

Philanthropist Juanita Sims Doty inducted as honorary member of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.



Ozell Dean, (only living founder of TLOD); Juanita Doty, honoree; and Drema Woldman, National President TLOD PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

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As an educator, human rights advocate and entrepreneur, Juanita Sims Doty has held a lifelong commitment to volunteerism, nationally and locally. Her commitment to community service expanded as she was inducted as an honorary member of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. (TLOD) during their national biennial conference, Syn-Lod June 27, in Atlanta, GA.

Inducted by 13th TLOD National President Drema Lee Woldman, Doty joins the ranks of other notable honorary mem-

bers including Rosa Parks, Dorothy Height, Maxine Waters, Julianne Malveaux, Myrlie Evers-Williams and Glenda Baskin Glover.

“Lady Juanita is one of the most excited, enthusiastic honorary members I’ve ever seen, and we are so glad to have her become a Top Lady of Distinction,” said Woldman.”

“I am thrilled, thankful and humbled to become an honorary member of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. alongside so many distinguished ladies,” said Doty. “Their outstanding record of

service in our communities – especially with our youth – across the nation speaks volumes about who they are: servant leaders. I am honored to become a part of this amazing organization.”

TLOD’s five national program thrusts include Top Teens of America (TTA), Status of Women, Senior Citizens initiatives, Community Beautification projects and Community Partnerships. TTA is the organization’s primary thrust that mentors teens in community service by providing mentoring, leadership, social and cultural development.

For the past four years, the Juanita Sims Doty Foundation has partnered with the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute and Families First for Mississippi to implement a national mentoring program Ambassadors of the Evers Academy for African-American males (The A-TEAAM). This mentoring initiative is a collaborative project with 24 Mississippi-based community organizations and TLOD. The A-TEAAM inspires young males of color in middle

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Alcorn family officially welcomes 20th president Felecia M. Nave



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Hundreds of excited Alcorn State University students, faculty, staff, alumni and community supporters turned out to graciously welcome the university’s 20th and first female president onto campus.

The university honored President Felecia Nave with a President’s Welcome Reception Tuesday, July 2 in the Dr. Clinton Bristow Jr. Dining Hall – Gold Room. Proud Alcornites who have anticipated her arrival greeted Nave as they helped usher in her tenure as their next leader.

The overflowing support from her alma mater brought Nave to tears as she addressed the crowd of proud Alcornites. She applauded them for being a robust support system.

“To see you all and to experience the love and outpouring of support since being appointed has been overwhelming,” said Nave. “Alcorn has the best fans, alumni and people in the entire world. It is such an honor and privilege to be here.”

Although Alcorn’s name is continuously synonymous with success, Nave has confidence that the university can climb to even higher levels of achievement. She believes in Alcorn’s ability

to keep striving for the best.

“Alcorn is in magnificent shape, and we have a lot to be proud of. It’s going to be joyous to continue in this legacy because there is so much more we can do. We will continue to do great things and elevate to an even higher level because we have talent, alumni support, dynamic faculty and staff and exceptional students. We will continue to be that shining star that illuminates greatness.”

Seeing a woman take the helm at the university inspires Alexandra Johnson, a junior majoring in biology/pre-medicine. She has faith that Nave will successfully lead Alcorn into a bright future.

“This is the year of the woman, so I am very excited about Dr. Nave’s appointment as president,” said Johnson. “She’s an Alcornite, so she understands the atmosphere of the university and what it needs to succeed. I believe that she will live up to high expectations.”

After listening to Nave’s opening remarks, Tabitha Smith, assistant professor in the School of Education and Psychology, was moved by Nave’s appreciation for Al-

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Blue Revue



Keisha Middleton, Anita Young, Rosalind Garner, Tamara Simmons, Breanna Nash, Robyann Devine PHOTO BY GRETCHEN MCGRUDER

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Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter celebrated the Blue and White Family at their Biennial Blue Revue, Saturday, June 29, at Center Court, Jackson Medical Mall. Within a colorful royal blue and white setting, members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity who are “Pillars of the Community” were recognized as 2019 honorees of the coveted Trailblazer Award. The recipients were: Adriane Kidd-Human Services; Fernando Mitchell-Ministry; Hali Peterson-Premier Legacy Scholar; Jay Johnson-Photography; John H. Hardy-Education;

Chief Joseph Daughtry-Law Enforcement; Lillie Hardy-Educational and Community Leadership; Attorney Charlene Prier-Law; Judge (retired) Patricia Wise-Chancery Court Leadership; Mark Wise-Business; Colonel Silvanus Johnson-Military; Thelman Boyd-City Government; Dorothy Thompson-Real

Estate and Judge E. Faye Peterson-Legal and Judicial Pioneer. Additionally, Alpha Delta Zeta spotlighted the principle of scholarship by presenting two undergraduate scholarships. The recipients were Verlika Donelson at Tougaloo College and Ki-

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AARP seeks 2019 Andrus Award for community service nominees

Annual award recognizes those who make a powerful difference in their community

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AARP is now accepting nominations for its 2019 Mississippi Andrus Award for Community Service, which honors 50+ Mississippians who are sharing their experience, talent and skills to enrich the lives of their community members.

“AARP Mississippi is excited to shine a light on 50+ Mississippians who are using what they’ve learned in life to make a difference in the lives around them,” said AARP Mississippi State President Gwendolyn Prater, Ph.D.

Nominations will be evaluated by AARP Mississippi based on how the volunteer’s work has improved the community, supported AARP’s vision and mission and inspired other volunteers. The award recipient will be announced in early fall.

