sun out and the cool air in. Also, close air conditioning vents in rooms that are not in use.

Seal cracks and holes around doors, windows and duct work. Weather stripping and caulk will help keep the cold air in and the hot air out.

Visit entergy.com/savemoney to access a variety of energy-saving tips and calculators that will help you determine the best cost-cutting scenarios to suit your needs.

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to Care, which is funded by Entergy employees, customers and shareholders, and administered by The Salvation Army.

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Rainbow Co-op to open at Northpark

Established cooperative health food store opening in July 2019 at Mississippi's shopping destination

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Northpark in Ridgeland, Mississippi, announced recently that Rainbow Co-op will be the newest addition to the region's popular shopping destination. Combining the shared vision and mission of Rainbow Co-op's Board of Directors, shareholders and the Community Development Department in Ridgeland, the well-known health food cooperative will continue its nearly 40 year legacy at Northpark's southeast entrance near Med Grille. The new location was selected for its accessibility, foot traffic and abundant natural lighting.

"To welcome a store such as Rainbow Co-op is amazing. The distinction and local product-mix is a win-win for Northpark and the community as a whole," states Northpark General Manager Kasey Dickson.

The new store will focus on a curated inventory, concentrating on specialty items such as hard-to-find herbs, spices, supplements, coffees and teas, as well as a selection of popular "by-the-pound" items such as beans, rice and flour.

Rainbow Co-op will continue to offer popular natural grocery and beauty items.

There will be a community meeting for shareholders to

discuss the changes June 30, and a soft opening is planned for July. The grand opening celebration date and associated programming elements will be announced in late June.

Northpark, managed by Pacific Retail Capital Partners, completed a multi-million dollar redevelopment in November of 2018. Poised for ongoing growth, Northpark will continue to expand its tenant mix in the coming months.

To learn more about Rainbow Co-op on follow social media at Facebook: RainbowCoop or Instagram: @Rainbow_Coop or Twitter: @RainbowCoop

MDWFP and MSU to host pond management workshop in Humphreys County

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) Fisheries Bureau and the Mississippi State University Extension Service are hosting a pond management workshop in Humphreys County.

The workshop will be held at the Humphreys County Extension Office located at 16463 Highway 49, Suite A in Belzoni Tuesday, June 4 at 6 p.m.

The hour-long presentation will include topics on pond design, fish stocking, harvest, vegetation control, liming and fertilization. A question-and-answer period will follow. Anyone interested in attending the workshop must register by calling the Humphreys County Extension Office at 662 247-2915.

"This workshop will allow biologists and private pond owners the opportunity to discuss all aspects of pond management," says MDWFP fisheries biologist Donta Reed.

"We talk to many people each year who want help managing their ponds, and this is a great way for us to provide personal how-to information that can help pond owners achieve their goals."

For more information regarding fishing in Mississippi, visit our website at www.mdwfp.com or call us at (601) 432-2200. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mdwfp or on Twitter at www.twitter.com/MDWFPonline.

Vicksburg retail recruitment efforts on the rise

The Mississippi Link Newswire

City of Vicksburg and Economic Development Partnership officials recently attended the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) show in Las Vegas, Nevada where they met with a number of national retailers and promoted the retail market in the Vicksburg trade area.

The lead generation and recruitment trip was part of an emboldened push by the City of Vicksburg and mayor's office to increase the generation of retail projects for the city that will result in more shopping opportunities for area residents and more tax revenues for the city.

The ICSC is the largest retail show in the country with an estimated 30,000 attendees who come to the show to identify opportunities, learn about trends in the retail industry and work toward closing deals.

The theme of this year's conference was Innovation and the Rapid Changes in the Retail Space, which present new challenges for both retailers and communities. Innovation and the effect of online shopping has drastically changed the landscape for retailers and developers. During the conference, communities learned what strategies work to adapt and support the retail sectors in their regions.

Vicksburg Mayor George Flaggs Jr. believes the trip was both productive and effective.

"We had an incredibly successful trip. We confirmed some important deals, which we expect to be able to speak about publicly in the near future. We met with brokers and representatives from national retailers and with real estate and retail development firms. On this effort, we worked very closely with the Vicksburg Warren Economic Development Partnership to produce new and much-improved marketing materials; additionally, we assembled a team that allowed us to fully represent to prospects the exciting retail opportunities in our community."

The City of Vicksburg delegation included: Mayor George Flaggs Jr., President & CEO of the Vicksburg Warren Economic

Development Partnership Pablo Diaz, City of Vicksburg retail consultant Mary Jane Wooten, City of Vicksburg Main Street Director Kim Hopkins and City of Vicksburg Clerk Walter Osborne.

Diaz, president & CEO of the Vicksburg Warren Economic Development Partnership, added, "ICSC is the world's largest retail show and the place to be if you are serious about generating project leads, learning creative ways to increase retail activity in your market and more importantly, close deals that will create jobs and generate investments and tax revenues for Vicksburg. This was a very productive show not only because we confirmed some important investments for the area but also because we planted the seeds for other projects that could develop in the coming months. After this conference and what we learned, we have a lot of work to do to modify our community strategy as far as retail retention and development is concerned. We plan to start that work immediately."

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More bold actions needed to abate nation’s \$1.5 trillion debt student loan crisis

By Charlene Crowell
NNPA News Wire Columnist

The annual season of college commencements have a unique way of bringing together multiple generations of families in celebration. For the 135th graduating class of Atlanta’s Morehouse College, commencement marked another event that was as unexpected as it was generous.

Robert F. Smith, the event’s speaker who is also chairman and CEO of Vista Equity Partners, announced he would pay the entire class’ student loan debts. This unprecedented gift, expected to run as high as \$40 million, now enables the newest Morehouse men to begin careers free from the burdens of debt that accompany the start of many careers. Smith’s generosity also directly affects the lives of multiple family generations who contributed to the sharing costs of these college educations.

In a related interview with the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, Yasmin Farahi, policy counsel for the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) reacted to the impact of Smith’s gift “on the lives of these graduates and their families will be incredible,” she said. “But it’s also worth recognizing the impact it has on the lives of their family members who have co-signed on these loans or would otherwise be supporting these graduates as they worked to get from under their student debt. Student loan debt is an intergenerational problem.”

New research from the AARP Public Policy Institute provides insights on how increasingly older borrowers are taking on



debt to help younger family members.

And when it comes to black families, grandparents, aunts, and uncles are all helping their kin at higher rates than other ethnicities or races. This help can include not only direct borrowing, but also cosigning their student family member’s loans. Should a student borrower default on cosigned loan(s) with family members, the cosigner’s financial stability is jeopardized.

“People ages 50 and older owe 20 percent, or \$289.5 billion, of that total, up from \$47.3 billion in 2004,” states the report. “The overall increase reflects a sharp rise in both the number of families borrowing and the amounts they borrow.... For many families, the amount they owe increases over time because they are not paying enough to cover interest and pay down principal.” Defaults result in lost tax refunds, garnished wages, and decreased benefits from both Social Security retirement and disability benefits – very real risks for the estimated 8.4 million student loan borrowers ages 50 and over.

The ways in which family members’ share the cost of col-

lege enrollment is also changing.

Although the AARP report found that 30% of older black consumers cosigned private student loans for family members, far more – 45% borrowed on their credit cards. This level of credit card debt exceeds that incurred by whites (31%), or Latinx (39%).

Further, a disproportionate jump in borrowing from retirement savings accounts are also negatively impacting older black consumers. While only 6% of comparable whites used these funds, black utilization was triple that of whites at 18%. Older Latinx tapping into retirement savings were more than double that of whites at 13%.

When the financial impacts of the nation’s racial wealth gap are added to these disparities, it’s little wonder that Black America suffers from acute financial stress. As this column recently reported, black wealth averages only a dime for every dollar of wealth held by whites.

Clearly, public policy reforms can and should address this national financial crisis. AARP’s proposed remedies include:

- Increased public investment in higher education

- Encouraging the use of uniform financial aid award letters so they are more easily compared

- Ending offsets of Social Security benefits and other federal payments affecting older consumers

- Allowing federal Parent PLUS borrowers to enroll directly in income-driven repayment plans.