AARP Mississippi Andrus Award for Community Service nominees must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Nominee must be 50 years or older.

- The achievements, accomplishments, or service on which the nomination is based must have been performed on a volunteer basis, without pay.
 - The achievements, accomplishments, or service on which the nomination is based must reflect AARP’s vision and purpose.
 - The achievements, accomplishments, or service on which the nomination is based must be replicable and provide inspiration for others to volunteer.
 - Couples or partners who perform service together are also eligible; however, teams are not eligible.
 - This is not a posthumous award.
- Please contact AARP Mississippi at 1 866 554-5382 for further information and a nomination form. The application deadline is July 15, 2019.
- The AARP Andrus Award for Community Service is an annual awards program developed to honor individuals whose service is a unique and valuable contribution to society. Last year, AARP recog-

nized 50 outstanding individuals and couples from around the country.

AARP is the nation’s largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With nearly 38 million members and offices in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, AARP works to strengthen communities and advocate for what matters most to families with a focus on health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also works for individuals in the marketplace by sparking new solutions and allowing carefully chosen, high-quality products and services to carry the AARP name. As a trusted source for news and information, AARP produces the nation’s largest circulation publications, AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin.

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“This represents a high watermark for the university,” said Igwebuike. “It’s a new day for faculty, staff, student and alumni success at Alcorn. The university will soon celebrate 150 years of existence, and this will be a banner celebration because of Dr. Nave’s presence.”



Shackles From the Deep: the Henrietta Marie
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Red Cross offers preparedness tips ahead of tropical depression

Download free Red Cross Emergency App for safety information on your mobile device

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The American Red Cross offers some preparedness and safety guidance in anticipation of a tropical depression expected to form in the Gulf of Mexico by the end of the week. Planning and preparing can make a big difference in safety and resiliency in the wake of a hurricane or tropical storm.

The 2019 Hurricane Season began June 1 and the Red Cross has steps people should take now to get ready for any storm. Hurricane season runs until November 30.

These storms can cause problems for people in coastal areas and can also cause damage hundreds of miles inland. “These are dangerous storms that can affect people living here in the Mississippi,” said Regional Preparedness Manager for the American Red Cross Mississippi Region, Cheryl Kocurek. “It’s time to get ready now, before a storm threatens.”

What people should do

- Build an emergency kit with a gallon of water per person, per day, non-perishable food, a flashlight, battery-powered radio, first aid kit, medications, supplies for an infant if applicable, a

multi-purpose tool, personal hygiene items, copies of important papers, cell phone chargers, extra cash, blankets, maps of the area and emergency contact information. Many of these items are available through the Red Cross Store at redcrossstore.org.

- Talk with household members and create an evacuation plan. Practicing the plan minimizes confusion and fear during the event.

- Be informed. Learn about the community’s hurricane response plan. Plan routes to local shelters, register family members with special medical needs as required and make plans for pets. Take a First Aid and CPR/AED course (redcross.org/takeaclass) so you know what to do in case emergency help is delayed.

- Download the free Red Cross Emergency App to select up to 35 different severe weather and emergency alerts on their mobile device. The content includes expert guidance on what to do before, during and after different emergencies or disasters from home fires to hurricanes. The app can be found in smartphone app stores by search-

ing for American Red Cross, texting ‘EMERGENCY’ to 90999, or by going to redcross.org/apps.

If someone already has a disaster kit, now is the time to make sure the food and water is still okay to consume and that copies of important documents are up to date. If they already have an emergency plan for their household, they should talk about it again with family members, so everyone knows what to do if an emergency occurs.

Help for businesses, schools, organizations

The Red Cross Ready Rating™ program helps businesses, schools and other organizations prepare for emergencies that can disrupt daily operations. Ready Rating™ offers specific steps that organizations can take to be better prepared. It includes a planning tool to help their employees or members know what their roles are in the early hours of an emergency, what their next steps are, and a resource center with tools that help businesses, employees and students develop and practice preparedness plans.

More information about this valuable program can be found at readyrating.org.



Hinds County Human Resource Agency Project Head Start
is currently accepting applications
for the 2019-2020 school year.



Priority is given to children with diagnosed disabilities (certified IEP or IFSP)

To Qualify:

- Child must be 3 or 4 on or before September 1st
- Family must reside in Hinds County
- Must be a low-income family (based on the federal poverty level)

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- 3) **Proof of Hinds County residency** - lease, mortgage statement, current utility bill (light, water, gas or sewer), current phone or cable bill
- 4) **Child's Social Security number**
- 5) **Medical insurance of child (if applicable)**
- 6) **IEP or IFSP (if applicable)**
- 7) **Legal guardianship (if applicable)**
- 8) **Documentation of foster care (if applicable)**

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Hinds CC completes renovation of building on Utica Campus



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H.H. “Shine” Davis was an important bridge between the past and what became the future for Hinds Community College Utica Campus.

That future is now for the campus’ barbering and cosmetology programs which will be housed in a spacious, newly-renovated building that will continue to be named in Davis’ honor.

“It’s significant for the students and also because it’s named for a community leader who fought for this campus long before it was part of Hinds Community College,” Hinds President Clyde Muse said Thursday during a program to dedicate the building. “I know this because I personally knew him.”

Thursday’s program unveiled the new H.H. Davis Building, first built in 1974 and now with 4,600 square feet of additional space and two classrooms each on the first and second floors. The top floor is connected to the Louis J. Stokes Student Union Building next door.

Inside the new Davis Building, barbering and cosmetology programs have expanded workstations and office space for students to learn proper hair care and beauty techniques, in accordance with state regulations.

Speakers who learned their respective crafts at the Utica Campus credited their own experience at Hinds for success in business and the classroom.

“I know this new building will aid what we do daily as instructors,” said Regina Adams, cosmetology instructor. “That’s to teach our students, instill greatness in them and help them fulfill a dream.”

Chris Page, a local barber and alumnus, said he sees the new digs as the perfect way to continue pro-

ducing skilled graduates for the industry.

“It’s an honor to be here at a place that molded and helped me to become the barber and professional businessman I am today,” he said. “Hinds showed me it can be a career, not just a hobby. And it will do that for the students today, especially with the new building.”

Davis, who owned a general store in the southwest Hinds County community, was well-acquainted with William Holtzclaw, founder of the campus’ forerunner, the Utica Normal and Industrial Institute. The former was among the white merchants in town who supported the latter’s efforts to establish a school for African Americans, later becoming a member of the institute’s board of trustees. Muse knew Davis when both served on the Hinds Community College Board of Trustees from 1969-71, as Muse was superintendent of Hinds County Schools.

In 1982, the college merged with Hinds Community College and became the Hinds Utica Campus.

Davis’ daughter, Dorothy Davis Miley, a Utica native and Jackson resident, and several members of her extended family were on hand to celebrate the occasion. Miley has endowed five scholarships through the Hinds Community College Foundation and generously gifted portraits to hang in college buildings named for individuals important to the college’s history, including one of her father in the newly-renovated building.

“Like her father, she continues to be interested and involved with the Utica Campus and we’re pleased to have her here today,” Muse said.



Front row, from left, Hinds President Clyde Muse; incoming Utica Campus Vice President Sherry Franklin; Dorothy Davis Miley; Auto Mechanics Instructor Eddie Perry; back row, from left, Utica Campus Career and Technical Education Dean Kenisha Shelton; Utica Campus Vice President Tyrone Jackson; cosmetology instructor Regina Adams PHOTO BY HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE/APRIL GARON



Williams helps students “breakthrough” college barriers during summer internship



Williams

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Mississippi Valley State University senior JaQuana Williams never realized all that went into being a teacher – that is until she joined the staff at Breakthrough Atlanta, a program devoted to increasing educational opportunities to underserved students, as a summer intern.

Now, the English/Mass Communication major has a new respect for the profession.

“The biggest thing I have learned is that teachers do so much more than students can ever imagine. Lesson planning is a tedious task, but teachers put their best efforts forward so that students gain the most from the activities,” she said.

The mission of Breakthrough Atlanta is to increase the academic opportunity for highly motivated, underserved students and get them into college ready to succeed; and inspire and develop the next generation of teachers and educational leaders.

In addition to receiving hands-on experience that she’ll carry into her future career as a higher education professional, Williams is also receiving the opportunity to pay it forward by encouraging students from low socio-economic backgrounds to attend college.

“The exciting part is I get to do and be the ELA teachers I had in middle school that influenced the trajectory of my life,” said Williams, a native of College Park, Ga. “I get to reach back and further push students that come from the same communities as me through high school and into post-secondary opportunities. This classroom experience will help me determine the route I will take after I graduate in May.”

Williams said that so far, the experience has been rigorous but worth it.

“I am working twice as hard since I have no official education background, but the content (ELA) is the lesser challenge. Unlike my last internship where I looked at data sets and analyzed decisions being made from outside the classroom, I am now getting that direct contact and insight into the classes, students and the policies that the data sets I was learning last summer affect,” she said.

Despite the challenges, she’s most excited about working with students and helping them to become college ready.

“I’m looking forward to learning from the students and providing my assistance wherever I can,” she said.

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Mississippi launches TeachMS Teacher recruitment campaign

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Mississippi has launched a teacher recruitment campaign, TeachMS, to encourage high school and college students and professionals seeking a new career opportunity to consider teaching. The campaign’s theme, “TeachMS – Empower and Inspire Generations of Change,” is designed to appeal to an array of potential educators who want to impact the more than 470,000 students in Mississippi. As part of the campaign’s development, high school and college students provided insight into what’s important to them if they are to consider a career in education. Also, current teachers from across the state shared stories about what motivates them to commit to the profession. “We know that Mississippi, like every state in the nation, is facing a teacher shortage. We have been

asked by current educators and school and district leaders to assist in teacher recruitment, and this initiative is one way to do that,” said Carey Wright, State Superintendent of Education. “The majority of students in our state attend public school, and they depend on us to prepare them for college, the workforce, military and life. Our students deserve caring, effective teachers in their classrooms, and recent gains in student achievement prove that over time, a dedicated professional can transform one student, one classroom and one school at a time.” Teachers are encouraged to send their inspiring stories to teachms@mdek12.org, and they may be shared as part of the campaign. *To find out more about the campaign, visit teachms.org and follow TeachMS on Instagram, Facebook and YouTube.*

Sandra Barnes named vice president of Copiah-Lincoln Community College’s Natchez Campus

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An Alcorn State University science professor and alumnus will soon transition into a new leadership role with a local community college. Sandra Barnes, who earned a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Alcorn in 1993, has been appointed vice president of Copiah-Lincoln Community College’s Natchez Campus in Natchez, Mississippi. Barnes is scheduled to begin her position on July 15. Barnes has the best interest of the students at heart, which is why she looks forward to stepping into a role that allows her to play a vital role in their academic success. “I am humbled to begin my career with Co-Lin,” said Barnes. “I believe that the position will be challenging but rewarding. I pursued this position because I desire to impact the lives of as many students as possible. This role will afford me this opportunity.” While working at Alcorn, Barnes served as the chair-