While these reforms should be heartily supported by the federal government that sets budget priorities, the likelihood of interminable lawmaker debates or neglect still looms large.

This past February, a CRL letter to several U.S. Senators alerted them to the disproportionate impacts of the student loan crisis on consumers of color, as well as a list of remedies to abate the crisis.

“Students of color still face barriers in accessing higher education, still hold disproportionate financial burdens and still struggle to overcome bad information from servicers,” wrote CRL. “Student loan debt is a real crisis for many people of color, and it exacerbates the racial wealth gap...The time has come for large, systemic change and not tinkering



around the edges of the Higher Education Act.”

“Unless bold, new actions are taken,” warned CRL in its letter, “a generation will be trapped in debt undertaken to advance their lives.

Among CRL’s recommendations:

- Increase Pell grants and move that funding into the Education Department’s mandatory budget
- Increase and expand aid for Minority Serving Institutions via Title III and Title V
- Encourage borrowers to make student debt payments based on 8% of discretionary income, and then discharge any remaining balance after 10-15 years

- Guarantee that all loan forgiveness be tax-free
- Protect borrowers from aggressive collections and benefit garnishment.

While these and other federal aid reforms are debated on Capitol Hill, there remains yet another sphere of influence that could extend the kind of goodwill borne from Smith’s adoption of Morehouse’s Class of 2019: increased black philanthropy.

If other highly successful black businessmen and women,

professional athletes, recording artists and others followed Smith’s example, HBCU’s like North Carolina’s Bennett College might not have needed a national emergency financial rescue. With a new infusion of financial resources, more students on college campuses could breathe a financial sigh of relief, knowing that people who look like them provided help beyond their own family’s resources.

Without a doubt, the nation needs more need-based scholarships and grants – especially at HBCUs. If that were to happen, a stronger sense of community could emerge with a renewed sense of pride.

As Smith said in his May 19th commencement address, “We have nourished the soil with our blood. We’ve sown the land with our sweat. We’ve protected this country with our bodies, contributed to the physical, cultural and intellectual fabric of this country with our minds and our talents.”

Here’s hoping that more who have been financially blessed, will choose to pass a portion of assistance to those wanting to earn their way into the nation’s middle class.

Epic fail: At least 280 Richmond, Va. Public Schools seniors won’t graduate in June

By Jeremy M. Lazarus
TriceEdneyWire.com

Hundreds of Richmond, Va. seniors will not be allowed to graduate in nearly three weeks because they have not met the state standards for a diploma.

The Richmond School Board has been told that at least 280 students have been disqualified to receive diplomas based on a report that RPS Chief Academic Officer Tracy Epp provided on the impact of major flaws in students’ transcripts.

While RPS Superintendent Jason Kamras’ office has acknowledged that the numbers are incomplete, Epp told the School Board that, at best, only 810 students from the nine main city high schools would qualify to participate in graduation ceremonies that will begin Sunday, June 9.

And it could be fewer, she indicated, as only 507 seniors, at the publication of this article, have met all the requirements and are “on track” to graduate. Another 303 students are considered “likely” to graduate, but there is no guarantee they will make it in the short time left.

Even if 810 students receive diplomas, that would be the



Armstrong High School in Richmond, Va.

smallest number in decades for a system that has graduated at least 1,100 students each year and often far more since before World War II.

It also would be a startling 28 percent decline in graduation numbers from a year ago when 1,110 students received diplomas, according to Epp’s report.

The document looked solely

at 1,090 students in the 12th grade who attend the five comprehensive high schools, Armstrong, George Wythe, Huguenot, John Marshall and Thomas Jefferson, and four specialty schools, Franklin Military, Open, Richmond Community and Richmond Alternative School.

Those schools actually en-

roll 1,178 12th-graders, but some attend the Maggie Walker and Appomattox governor’s schools and other programs, but still will receive RPS diplomas and were not included in Epp’s numbers.

The 280 students not graduating were disqualified after a review of their transcripts found they had not passed enough

state Standards of Learning tests, lacked a credential in career and technical education or were improperly scheduled so they never took one or more required courses, the report stated.

Those students now are being told they must take one or more courses in summer school or return to class next school year in order to receive their diploma.

“I would rather have a slightly lower rate, but know we can stand behind every single (diploma), than have a higher rate and have questions about the authenticity of those diplomas,” Kamras told the school board.

Board member Kenya Gibson, 3rd District, described the situation as “appalling,” particularly with students just learning about the impact of the transcript foul-ups so close to graduation.

“It is incredibly frustrating to see students impacted by the actions of adults who didn’t address these issues,” said board member James “Scott” Barlow, 2nd District.

Students also are frustrated because even those who believe they are on track to graduate said Wednesday they have not

been informed of their status.

“We’re just guessing based off what we have done. They’re not telling us who is going to graduate and who is not,” said Kayla White, a senior at Armstrong High.

The transcript problem has been brewing for years, but came to a head last year when a parent’s claims of transcript problems for her daughter forced RPS officials to start investigating.

In the process, Kamras asked the Virginia Department of Education to conduct an audit, which began at Armstrong and spread to the entire system, turning up at least 20 flaws that led to the creation of student records that were completely inaccurate.

Epp said that she and her staff had gone through senior transcripts at least eight times to try to find all the flaws. While she indicated this year’s upheaval has been unavoidable, she said a new process is being installed to protect students in other grades. Along with a revamped transcript, she said new policies and practices are being put in place to ensure transcript accuracy.

Salvation brings deliverance

PART 2

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



Christian friends, you need to give earnest heed. Regrettably many people are giving heed to other things. It is difficult to get our generation to realize how important it is to serve God. First Timothy 4:8 tells us that “godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.” We all have an obligation to God, and our obligation is to be saved. It is a privilege to be saved, but it is also an obligation.

Someone may say, “I don’t see why you call it an obligation. I thought it was just left to our fancy.” No doubt, that is the way many people regard it and deal with it, but we were made to serve the Lord, not ourselves or sin or the world.

The Bible says that we all like sheep have gone astray. We all have gone our own way. Therefore, it is an obligation for each of us to fulfill the purpose for which God brought us into this

life because we did not make ourselves; God made us. In the language of our Scripture text, God is calling upon us to realize that His grace, as great and powerful as it is, can be given and received in vain.

Too many times people get so wrapped up in other matters and other obligations that they fail to see the importance of the fact that they can receive the grace of God in vain; in other words, they can receive it to no advantage or to no profit. How many messages have been put to good use? No doubt, many wonderful and glorious opportunities have been laid across your pathway, yet to little or no advantage. Therefore, you need to be urged not to receive the grace of God in vain. The Apostle Paul wanted the church to know that this can be avoided.

The majority of our generation feels that they will always have another chance to be saved and that salvation will always be there, so why should they be worried? They ask, “Why should I be overly excited about attending to this matter now?” According to the rendering of verse 2, we have a very limited

time to take advantage of God’s offer of salvation. The church at Corinth had but a limited time, and today our generation has a limited time to avail themselves of the grace of God and to let the salvation of God avail on their behalf. The limited time spoken of in our Scripture text is called a day. Verse 6 of 2 Corinthians 6 reads, “I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation.”

Satan is succeeding greatly in getting people to ignore this warning and attend to matters of far less importance. They think that salvation will always be there, but all the provisions of God’s salvation are to be received and enjoyed today. There is no promise of tomorrow. For anyone to ignore this is to die lost and to be destroyed by God. I urge you to take heed and repent, or after a lifetime of going to church you will end up lost.

The life of sin is a life of wretchedness. Therefore, God is offering you a way out. You may ask, “Will salvation

straighten me out?” Yes, it will, and it will keep you straightened out. Many people are attracted to sin because it has a degree of admiration, but nothing about a sinner’s life is to be admired. Look at the finished product. Consider what sin does to a man when it is finished. Look at the gambler, the smoker, the drunkard and others. Consider their end. It is not a pleasant one.

Sin causes a man to rebel against God and the things of God. It places him under the sentence of death and damnation, and it makes him wretched, poor and destitute. Sin will take every good thing from you. It will take your good name, your good character your good life and your good future. Sin has nothing to be admired. God is extending to you a chance to be free from sin.

Next week “Salvation brings Deliverance”

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PRESERVED

Shift happens: Karaoke version

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



I knew when I opened my mouth and the first note came out higher than my normal alto range that it was going to be the longest 4 minutes of my life. I had a choice to make: continue to sing even though my voice was straining or throw down the microphone and flee the karaoke stage.

It was a few years ago and my first time on a cruise. I decided that since I’d sung karaoke nearly every night on the 7-day cruise, I should try to go out on a high note. But the high notes of “And I’m telling you I’m not going” by Jennifer Holiday were just a little too high.

I foolishly thought (like so many others) that since I’d sung the song privately, I’d be able to hit even the highest notes publicly. As it turns out, this night they were all hard. The night didn’t start out that way. I started off warming up my voice by singing “Never Knew Love Like This Before” by Stephanie Mills. This performance was met with great applause and compliments on my voice. Unfortunately, it gave me false confidence that I could do the signature Dream-girls song.

I don’t know who was in more pain: myself or the audience as I struggled to find my range. It was like a surreal out of body experience as I simultaneously listened to my voice crack and wondered what was more embarrassing: staying on the stage by straining to hit those notes or


bowing out after the first verse? The audience, who a few songs earlier enthusiastically clapped when I also did the duet “Endless Love” with a friend, sat in stunned silence at what they’d just heard.

My life in some ways sometimes mirrors that embarrassing karaoke experience. I find myself in the middle of shifts and wondering, just like I did when I was singing, should I stop now or continue to the end? Most of us can recognize when shifts are happening in our lives and honestly wonder if we have the courage to continue through the shift until it’s complete.

James 1:12 reminds us that blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. Speaking for myself, I struggle with being tempted to quit while things are shifting because the professional or personal problems get too hard to handle.

What I’ve learned over the years is that part of being able to successfully handle God’s shift comes when you go beyond those awkward feelings as you decide whether to play it safe or take a risk. I’d like to think that God is less concerned about whether we shift perfectly and more about that we persevere and complete the shift.

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Paying it forward

By E. Faye Williams
Trice Edney Newswire



Among the worst behavior of the man in the White House that one could ever imagine, there is still so much good in the world. We want to thank Dr. Robert F. Smith who set an awesome example of how those who're so blessed can help others who've not been.

Sunday, May 19, was already a special day because it was the birthday of Malcolm X. Then came the Morehouse graduation and the wonderful announcement of the graduation speaker who talked about his blessings and announced that he'd be donating enough funds to wipe out the student loan debt of Morehouse's nearly 400-member 2019 graduating class.

Once he made the statement, there were a lot of questions such as "Did I understand correctly what he just said?" Suddenly the students stood in unity realizing they really weren't going to be saddled with the heavy student debt they'd incurred while getting an education. It's possible many of them didn't know that graduates of Historically Black Colleges and Universities have higher debt after graduating than students at other schools.

With a price tag of \$50,000 per year at Morehouse, these students were about to be included in that number. With Smith's announcement, lives were suddenly changed. It was such a blessing to see young men making commitments to pay it forward. Especially gratifying was the announcement of a couple of young graduates who'd already made a commitment to give back at least \$100,000 to Morehouse by the time they are 32 years old. Now they were looking at doing it sooner because they would no longer be saddled with massive student debt.

Imagine how many thoughts went through the minds of these young men about how they could pay it forward. May they never forget how blessed they are, but also may they never forget there's still a student debt crisis. Those who've been blessed as they have should add to their lists ways they can rise to the challenge of helping others. I pray that others who've been blessed as Smith has, will join him in making similar pledges to young women and other young men throughout the nation who struggle daily to get an education.

I remember the day I gave my first donation to my alma mater, Grambling University. It didn't even come close to what Smith did, but I did my best with what I had. His doing so much at one time should not discourage each HBCU graduate to do a little bit on a regular basis. Predominantly and Historically Black Colleges and Universities have never been given their fair share when compared with other colleges and universities, but we should be that bridge over troubled waters until HBCU's are treated with fairness.

Smith, who received an honorary doctorate from Morehouse, has made a big leap for humankind. We may never be able to match his gift that is more than about the money he gave. It's about that spirit of lifting as we climb that many of us learned in grade school. Let us get back to that and our communities will be better for our effort. Keep in mind that he just founded his business in 2000 and look what he's done. He's donated to other worthy causes.

Twenty years from now, try to be proud when you look back and count the difference you've made in the lives of others. We don't have to match Smith; let's just give all we can give and serve all the great causes we can serve. That's still paying it forward.

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We can free a generation from burden of college loan debt

By Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.
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The reaction – shock, joy, disbelief, euphoria – revealed the importance of Robert F. Smith's stunning gift, when he announced, unexpectedly, that he would pay off all the college debts of Morehouse College students graduating this year. His gift literally changed the prospects and the lives of the vast majority of those 396 graduates. Morehouse is a proud, historically black college, the alma mater of extraordinary leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Julian Bond, Howard Thurman, Maynard Jackson, former head of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson, former head of the black caucus Cedric Richmond, Hollywood legends Samuel L. Jackson and Spike Lee, Olympic champion Edwin Moses and many more.

Full-time tuition costs \$25,368, with room and board and other expenses, a year at Morehouse can cost nearly \$50,000. Ninety percent of Morehouse students get some kind of financial aid, cobbling together Pell grants, federal and private loans, family loans and

more. Morehouse seniors who borrow to pay for college carry an average of \$26,000 in federal student loans. Private loans, federal Parent Plus loans, credit card and other debts are on top of that.

The federal student loans alone would result in a monthly payment of \$276. Smith's generosity has literally transformed the lives of those students. Now instead of putting off graduate school or being forced to live at home, and later postponing marriage and children, they are free to benefit from the hard work they have done to graduate from college. They can seek jobs that they want, without being forced to take one or more that can help them pay down their loans. They are free to dream. Many of those benefiting from Smith's remarkable generosity expressed what one student, Myles Washington, called a "level of survivor's guilt."

All had friends who could not afford to go to college, or who were forced to withdraw early in the face of growing debts. Smith is a billionaire, the brilliant founder of Vista Equity Partners, who has made a fortune largely in purchasing and selling software firms. Raised in Denver, the child of two parents with Ph.D.s, he graduated from Cornell and

later got his MBA at Columbia.

His gift to the Morehouse students is only a small part of his philanthropy, which has included major support for Cornell, his alma mater, and for the National Museum of African American History and Culture, as well as his service as chair to The Board of Carnegie Hall and much more. With this gift, he has set a standard for others of great wealth. He has, as he put it at the Morehouse commencement, "paid it forward," by freeing the potential of young graduates.

His gift should also rouse Congress to redress the folly of shackling the best of the young generation with often unpayable debt simply to get the education this country says they need. Student loan debt now totals over \$1.5 trillion. After home mortgages, it is the largest source of debt, exceeding car loans and credit card debts. Almost two-thirds of all students are forced to borrow to pay for college; they end with an average debt of nearly \$29,000.

The debt of African-American students is, on average, \$7,400 more than that of white students, reflecting the wealth gap that has built up over years of slavery, segregation and housing and employment discrimination. Democrat-

ic presidential candidates like Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont are calling for making public colleges tuition-free. Warren has put forth a detailed plan to pay off a substantial portion of existing student loans. Some like Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) say we can't afford to do that. But we are a wealthier country than Germany, yet college there is free.

This is a question of priorities not resources. The number of corporations that pay nothing in taxes has doubled under Donald Trump's tax cut. The cost of that tax cut, most of which went to the already wealthy, is estimated at \$1.7 trillion over 10 years. That alone would have been able to pay off all current student debts.

Smith's generous promise should goad all of us into action. It is a personal tragedy and a national folly to burden an entire generation with often unpayable loans simply to get an education. We all benefit from a well-educated, active population. We all suffer when an entire generation is locked into debt from the day they get out of college. Smith has freed nearly 400 Morehouse graduates from that burden. We should demand that Congress act to offer every student that relief.