Barnes

person and a professor in the Department of Chemistry and Physics. Also during her tenure, she served as an associate professor of chemistry as well as a research assistant professor for the Center for Biotechnology and Genomics. As chairperson for Alcorn’s Department of Chemistry, the chemistry program has experienced growth from an average of 40 majors to approximately 80 majors over the past few years. Barnes played a signifi-

cant role in the department’s mentoring program, tutoring center and resource center for student academic support. As an educational leader, Barnes successfully led the department’s chemistry program from the pre-application process to the full application phase of the accreditation process by the American Chemical Society (ACS), which is the first time the department has successfully reach this level. She received a doctorate in bioanalytical chemistry from the University of Kansas where she also served as a post-doctoral researcher for Pharmaceutical Chemistry. She earned a certification from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology Post Graduate in Academic Leadership. A native of Taylorsville, Mississippi, Barnes has called Natchez home for the past 18 years. She’s thrilled to serve the community she loves. “I am excited about working in Natchez. I have been

engaged in the community for a while in various ways. I love this community and I appreciate the chance to work here.” Thanks to her experience and numerous leadership opportunities at Alcorn, Barnes is uniquely prepared to oversee the campus. The new appointment allows her to put her vision into motion while growing stronger as a leader. “I want to continue my growth as an effective administrator and develop new partnerships with the college. My goals are to move Co-Lin’s Natchez campus forward.” Barnes is grateful for her employment at Alcorn. She applauds the university for preparing her for her new role. “Alcorn has given me firsthand working experience and knowledge. I have gained valuable experience through my involvement in professional development activities and various committee duties. I appreciate my alma mater for equipping me to take on such a huge role in my career.”

MVSU’s King advances education through competitive SELI fellowship

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Philemon King, a rising junior at Mississippi Valley State University, is spending his summer changing the narrative about educational opportunities in the South after landing a competitive fellowship with the Southern Education Leadership Initiative (SELI). SELI is an intensive, eight-week, paid summer fellowship for emerging leaders interested in advancing racial equity and improving education across the pre-k through college continuum. According to SELI, more than 200 students applied for this year’s fellowship, with 20 stellar candidates – including King – rising to the top of the pool. The 2019 cohort of exceptional young leaders represent 18 schools across the South, including five Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Placed in nonprofits, school districts or state education agencies in the South, SELI fellows spend the summer developing as leaders, engaging with valuable stakeholders and acquiring practical job skills through direct learning experiences. King, a computer science major at MVSU, has been placed with Foundation for the Mid-South in Jackson where he is supporting their efforts to increase graduation rates and improve males of color’s success throughout Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. “My experience is going great,” said King, who is a resident of Greenville, Miss., by way of Orange Park, Ga.



King

I have been identifying barriers and opportunities in improving the success of African-American males. The Foundation for the Mid-South’s goal is to increase graduation rates, while also determining if there is a need to develop a training curriculum for administrators and teachers,” he added. As a SELI fellow, King is learning about the South’s most pressing education issues and growing as change agents for social justice. “This fellowship means a lot to me because I get to witness for myself the educational disparities in the Mississippi Delta by researching school districts and studying their profiles,” said King. To resolve the educational inequity that exists in this nation, SELI leverages research to identify and highlight issues that impact student learning outcomes occurring along racial and socioeconomic lines. King said that the research has been eye-opening. “My parents are educators who own a Christian academy in the Delta. They worked hard

to make sure I had the necessary educational tools to succeed. With the research I have gathered, I have come to realize that many of my peers did not have the same resources,” he said. “I would like to see the school districts in Mississippi, which are overwhelmingly African-American, become more balanced to ensure the success of African-American males,” he added. Designed to educate the public to act, SELI’s evidence is used to provide capacity building support to school system leaders and advocates. “A part of my responsibility is to complete an analysis to determine what school districts are disproportionately affected in the Mid-South’s region and could benefit from having highly-qualified teachers in the classroom,” King explained. “This information will assist the program team in identifying strategies for improving education in the region, addressing community needs and putting theory into practice.”

Alcorn biology students prepare for medical school by participating in Meharry Medical College’s Summer Enrichment Program



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Future doctors studying at Alcorn State University recently attended a summer enrichment program that strengthens a student’s ability to earn conditional acceptance into medical school. A total of 15 Alcorn students majoring in biological sciences and chemistry participated in Meharry Medical College’s Bachelor of Science/Doctor of Medicine [BS/MD] Program in Nashville, Tennessee this summer. The program is designed to develop HBCU students with excellent academic credentials, competitive MCAT scores, and the personal, professional, leadership and psychological attributes to be competitive for medical school admission while also providing a training and ex-

posure launchpad that prepares them to be great physicians. The program was an excellent step for Alcorn students in their pursuit of a medical career. Patrick Mason, a junior biology major from Indianapolis, Indiana, expressed how the program inspired him to earn high marks in his classes so that he can accomplish his goal. “I had an amazing experience in this year’s program,” said Mason. “It was good to get to know other students from HBCUs and learn that we all have a strong desire to become doctors. The program was very enriching and it inspired me to work even harder to get into medical school.” The students’ eyes were opened to new knowledge that would benefit them in the future. Kaziah Robinson, a junior biol-

ogy pre-medicine major from Bastrop, Louisiana, appreciates the hands-on skills that she learned over the summer. “The program gave me an idea of how medical school would be daily,” said Robinson. “The professors provided us with insight into the strenuous workload that medical school puts on its students.” Dr. Thomas Sturgis, director of the Office of Pre-Professional and Honors Curriculum Programs, applauded the students for their continued success at Meharry. “The students from Alcorn did an excellent job in the program,” said Sturgis. “Their work has been exemplary and I’m confident that they will have success in medical school and their careers.”



Sew crafty: Summer camp teaches the art of sewing and business management



Kristen Martin, director of the JSU Summer Art Institute Sewing Camp, shows camper Kennedy Anderson a sewing technique.



JSU's Summer Art Institute Sewing Camp teaches students a handy skill and how to be entrepreneurs. Heiress Frazier (left) is a fourth grader at Green Elementary. PHOTO BY RACHEL JAMES-TERRY/JSU

By Rachel James-Terry
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A student sits at a sewing machine with the concentration of a seasoned seamstress. Others press fabric against the bodies of headless mannequins trying to gauge how their semi-completed dress will look once finished. Yes, the JSU Summer Art Institute Sewing Camp was in full swing.

From June 10-14, students, 9-18, were taught to sew, expand their creativity and learn the fundamentals of entrepreneurship under the leadership of Kristen Martin, director of the sewing camp, and Shon McCarthy, director of galleries at JSU.

Also participating in the institute were JSU alums Zacchaeus Simmons, owner of the clothing brand Zacari, and Treon Young, owner of the Country Bumpkin Clothing Store in Northpark Mall.

“Words cannot express how proud I am of our JSU students and alumni who have returned to not only teach sewing but the business side of fashion,” said McCarthy. “Our students are so dedicated that at the beginning of this summer break, they came to my office and expressed their commitment to our campers and their enthusiasm for the start of camp.”

A New Orleans native, Martin is the owner of dashDaren, an alteration, tailoring and custom design business. She shared how much she enjoys leading the sewing camp and working with the children.

“The greatest benefit is letting them see that they can make things themselves and they don’t have to go to the store to purchase



Zacchaeus Simmons, owner of the clothing brand Zacari, helps Kennedy Anderson, a seventh grader, with a top she designed.

clothes,” said Martin. “That was my problem when I was younger. I didn’t have certain things, but I didn’t know that I could make it myself.”

Martin said she wants others to recognize that they don’t have to run to the store and spend \$100 on a clothing item that everyone else has. “You can make it yourself, and make it how you want to make it.”

Kennedy Anderson, a seventh grader from Northwest Rankin Middle School, wished the camp lasted more than five days. “I like how you can make clothes, and

you don’t have a limit to what you can make. You can express yourself,” she said.

Jacksonian Lauryn Ross, 14, shared that the sewing camp is beneficial because she wants to be a hair and clothing stylist. “I always wanted to have a clothing business and a hair supply business. I’m trying to get it in early. I love being creative and adding my own spice,” she explained.

Simmons said he never expected to gain a new skill. “Originally, I was here to teach the kids how they can market their business. I didn’t know how to sew,”

he said. “Some of them started helping me learn while I was teaching them the business aspect. Now, I’m over here sewing and stuff. It’s a win-win.”

Having graduated this past May with a bachelor’s in industrial technology, Simmons is passionate about giving back to his hometown and his alma mater. “I really want Jackson to succeed. You have different people who talk down on Jackson somewhat. They fail to realize that other factors stop the city from progressing as it should,” he said.

Simmons pointed out that a declining tax base, among other things, hurt Jackson’s economy. However, he wants to use his brand to uplift and make a difference in the capital city.

“Coming back to JSU to teach campers is showing our youth how to return to their communities and give back. It’s a domino effect,” he said.

Jayah Alexander, a graphic design major, also assisted students. “I wanted them to know that they can make anything and be anything that they want to be no matter what society tells them,” she said.

The senior revealed that she wants to teach art, stack her money and start a clothing and cosmetics line.

“The most inspirational part of sewing camp is seeing the kids smile, watching them progress and seeing how happy they are to be here. They have so much fun with us,” she said.

Alexander, Simmons and Martin will be one of several JSU students and alums who will teach the community a variety of liberal art classes at the JSU Art Institute that begins in the fall.

Shears named associate vice president for Student Success

Jackson State University

William B. Bynum Jr., president of Jackson State University, announces the appointment of Mitchell Shears as associate vice president for Student Success. Shears began his new position July 1.

“Dr. Shears has shown an immense commitment to students throughout his career as an educator and administrator,” said Bynum. “This position is one step in the realization of the first goal of our strategic plan, Students First & Foremost. Since joining the team at JSU in 2017, his impact can be seen throughout the campus in our academic departments and Institutional Advancement.”

As associate vice president for Student Success, Shears will manage and direct the University Academic Advisement Center, educational opportunities and work to bring all TRIO programs back to Jackson State.

He will continue in his role as executive director of Title III, a position he has held since October 2017.

Shears brings several years of experience as a K-12 and communi-



Shears

ty college academician. Previously, he served as academic dean and executive director of Title III and Sponsored Grants at Hinds Community College – Utica Campus.

“I am excited about the opportunity to serve students in this capacity and fully understand the president’s goal of “Students First and Foremost,” said Shears. “This role gives me an opportunity to create programs to address our declining retention and graduation rates. We hope to build a great team to ensure that we raise the bar while combining all of the strategic plan pillars to make sure our students are successful.”