School vouchers are a failed experiment

By Marc H. Morial
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"How bad are school vouchers for students? Far worse than most people imagine. Indeed, the use of school vouchers – which provide families with public dollars to spend on private schools – is equivalent to missing out on more than one-third of a year of classroom learning." – Center for American Progress study, "The Highly Negative Impacts of Vouchers"

School privatization has been a dismal failure, leaving students stranded in low-performing schools while transferring millions of taxpayer dollars into private, for-profit institutions.

The latest proof that private school vouchers don't work for students emerged from an investigation in Louisiana conducted by several news outlets. "The Cost of Choice" revealed that the state's \$40 million-a-year voucher program has pulled thousands of students out of public schools into failing private schools that receive almost no oversight.

A full two-thirds of all students in the voucher system attended schools rated

"D" or "F" under the state's assessment system.

There are 86 private schools that have accepted voucher students but most don't have enough students enrolled to be assigned a grade. But of the 37 that do, not a single school scored "A" or "B" and only three received a "C." The investigation found that students have left "C-rated" public schools to attend "D-" and "F-rated" private schools.

The Louisiana investigation is hardly the first to demonstrate the failure of voucher programs. When the Trump Administration unveiled a budget that sought to divert public funds from bipartisan education programs into privatization efforts, Senator Patty Murray, Ranking Member of the Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee, compiled a devastating memo detailing the damaging impact of school privatization programs across the country.

Private schools that siphon taxpayer dollars from public schools are able to skirt the accountability and reporting requirements to which public schools are subject. In many cases, there's simply no way for parents to compare student performance in private schools with public school, or to make sure that the private school meets even the most basic standards required of public

schools.

Furthermore, the cost of attending private schools, including those that accept vouchers, usually exceeds the amount of the voucher, putting the voucher program out of reach for low-income families. In many cases, voucher programs merely publicly subsidize tuition for students who already were attending the private schools – often violating the principle of separation of church and state, since many of the schools are religiously affiliated.

Of particular concern to the Urban League Movement is the way in which voucher programs undermine civil rights protection. In response to the nation's long history of discrimination in schools, Congress passed civil rights laws to give every child in the United States access to a quality education. Most voucher programs fail ensure that private schools receiving taxpayer dollars be held to these civil rights standards.

"Under privatization programs, schools receive an ever-growing share of taxpayer funding but are free to choose the students they want, the rules they follow, and the practices they believe in, ignoring accountability and transparency for public dollars," Murray and her staff wrote in the 2017

memo. "In addition, voucher programs across the country have shown evidence of fraud, such as embezzlement of funds and submitting applications and receiving funding for nonexistent students. This occurs while simultaneously depleting needed resources for public schools and shortchanging students."

It's clear that we, as a nation – and as communities invested in providing all children with a quality education that prepares them for college, work and life – must turn away from the failed voucher experiment and toward strengthening and improving our public schools. As the National Urban League made clear in its recent analysis of state plans to comply with the Every Student Succeeds Act, we believe students, parents and community stakeholders should adopt a vision of education reform and innovation that expands and deepens opportunity, upends inequity, accelerates progress and delivers more fully on the promise of education.

Learn more about how the National Urban League's Equity and Excellence Project is supporting local, state and national advocacy, engagement and education reform efforts, and join the conversation by following @NatUrbanLeague on social media.

Four hundred years and we still ain't clear: Distortions of Black History

By Julianne Malveaux
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According to some historians, Afrodescendants first entered these united states in 1619 off the coast of Virginia. If we believe that narrative, Afrodescendants have been in this country for 400 years. If the people who were kidnapped and brought here had to tell the story, would they tell the same one? Would they say that we came before Columbus? That some of us might have been here even longer? There were captured Africans that came from the mother continent in 1619, but also, thanks to the transatlantic slave trade, Africans were here who had come from Bermuda, Jamaica and other places.

Why is this relevant? Because there is this misguided group of Afrodescen-

dants, who are throwing shade at those who are not "American descendants of slaves" ADOS. Their shade is an odd version of the "am I black enough for you" game that some folks ran against President Barack Obama, and are now running against Presidential candidates Kamala Harris and Corey Booker.

What is black enough, when we, Afrodescendant people, all have enslavement in our background? Let's make it plain. Europeans went to the African continents, kidnapped people (sometimes with African acquiescence), brought them to the Western Hemisphere and sold us. Goods and people flowed between England (or New England, the Americas and Africa), including sugar, tobacco, manufactured products, guns and humans. Understand that everyone in the triangle was affected and that enslaved people were freely traded between the United

States and other parts of the Americas!

I am not sure what kinds of warped brains dreamed up the realities of enslavement and the ways that a minority in the South was able to control a majority. The laws that managed enslave-ment included laws that prevented literacy, ownership and much else. The laws often detailed the terms of punishment if restrictive conditions were breached.

A North Carolina law said, "teaching slaves to read and write, tends to excite dissatisfaction in their minds, and to produce insurrection and rebellion." Disobeying this law was punishable by thirty-nine lashes or imprisonment for a free black person, or a fine of two hundred dollars then, or about \$5000 now. People violated the laws, of course, but the warped sensibility that prohibited the dissemination of knowledge is the basis for many sick

stereotypes, such as "if you want to hide something from a black person, put it in a book."

Fast-forward four hundred years, or even two. Why are teachers in Loudoun County, Virginia, forcing fifth and sixth-grade students to simulate enslavement with an obstacle course they called "The Underground Railroad"? Why were many of these students Afrodescendants? Why are the leaders of the school silent about the discipline that was ordered on the rogue teachers who took it upon their ignorant selves to construct such an exercise? Why has David Stewart, the principal of the Madison Trust School in Loudoun County, sent out a vapid apology for a "culturally insensitive" exercise, and not a more strongly worded condemnation of the racism implicit in this nonsense.

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10 years and counting: AirCare2 celebrates anniversary in east-central Mississippi

By Ruth Cummins
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When Jenny Palmer's baby boy was born six weeks premature, his health already was precarious.

So when Bane Palmer developed a severe respiratory virus in January 2013, three weeks after his birth, his condition became dire. "He stopped breathing in the emergency room, and they had to intubate him," Palmer remembered.

His caregivers at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian wasted no time getting Bane medical resources needed for very small and very sick babies. They called AirCare, the University of Mississippi Medical Center's medical air transport helicopter that three years earlier had established a base there.

"Bane was so tiny that no one had the right equipment for him. We had to go to (Baton) Children's Hospital for that," said Palmer, whose family lives in Newton.

"He was put in an incubator and airlifted. I got to fly with him," Palmer said. "They put headphones on me, and they told me everything that they were doing with Bane. It was so reassuring to know that he had the best care possible on that flight."

Bane, today a healthy 6-year-old who loves to play with cars and ride his bike, is just one success story made possible by the Meridian AirCare2 base, which this month celebrates its 10th anniversary in the east-central Mississippi region.

The first AirCare base was established on the Jackson campus in 1996. AirCare2 broadened the service and paved the way for the Columbus AirCare3 base at Airbus Helicopters behind the Golden Triangle Regional Airport, established in 2016; and AirCare4 at the Greenwood-Leflore Airport, which began operation in 2017.

Since AirCare2's first flight May 20, 2009, it has transported more than 6,000 patients and traveled almost 1.5 million miles. All flights include three crew members – pilot, nurse and paramedic – all with an average 10 years' experience with the Medical Center.

"We're not just helicopters moving sick patients," said Sam Marshall, a critical care flight paramedic who serves as manager of emergency transport for the Columbus and Meridian bases. "We are heavily involved in the Meridian community and region."

UMMC's decision to establish the Meridian base was driven by the need for a higher level of trauma care than area hospitals could provide. UMMC is the state's only Level I trauma center, the highest designation on a Level I-IV scale.

AirCare transports patients statewide to the level of care they need, whether that's UMMC or another hospital, but more importantly, it brings critical care expertise to the patient, where seconds can sometimes be the difference between life and death.

"The Medical Center was receiving a large number of patients from that region. We needed to fill a gap," Marshall said "From looking at the data, it made sense for the Medical Center to expand AirCare."

"This is one of the most successful areas for our relationships with the community and the east-central trauma region, and we have a wonderful re-



AirCare 2 flight paramedic Ben White and flight registered nurse Brock Whitson check equipment before transporting a patient. Bill Graham/The Meridian Star



The crew of AirCare2 stationed in Meridian includes, from left, flight registered nurses Todd Perry and Brock Whitson, flight paramedic Ben White and pilot Davin Mancini. Bill Graham/The Meridian Star



Bane Palmer of Newton today is a healthy 6-year-old who loves to ride his bike.

lationship with Anderson Regional Medical Center and Rush Foundation Hospital."

The camaraderie and communication between AirCare2, community hospitals and the emergency response family makes all the difference in caring for the sickest of the sick.

"On the EMS side, some of the patients we encounter are critically ill. They require a higher level of care than we can give them," said Jeremy Pogue, chief of the Martin Volunteer Fire Department in Lauderdale County.

"The patient gets that care as quickly as the flight crew gets to them, whether that's the side of the road or a hospital helipad," Pogue said. "Even if it's a 40-minute flight to a receiving hospital, they are so far ahead of the game. It's mind-blowing to see the equipment they have and the skills set."

All AirCare flight team members have the exact same skill set, and paramedics are required to complete schooling to become critical care paramedics within two years of their hiring. "By the end of this month, we will have 100 percent critical care paramedics. No other medical flight transport program in the state

has that," Marshall said.

AirCare "makes a huge impact here," said Dr. Hans Tulip, a trauma surgeon at Anderson Regional Medical Center and trauma medical director for east-central Mississippi.

"A short amount of time can be the difference between life and death, and they provide rapid transport for patients who need services that we don't have," Tulip said. "If the weather is so bad that they can't fly, they will still come and give support, and they'll ride with the patient in an ambulance to give them that higher level of care."

Critical care paramedic and flight nurse Kevin King was on the first flight, a transport of a severely injured patient from a small regional hospital to the Medical Center in Jackson. "We hit the ground running, and everyone was happy to see us. There hadn't ever been a medical transport helicopter in east Mississippi," King said.

King's wife Shyann then was a charge nurse in Anderson Regional's emergency room. "We were used to AirCare being 45 minutes away, and when the base came in, they were two minutes away," said Shyann, who today

is a flight nurse with AirCare3.

"We had a wreck on the interstate where we had more trauma patients than nurses in the emergency room," she remembered from AirCare2's early days in Meridian. "We called AirCare, and the next thing we know, they're at the hospital helping us. They didn't fly anyone. They just came and helped us."

In another situation, AirCare transported an adult with multiple traumatic injuries to Anderson Regional. "Because AirCare was able to perform ultrasound on the patient and identify that he was bleeding in his abdomen, it allowed me to get a surgeon and operating room prepared before the patient got there," she said.

"That first incision was made less than 20 minutes after AirCare touched down at the hospital. For AirCare to have the ultrasound capability really saved his life."

AirCare2's crew is forward-thinking, and that improves patient outcomes, Tulip said. "I haven't seen that same level (of experience) with other carriers."

"They are our primary critical care transport," said Casey Copeland, trauma program manager at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian. "There's rarely anyone else."

AirCare2 provides care to patients at Rush, a Level III trauma center, before the patients are loaded for transport to UMMC, she said. "We work together to make transfers much easier. If we need help here at the hospital, they will come and help, whether it be an intubation or just an extra helping hand. I can call them about a new drug, and they will walk us through administering it."

AirCare2's community outreach is appreciated, Copeland said. "They go to the schools and make them aware of what they do, and the kids go home and talk to their parents," she said.

"The misconception is that AirCare2 is a fast ride. That's far from the truth," Pogue said. "There's a difference between air medical transport and air critical care transport. These guys offer a critical care flight program."

Kids' deaths in hot cars are preventable with tips from AMR medics

The Mississippi Link Newswire

It's not even June yet, but temperatures are already in the 90's in much of Mississippi. High temps and high humidity increase the risk of an agony no one should ever suffer: It's warm out and a parent takes a small child in the family car to run errands. At one of the stops, the parent forgets the child is in the vehicle or decides the child will be safe for a little while. Minutes later, the inside of the car is an oven the child can't escape. Horror awaits the parent on returning to the car.

Ryan Wilson, clinical services manager for American Medical Response in central Mississippi, said, "Children fall victim to the heat faster than adults. That's because children, relative to adults, have more body surface area, which means they absorb more heat and absorb it faster than grown-ups. In just minutes, a child's body can reach temperatures that can cause heat stroke, which can lead to permanent brain damage or death. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports, some 40 children per year die in the US from heat stroke when left in cars. Many more are disabled. Such tragedies can happen to any parent or caretaker, but there are ways to reduce the odds of kids' dying in hot cars."

Wilson said, "Research has shown, even when outside temperatures are in the 70's, vehicle interiors can quickly get hot enough to kill a child. The temperature inside a vehicle can climb 20 degrees in 10 minutes. The bottom line is: Never leave a child unattended in a car or truck, no matter what the outside temperature is."

Wilson, a paramedic, advised:

- Leaving a window open or the air conditioner on does not adequately protect children left inside a vehicle. Take the child with you, every time, no matter how soon you plan to return to the vehicle.
- Get in the habit of checking your vehicle's interior, front and back, before walking away. Child passenger safety experts use the expression, "Look before you lock."
- Teach children not to play in, on or around cars.
- Always lock car doors and trunks and keep keys out of children's reach.
- Watch children closely around cars, particularly when loading or unloading items. They can slip into a vehicle unnoticed and get trapped inside.
- Make older children who can get in and out on their own to exit the vehicle at each stop.
- Be wary of child-resistant locks. Teach older children how to unlock the door if they become trapped in a motor vehicle.
- To avoid overlooking a smaller child restrained in a car safety seat, use these tips:
 - Tie one of your child's small toys or a pacifier to a string and hang it around your neck. When you leave the vehicle, even if you forget the toy is hanging from your neck, someone else is likely to mention it.
 - Place an unmistakable reminder of your child's presence where you'll be sure to see it before you leave the vehicle. For example, place a brightly-colored stuffed toy in plain sight on the passenger seat next to the driver.

Clear off all other items on the seat so you are more likely to notice the reminder when you exit the vehicle.

- Keep a large Teddy bear in the child's safety seat when the seat is empty and move the bear to the front seat next to the driver when the child is in the safety seat. Clean off the front passenger seat so the bear is the only object in it.

- Put in the back seat next to the child an item you have to take with you when you leave the vehicle, such as a cell phone, purse or briefcase.

- Do not rely solely on electronic devices designed to alert you that you have a small child in a safety seat in the back of your vehicle. Some years ago, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that such devices can malfunction due to a variety of causes. If you use an electronic alert device, be sure to use additional methods to remind you of the child's presence.

In most households with children in daycare, the same parent takes the child to the daycare center almost every day. When the other parent takes the child to daycare, the parents should agree to call each other right after the time the child should have been left at daycare, to make sure the "drop" went as planned.

Wilson said car trunks are especially hazardous for children who can get out of booster seats or safety belts on their own. To prevent a child's getting trapped in a scorching trunk, he advised:

- Keep the trunk of your car locked at all times, especially when the vehicle is parked in the driveway or near your home.
- Some cars have fold-down rear seats that, when lowered, allow access to the trunk. Keep rear fold-down seats closed up against the trunk to keep kids from getting into the trunk from the passenger area.

- Some newer vehicles have a safety latch inside the trunk. Teach older children where that latch is and how to use it.