As academic dean, Shears created and implemented an Academic 5-Star Plan that resulted in an increase of the campus overall grade point average from 2.01 to 2.53 in one academic year, exceeding the college’s overall grade point average; created and implemented a system of prevention and intervention support for at-risk and first-generation college students; and implemented intrusive advising strategies. Major accomplishments as academic dean included reducing the number of students on academic suspension from 16.1 percent to 1.9 percent; reduced the number of students on academic probation from 28.6 percent to 18.8 percent; and increased the number of students in good standing from 66.1 percent to 79.3 percent.

One of his major grant writing accomplishments while serving on the community college level was writing and being awarded eight Upward Bound (5 regular and 3 math and science) projects and a minority science and engineering improvement program totaling over \$11 million in the same awarding cycle by the U.S. Department of Education as a way of garnering additional funding that focuses on the Legislative Allowable Activity: establishing community outreach programs which will encourage elementary and secondary students to develop their skills and the interest to pursue postsecondary education.

In the K-12 setting, he served as a classroom teacher, curriculum specialist, principal of two high performing schools recognized by the National Title I Association as Distinguished Schools and assistant superintendent/director of academic support – supervising 19 schools in the Jackson Public Schools District. Additionally, he was named the JPS Administrator of the Year.

He is a graduate of Alcorn State University where he received his bachelor’s degree in mass communications and master’s in elementary education; and Mississippi College, where he earned his specialist and doctorate degrees in educational leadership.

White House Initiative selects King as 2019 HBCU Competitiveness Scholar

By LaToya Hentz-Moore
jsunews.com

Jackson State student Jasmine King has been chosen as a 2019 competitiveness scholar for the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (WHIHBCU). Scholars were selected for the WHIHBCU program after a rigorous nomination process based on a unique combination of academic achievements, campus and civic engagement, recommendation and entrepreneurial ethos.

“I was in shock. My reaction was

mainly a result of all the hard work that I poured into the application process, along with the assistance of Dr. Bynum and his administration,” says King. “I understand that my selection for the program is not just a win for me, but a win for Jackson State as well.”

When asked what she plans to acquire while in D.C., King replied, “I hope to gain a multitude of opportunities that I can share with my peers in regards to building relationships within governmental agencies through internships and professional

development. I am also anxious to meet this year’s WHIHBCU cohort because I want to share ideas focused on uplifting our communities.”

The WHIHBCU will provide outreach and engagement opportunities for King as well as information and resources to disseminate among her peers. She will also participate in regional events, webinars and monthly web chats with the WHIHBCU staff.

King shared words of advice for others aspiring to be a competitiveness scholar. “Anyone with a strong desire to represent THEE Jackson

State University on a major level should push themselves as high as possible and definitely build a support system that is focused on their growth and success. The first and most important step is to believe in yourself.”

All WHIHBCU scholars will have a chance to engage with other honorees to showcase individual and collective talents across the HBCU spectrum. King will attend the 2019 National HBCU Week Conference in Washington, D.C. in early September.



Jasmine King, a native of Vicksburg, has been selected as the 2019 Competitiveness Scholar for the White House Initiative for JSU. PHOTO BY SPENCER MCCLINTY/JSU

Mississippi communities get nearly \$187,000 in grants from Entergy

Nonprofits that support the environment, education and low-income solutions are winners

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Dinosaurs are roaming the earth again...at least in Mississippi...thanks in part to a grant from Entergy. The Dinosaurs Around the World exhibit at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science is one of 17 non-profit community partners that received funding from the company's shareholders through the Entergy Charitable Foundation. The first of two rounds of grants in 2019 totaled nearly \$187,000.

"Entergy strives to contribute to a society that's healthy, educated, environmentally safe and productive," said Val Mabry, Entergy Mississippi public affairs analyst. "With these grants, we're powering life by supporting vital programs and services in our communities that otherwise might not be available."

"Thanks to our outstanding network of nonprofit community partners, we're able to continue making a positive impact on our customers and communities."

The foundation focuses its funding on education and workforce development, poverty solutions and environmental programs. Entergy Mississippi's first-round grant recipients include:

- Andrew Jackson Council/



Young visitors enjoy the Dinosaurs Around the World exhibit at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science in Jackson, one of 17 non-profit community partners in Mississippi that received an Entergy Charitable Foundation grant.

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- Dress for Success Metro Jackson – Professional Women's Group Continuum
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- Innovations for Learning, Inc. – TutorMate online literacy program for Jackson Public School students
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ates, Inc. – Non-profit youth development program that helps at-risk youth achieve academic, career and life-long success

- Mississippi Authority for Educational Television – Focus on the Future campaign
- Mississippi Blood Services, Inc. – Minority community education about blood donation
- Mississippi Children's Museum – The WonderBox Makerspace
- Mississippi Council on Economic Education – The Stock Market Game program
- Mississippi Museum of Natural Science – Dinosaurs Around the World exhibit
- Mississippi State University-STEP 2.0: Pathway to Careers
- Mississippi Symphony Orchestra – Premier Orchestral Institute
- University of Mississippi Foundation – Scholarship in honor of U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran
- Warrior Bonfire Program – Vicksburg bonfire retreat.

Entergy shareholders continue to provide funding and support for initiatives that help build stronger, healthier and more vibrant communities through the Entergy Charitable Foundation.

This year's first round grant cycle awarded more than \$2 million to 73 nonprofit organizations working across Arkansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New York and Texas.

In 2018, Entergy Corporation and the Entergy Charitable Foundation awarded grants totaling more than \$18.4 million to more than 2,000 nonprofits, and employees logged more than 112,000 volunteer hours.

Entergy Charitable Foundation grants are awarded twice a year. The second grant cycle opened July 1 with an Aug. 1 deadline.