About AMR: American Medical Response, Inc., America's leading provider of medical transportation, provides services in 40 states and the District of Columbia. More than 28,000 AMR paramedics, EMTs, RNs and other professionals work together to transport more than 4.8 million patients nationwide each year in critical, emergency and non-emergency situations. AMR also provides fire services through Rural Metro Fire Department, [HYPERLINK "http://www.ruralmetrofire.com"](http://www.ruralmetrofire.com) www.ruralmetrofire.com, and managed transportation services through Access2Care, www.access2care.net. AMR is a subsidiary of Global Medical Response, [HYPERLINK "http://www.GlobalMedicalResponse.com"](http://www.GlobalMedicalResponse.com) www.GlobalMedicalResponse.com. For more information about AMR, visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.amr.net"](http://www.amr.net) www.amr.net and follow American Medical Response on Facebook @AMR_Social on Twitter and Instagram. Serving 19 counties, AMR companies in are Mississippi's busiest ambulance services. The Mississippi Department of Health has reported that, in some years, AMR transported nearly one in every four ambulance patients in the state.



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The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) will receive sealed bids at the Jackson- Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (“JAN”), Main Terminal Building, Suite 300, in the City of Jackson, Rankin County, Mississippi, until 2:00 p.m. central time on June 7, 2019 (the “Bid Deadline”), for construction and related services in connection with the Hawkins Field Airport (HKS”) Runway 16/34 Assessment and Overlay Project at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (the “Work”).

JMAA will also accept electronic sealed bids as specified in the bid documents. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. central time on June 7, 2019, Electronic bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

Once registered, Suppliers can download bid specifications and upload bid documents.

JMAA will publicly open and read aloud all bids at 2:05 p.m. central time on June 7, 2019 (the “Bid Opening”), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN.

The outside or exterior of each bid envelope or container of the bid must be marked with the Bidder’s company name and Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number and with the wording: “Hawkins Field Airport (HKS”) Runway 16/34 Assessment and Overlay Project at JAN, JMAA Project No. 008-12.” Bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids received by JMAA after the Bid Deadline will not be considered for any cause whatsoever. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to be present at the Bid Opening.

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

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

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Suite 300, Main Terminal Building
100 International Drive
Jackson, Mississippi 39208
Telephone: (601) 939-5631 ext. 662
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A copy of the plans and specifications for the Work are being made available via digital and original paper copy. Plan holders may register and order plans and specifications from the Jackson Blueprint Online Plan Room website <http://planroom.jaxblue.com>. There is no charge for registration or to view the documents online. Documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. A printed bid set is \$175.00 plus \$25.00 shipping and applicable sales tax and an electronic downloadable set is \$35.00 plus applicable sales tax. For questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Jackson Blueprint & Supply at (601)353-5803.

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JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at 2:00 p.m. central time on May 15, 2019 in the Community Room, Main Terminal Building at HKS. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly encouraged for all those interested in submitting bids as a Prime Contractor for the Work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Contractor. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Contractors and Sub-Contractors, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Bid Conference; review of the plans and specifications; and a site visit of the area covered in the scope of work. No site visits will be scheduled other than the one provided during the Pre-Bid conference.

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

If it becomes necessary to revise any aspect of this Request for Bids or to provide additional information to Bidders, JMAA will issue one or more Addenda by posting on JMAA’s website (<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 22% for the Work solicited by this RFB. JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

DATE: May 1, 2019
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ASSESSMENT AND OVERLAY PROJECT
AT THE
JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
(JMAA PROJECT NO. 008-12)

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) will receive sealed bids at the Jackson- Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (“JAN”), Main Terminal Building, Suite 300, in the City of Jackson, Rankin County, Mississippi, until 2:00 p.m. central time on June 7, 2019 (the “Bid Deadline”), for construction and related services in connection with the Hawkins Field Airport (HKS”) Runway 16/34 Assessment and Overlay Project at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (the “Work”).

JMAA will also accept electronic sealed bids as specified in the bid documents. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. central time on June 7, 2019, Electronic bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

Once registered, Suppliers can download bid specifications and upload bid documents.

JMAA will publicly open and read aloud all bids at 2:05 p.m. central time on June 7, 2019 (the “Bid Opening”), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN.

The outside or exterior of each bid envelope or container of the bid must be marked with the Bidder’s company name and Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number and with the wording: “Hawkins Field Airport (HKS”) Runway 16/34 Assessment and Overlay Project at JAN, JMAA Project No. 008-12.” Bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids received by JMAA after the Bid Deadline will not be considered for any cause whatsoever. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to be present at the Bid Opening.

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Jackson, Mississippi 39208
Telephone: (601) 939-5631 ext. 662
Facsimile: (601) 939-3713
Attention: Deuntagus Herndon, Procurement Specialist

A copy of the plans and specifications for the Work are being made available via digital and original paper copy. Plan holders may register and order plans and specifications from the Jackson Blueprint Online Plan Room website <http://planroom.jaxblue.com>. There is no charge for registration or to view the documents online. Documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. A printed bid set is \$175.00 plus \$25.00 shipping and applicable sales tax and an electronic downloadable set is \$35.00 plus applicable sales tax. For questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Jackson Blueprint & Supply at (601)353-5803.

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

JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at 2:00 p.m. central time on May 15, 2019 in the Community Room, Main Terminal Building at HKS. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly encouraged for all those interested in submitting bids as a Prime Contractor for the Work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Contractor. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Contractors and Sub-Contractors, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Bid Conference; review of the plans and specifications; and a site visit of the area covered in the scope of work. No site visits will be scheduled other than the one provided during the Pre-Bid conference.

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

If it becomes necessary to revise any aspect of this Request for Bids or to provide additional information to Bidders, JMAA will issue one or more Addenda by posting on JMAA’s website (<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 22% for the Work solicited by this RFB. JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

DATE: May 1, 2019
/s/ Perry J. Miller, A.A. E., I.A.P
Interim Chief Executive Officer

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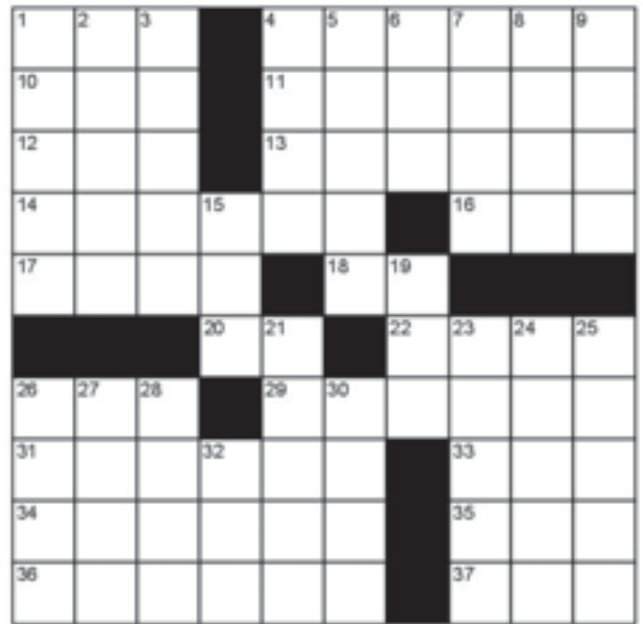
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Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- DOWN
1. Ball holder

4. Tried to catch water animals

10. Rodent

11. Have an idea

12. Expression

13. Tailbone

14. Seize

16. Mold

17. Lotion brand

18. Oklahoma (abbr.)

20. Pound (abbr.)

22. Tides

26. Computer memory unit

29. Meat stew

31. Rewriter

33. Twisted

34. Soften

35. Building addition

36. Star system

37. Tint
1. Bedded vehicle

2. National bird

3. Anesthetic

4. State treasury

5. Western state

6. Part of a min.

7. Not soft

8. Decorative needle case

9. Districts of ancient Attica

15. Zip

19. Beer container

21. New York borough

23. Curved

24. Heavyset

25. Format

26. Floating ice

27. Thought

28. Dig up the soil

30. Chichi

32. Drink

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Sudoku Solution

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R	E	L	E	N	T		E	L	L
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Cryptogram Solution

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
Y J H L K R Q A C B P T X M I W V D Z F N S G U E O

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YFFCFNLK CZ Y TCFFTK FACMQ
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DOLLAR GENERAL

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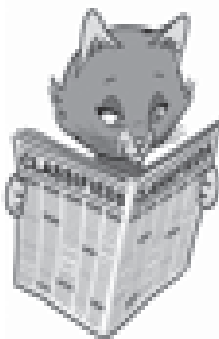
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Even before my week test driving the 2019 Subaru Forester was up my opinion had been reached. It was very satisfying to the point of being a very impressive midsize crossover that delivered on a number of levels. Under the hood was a 2.5-liter Boxer engine, meaning horizontally opposed four-cylinder that made 182 horsepower and 176 pound feet of torque at 4,400 rpm. The Forester had an EPA rating of 26 mpg in the city, 33 mpg on the highway and 29 mpg combined.