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\$150,000 awarded for repairs at Hawkins Field



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United States Representative Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) recently announced the United States Department of Transportation has awarded \$150,000 for repairs at Hawkins Field in Jackson, Mississippi.

Thompson

School supplies included in Mississippi's Sale Tax Holiday weekend



The Mississippi Link Newswire

In 2009, the Mississippi Legislature enacted a Sales Tax Holiday for the retail sales of clothing and footwear. With the passage of Senate Bill 2955 during the 2019 legislative session, school supplies were added to the list of items that are sales tax exempt. In order to qualify, each item must cost less than \$100 and the sale must occur Friday, July 26 – Saturday July 27, 2019.

"The original bill did not include school supplies. It took 8 years to get it passed," said Senator Walter Michel, who authored the bill. "In order to get the bill passed, we included clothing and footwear... items that everyone could use. This year, crayons, erasers, pens, pencils, notebooks, lunchboxes, textbooks, backpacks and many more items are included," said the Senator who represents Madison and Hinds Counties.

"Business owners can also take advantage of the tax savings as calculators, folders, reference books, copy paper and legal pads are also included."

For a complete list of tax-free items included in this year's Sales Tax Holiday, visit the Mississippi Department of Revenue's website at WWW.DOR.MS.GOV.

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Census champions Jeri Green's life-long crusade to reverse historic undercounts

By Khalil Abdullah
TriceEdneyWire.com

Jeri Green's passion for the census is still sunrise bright. An outspoken champion of the concerns of African Africans and any people who have been diminished, marginalized or systemically undercounted, she is an enthusiastic and determined advocate for how participation in the census can contribute to healthier communities and a more equitable America.

"Let's talk about the need for public education," Green said. "We know African-American children continue to be undercounted every census and likely will be so again in 2020. Same for Latino and Native American children. When we say, 'Count every child in your household,' it means just that. Grandchildren count, foster kids count, play cousins count. Unless this message is delivered and repeated over and over, families will miss receiving resources that are rightfully theirs."

"And, quite frankly, why can't we do a better job of counting formerly incarcerated black men? We already know they are a disproportionate percentage of the over 650,000 individuals coming back to our communities from jails and prisons every year. They are returning citizens and we should be able to design ways to make sure they show up in the census as well."

During her 20-year career at the Census Bureau, Green coordinated visits by congresspersons, the General Accounting Office and the Inspector General's personnel, among others, to census field sites. "Individuals who have oversight responsibility or whose agencies conduct audits to make sure taxpayer dollars are being well spent, have a right to inspect and observe, but those visits have to be scheduled and conducted in a way that doesn't interfere with the enumeration process or the public's right to privacy."

In 2017, she retired as senior advisor for civic engagement to former U.S. Census Bureau Director John Thompson.

"He had left the Census Bureau and returned after a decade as a political appointee. He asked me to help him get reacquainted with the issues and concerns of the Civil Rights community, to establish some outreach."

Green's experience made her ideally suited for the task.

"When I started full-time, I was working on the advisory committee level," she recalled. "In addition to serving as the liaison to the technical advisory committee, I was responsible for the five ethnic stand-alone advisory committees: Black; Hispanic; Native American and Alaskan; Asian; Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders."

"Back then, each committee had its own chair and vice chair. My job was to understand their needs, engage with them and get to know and understand their issues. I just thought I could automatically do this, that it was just a natural fit for me because - I'm black. And I know all these issues. Wrong, wrong and more wrong," she said laughing.

"You cannot just assume, because you're a person of color, that you understand another culture. It took time to talk to Native Americans, to understand the road they traveled and their customs. It was the same for each of those committees. It was a very humbling experience that made me a stronger employee and a stronger translator for the Census Bureau. I had to develop a level of trust that the bureau didn't have with these communities."

Regarding her decision to resign, she said when Thompson opted to leave in 2017, "I followed him out the door. It was time."



Jeri Green at her desk at the US Census Bureau in 2016. For over three decades, Green has helped make the decennial census a leading civil rights issue, both as a Census Bureau insider, and now as an advocate for the National Urban League.



Jeri Green with her younger sister, Michele.



Green as a college student at the University of Maryland, College Park.

from the Census Bureau and said, "We need you," Green recalled. As president of the National Urban League (NUL) for over 15 years, a two-term mayor of New Orleans, and a former Louisiana state legislator, Morial knows and understands how census-derived revenue pours into county and city coffers to fund infrastructure projects and social service programs.

Morial chaired the 2010 Census Advisory Committee, an entity not reconstituted by the Trump administration for the 2020 Census. The committee focused on Hard-To-Count communities and had become part of Green's portfolio during Morial's tenure. Green now serves as senior advisor to the NUL on the 2020 Census and is a key participant in the NUL's Census 2020 Black Roundtable, but her path to the NUL began long before.

Just as the Morial family can trace part of its lineage to the Whitney Plantation in Louisiana, Green's folk, on her mother's side, are descendants from formerly enslaved laborers on the Worsley Plantation near Rocky Mount in Edgecombe County, North Carolina.

Green was born in Washington, D.C., a descendant of part of the African-American Worsley migration that eventually settled here. "My grandfather used to make me and my little sister hockies. He couldn't read or write, nor could his mother, who was a formerly enslaved woman."

After Eastern High School, Green pursued her undergraduate degree in Afro-American studies at the University of Maryland, College Park. At the time, there was no rapid public transportation linking her Washington neighborhood to the College Park campus as the D.C. Metrorail system had not been built. Without a car, the bus ride stretched out interminably. Travel time proved less a barrier than the social climate she encountered.