This new engine provided more than enough oomph in day to day driving. I really don't care for CVTs but this one was not bad. Acceleration was good and it was fairly quiet, for a continuously variable transmission.

The first driving characteristic I noticed about the Forester was its handling. It was Go-Kart precise. Just the slightest turn of the wheel and the midsize crossover went in the direction the wheel was turned. Reaction time to driver input was almost instant.

Styling was new for 2019

too. Subaru said it was more rugged. The exterior had shoulder lines that followed around the pillars to emphasize height and strength. Prominent wheel arches emphasized the standard Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive system's functionality. Subaru is one of the few manufactures that make all-wheel-drive standard.

The front, side and rear under guards were also standard on all models, with color finish according to trim line. New LED headlights were standard on all models. The wheelbase was increased to 105.1 in. from 103.9 in., with the gain benefitting rear seat legroom, which is now 39.4-in., a 1.4-in. increase.

I got into the rear seats and found them comfortable. There was plenty of headspace, hip room and I think three people could sit in the back seat in relative comfort. And because the Forester sits deceptively high, the drive tunnel was not that much of an intrusion into the interior space.

What's more, the moonroof was larger than most I've seen.

Subaru's signature hexagonal grille incorporated active grille

shutters, which optimize aerodynamics to help reduce fuel consumption. Wider rear door openings and a steep C-pillar angle make ingress/egress and installing a child seat easier. All Forester models feature lower body side cladding, which helps protect against mud, rocks and other road debris.

My only complaint was that the frame for the C-pillar glass was light gray while the rest of the interior was black. I could see it out of the corner of my eye and it was distracting. I thought it was a vehicle in my blind spot at first, and then I thought it was somebody in the street and after I discovered what it was it was still disconcerting.

As Subaru said there was outstanding outward visibility. Strategically designed pillars and generous glass area ensure an excellent all-around view from inside, and all models feature a standard rear vision camera. But they need to dump that light gray frame for the C pillar window.

Anyway, that was my only gripe. And I believe that is a choice of interior color. The car-

go space was upped during the redesign to 76.1 cu. ft. with the rear seats folded. The automatic lift gate width was 51.3 inches. This Subaru Limited trim also had roof rails with integrated tie-down hooks.

I thought the interior was really nice. It was soft black leather with gray stitching. It was particularly nice around the front door panels; so supple that it felt like a thick cloth.

The instruments were black with white numerals reversed out. And the vehicle seems to have had just about every crea-

ture comfort: stop/start, automatic lock and unlock, eyesight driver assist technology, torque vectoring, Bluetooth, a navigation system, heated front seats, power driver's seat, satellite radio, voice controls, it had dual 2.1 USB jacks in the rear, plus one more in the front and an auxiliary jack and 12V socket.

It had its own Wi-Fi hotspot, lane departure alert and assist, blind spot alert, rear view camera with cross traffic alert, a navigation system, Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, cloud apps, streaming capability, ride modes

and adaptive cruise control. And there was a pod atop the dash that gave you average mpg; mine was 22.9, then mpg in real time, range, interior and exterior temperature, the lock and the climate control reading.

The 2019 Subaru Forester was a great vehicle with great handling, a very good ride, good gas mileage and good interior space with what they called a panoramic sunroof. The sticker I thought was astoundingly low, \$33,465.

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Kam's Kapsules

Weekly previews that make choosing a film fun

By Kam Williams
Columnist

For movies opening May 31, 2019

Wide Releases

Godzilla: King of the Monsters (PG-13 for profanity, action, violence and destruction) Latest installment of the big lizard franchise finds members of the cryptozoological agency Monarch facing-off against a battery of god-sized monsters, including the mighty Godzilla. Cast includes Vera Farmiga, Millie Bobby Brown and Ken Watanabe.

Ma (R for violent and disturbing material, language throughout, sexual content, and for teen drug and alcohol use) Harrowing horror film revolving around a lonely

woman with a secret agenda (Octavia Spenser) who lets an unsuspecting group of teens party at her house. Featuring Allison Janney, Juliette Lewis and Luke Evans.

Rocketman (R for sexuality, drug use and pervasive profanity) Taron Egerton portrays Elton John in this warts-and-all biopic of the flamboyant rock star. Co-starring Jamie Bell, Richard Madden and Bryce Dallas Howard.

Independent & Foreign Films

For the Birds (Unrated) Biopic about Kathy Murphy, a woman whose 200 pet ducks, chicken, geese and turkey are putting her at odds with her husband and animal activists.

Leaving Home, Coming

Home (Unrated) Reverential portrait documentary of legendary portrait photographer Robert Frank, best known for "The Americans" (1958).

The Fall of The American Empire (R for strong violence, sexual nudity and profanity) Crime comedy about a truck driver (Éric Bruneau) who accidentally stumbles upon a stash of dirty cash. With Maxim Roy and Maripier Marin. (In French and English with subtitles)

Too Late to Die Young (Unrated) Chilean saga surrounding the events unfolding for three young neighbors one New Year's Eve. Co-starring Demian Hernández, Antar Machado and Magdalena Tótoro. (In Spanish with subtitles).

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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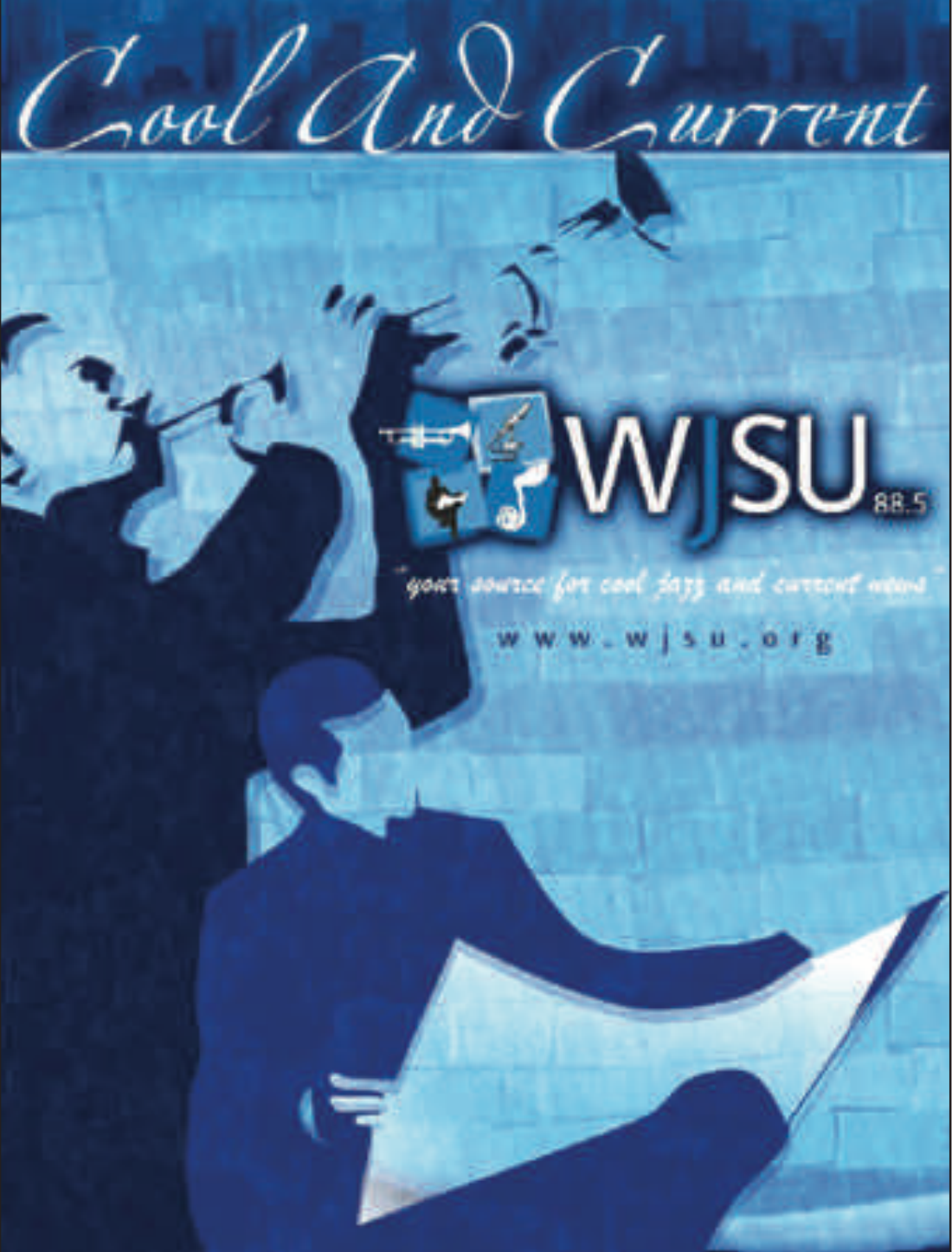
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Cryptogram

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 Winston Churchill

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(For puzzle answer keys, see page 15)

HCCSD seniors participate in first Baccalaureate Service

Mississippi Link Newswire

A sea of red caps and gowns, proud parents and well-wishers packed the sanctuary of Durant Missionary Baptist Church for its 31st annual county-wide Baccalaureate Service, but it would be the first for the Holmes County Consolidated School District.

"We are grateful to God that we are hosting the first Baccalaureate for the Holmes County Consolidated School District," Pastor Nathaniel Christian, D.D. said. "You are making history tonight," he told the students and congregation.

Nearly 200 graduating juniors and seniors from Holmes County Central High School (HCCHS) as well as two graduating pre-schoolers from the church's Genesis Day Care were saluted during the church's popular – and always well-attended – county-wide Baccalaureate service held May 15, 2019.

"We encourage you to be resourceful, maintain a don't quit attitude, and focus on the positive as you began to write your next chapters," said Joann Rucker, Ed.D., of School Leadership during the words of encouragement segment. Rucker represented superintendent of schools James L. Henderson in his absence.

Christian's message to the students was centered around the Biblical story of blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52). "Keep crying out to the Lord, and He will turn your situations around," he advised. "Make some noise. Whatever you are doing in life, don't forget to seek the Lord. God will take care of



Pastor Christian and one of his first Genesis Day Care Day graduates, now a HCCHS graduate, Breanna Mallett



Carlos Shaffer Jr., ASU Alumni Representative Jimmie M. Simpson and Shakenya Hester



Class of 2019



JoAnn Rucker, Chief of School Leadership, addresses the graduates.



Jaylen Christian Washington with his grandfather Nathaniel Christian, host pastor of the Annual county-wide Baccalaureate Services



Shakenya Hester and U.S. Retired Coast Guard Percy Norwood, chairman Greenwood Alpha Foundation



Pastor Christian and another one of his first Genesis Day Care graduates, now a HCCHS graduate, Tameia Reed

you. Holler if you have to. You can always call on the Lord like Bartimaeus, and don't allow your peers to stop you."

There were several scholarship award presentations.

Holmes County Alcorn Alumni, represented by Jimmie Simpson, presented \$500 scholarships to Shakenya Hester and Carlos Shaffer Jr.

Holmes County Mississippi Valley

State University Alumni Chapter President LeRoy Riley presented \$1,000 scholarships to Jaylen Gray, Kevon Williams, Milteona Rena Gray and Aliya Ashunté Jefferson.

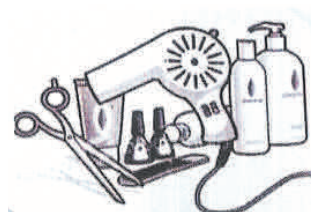
Representing the Lexington Rotary Club Board, Riley also announced a \$500 scholarship award to Alliyah Jefferson. Shakenya Hester, who is Miss HCCHS, also received a scholarship

from Tearsanee Carlisle-Davis and Jarrett Cain, as well as a Greenwood Alpha Foundation scholarship (\$500) presented by the foundation chairman, U.S. Retired Coast Guard Commander Percy Norwood.

"I am thrilled for the positive experience our students had Wednesday night, and I applaud Dr. Christian and the congregation for their community

leadership in connecting for student success," Henderson recently commented. "As we draw near the end of our first HCCSD school year, we look forward to many more successes and support, especially from our ecumenical community partners.

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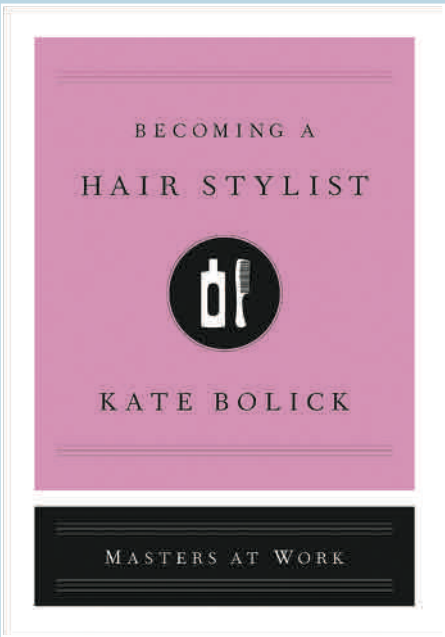
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BOOK REVIEW: “BECOMING A HAIR STYLIST”

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
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Sometimes, you feel like you could just dye. Or curl, or cut, or braid.

Some days, you want a change in style, a different ‘do,’ maybe something like you’ve seen in a magazine. Or you want to be the person who makes that happen, so read “Becoming a Hair Stylist” by Kate Bolick and see if you have what it takes.

You have to think that people have fussed with their hair for as long as people have had hair.

Egyptian lovelies, for instance, used juniper berries to hide their grays. Roman women used leeches fermented in vinegar as a dye. Wealthy women a century ago had servants do their ‘do’s; just sixty years ago, few people washed their hair more than once a week and most women did their hair at home.

Says Bolick, America’s first hair salon belonged to Martha Harper, who’d inherited a secret formula for hair growth in the late 1880s. During Harper’s time, women grew their hair as

long as possible; short hair was “a sign of poverty.” For Black women, Madame C.J. Walker’s potions and pomades revolutionized how their hair was styled, and she became a millionaire for it.

In the 1950s and 60s, though, Vidal Sassoon and Vogue magazine made going to the salon a thing every woman wanted to do: getting your hair styled at a salon was suddenly affordable, and stylists were believed to be specialists with skills – even though, at the same time, people often callously thought

that styling hair was a career for those lacking intelligence.

Today becoming a hair stylist takes a lot of hard work, training, and keen people skills. You’ll have to get a certain amount of schooling, depending on the state in which you want to practice, and you’ll learn the basics first, followed by human anatomy, sanitation, and chemistry. You’ll get tons of hands-on experience, and if you want to style African-American hair, you may take extra classes before tackling a two-part licensing test. Once

you’ve done that, says Bolick, “the sky is the limit.”

While there is an abundance of information inside “Becoming a Hair Stylist,” and while it’ll help prospective beauticians to decide if the career is right for them, this book is also a little disappointing.

Author Kate Bolick relies quite heavily on the story and experiences of one salon owner and her employees in New York City, adding snippets of tales from other large cities, but she misses writing about neighborhood and rural salon owners

whose stories could have added so much more to the overall. That lack does a disservice to the multi-thousands of people hoping to become small-town independent stylists; this, and a dearth of pitfalls a salon owner might find, further lessens the information within.

And yet – for a high-schooler thinking about cosmetology school, or for an adult heading back to school, this book offers at least a basic start. If that’s for you and you’re eager to get going, “Becoming a Hair Stylist” is a book to curl up with.

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