"Yes, it was only 15 miles, but it was like going to the Deep South, culturally and otherwise," Green explained. "It was a real eye-opener for me. The whole black-face thing with Gov. Northam in Virginia? That was nothing. We saw blackface all the time at College Park in the 70s, a land-grant university built by formerly enslaved people."

At College Park, she also encountered the Pan Africanism of Kwame Turé, the former Stokely

Carmichael. "He made regular visits out there and would encourage us to be active and to fight injustice. We were the ones who fought for tenure for black professors, for African-American studies programs, and for the establishment of the Nyumburu Cultural Center, which provides a physical space for meetings and activities and is still there today."

"African Americans are struggling to deal with police brutality, voter suppression, gentrification, and access to health care ... so getting them to turn their attention to the census takes time and commitment."

While earning her master's degree in Urban Planning and Urban Affairs at Washington University in St. Louis, Green had her first prolonged encounter with "reams and reams of census data." Job opportunities brought her back home where she worked for a few organizations before being hired by the D.C. Department of Public Works. It was a sprawling agency that Green recalls "was responsible for almost anything in the city with wheels, from public transportation to trash collection" before its duties were parceled out in a city government reorganization. Most of her time was spent working out of the mayor's executive office. She served under Mayors Marion Barry and Sharon Pratt Kelly.

A mentor encouraged her to apply for openings at the Department of Commerce during its recruitment drive to staff the 2000 Census. "I left a full-time job at the District government to join the Census Bureau as a temporary employee in 1997," Green said.

The practice of bringing former temporary workers aboard after a decennial year is not unusual, those workers' skills and performance having been subject to evaluation by Census Bureau staff who can then make full-time job offers to the best prospects.

Green is a veteran of three censuses. "I worked on the run-up to the 2000 Census; through the 2010 Census; and for the run-up for the 2020 Census when I left the bureau in 2017, and I'm still working on 2020 issues with the National Urban League."

"African Americans are struggling to deal with police brutality, voter suppression, gentrification and access to health care," she observed, "So getting them to turn their attention to the census takes time and commitment. But when you look at the issue of black men being counted where they are incarcerated instead of where they reside, and how that affects political representation and the electoral process, what we at the National Urban League call prison-based gerrymandering, and then you also count the per-person census dollars lost to their communities because, again, that money stays within the communities not their own where they are imprisoned, we cannot remain silent."

Green still bristles as she talks about the first census in 1790 when African Americans were not counted as full human beings - Native Americans not counted at all. And she has found, within an analysis of the 1860 Census data - and, due to the Civil War, the last census that recorded a captive population - names and information on some of her forbears in North Carolina. She knows full well, however, that most Africans Americans won't be as fortunate in their quest for family, kinship and identity.

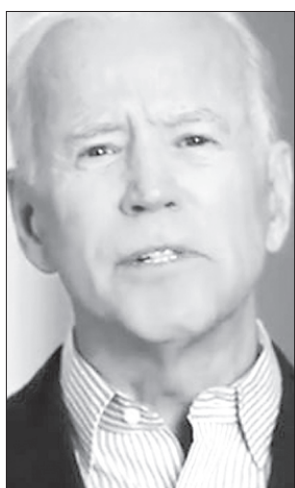
"Instead of being defiant and not participating in the census, be defiant and let America know we're still here," Green inveighed.

Looking to the other side of the 2020 Census, Green envisions more time with children, grandchildren, and, she said, quite frankly, "I'm trying to be on somebody's beach."

The word 'boy,' race politics, and democratic wrangling raise the interest of black voters



Booker



Biden

By Hamil R. Harris
TriceEdneyWire.com

The Iowa Caucus isn't until Feb. 20. But, the First Democratic Presidential debates are this week in Miami and African-American voters are already taking sides. The rhetorical slug fest is between Vice-President Joe Biden, at the top of the polls, and New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, who is trailing.

Welcome officially to the 2020 Presidential Primary because from now until next summer's Democratic convention, contenders will be working hard to knock each other out of the political box in hopes of taking on President Trump in the general election and everything will matter in this political contest.

In Round 1, Biden recently told a crowd at New York City fundraiser that when he was in the US Senate, "at least there was civility," between Democrats and Republicans. And then Biden went on to say that he even worked with segregationists like former Mississippi Senator James O. Eastland. As a 29-year-old senator, Biden, now 76, recalled, Eastland "never called me boy; he always called me son."

The comment went viral as Biden was met with a firestorm of criticism; perhaps most notably from Booker, who called for him to apologize for even repeating the word, "boy," a racial insult endured by millions of black men during Jim Crow segregation and beyond.

Booker said, "As a black man in America I know the deeply harmful and hurtful use of the word boy and how it was used to dehumanize and degrade."

Whether or not Biden was attempting his own version of the Southern strategy, which fires up white voters at the expense of African-American candidates, he fired back on national television saying, Cory is the one who "should apologize" for injecting race and implying he meant something untoward.

"He's knows better," Biden said. "I don't have a racist bone in my body."

In the wake of Booker's comments some members of the Congressional Black Caucus came to Biden's defense and Rev. Al Sharpton invited Biden to his show on MSNBC where Biden said, "I do understand the consequences of the word boy...but it wasn't said in any of that context at all."

At a time when African Americans make up the largest voting block in the Democratic Party, Booker must navigate choppy political waters because he wants to stand as a champion of his convictions while at the same time not draw fire from older African Americans who see Biden as the best person to beat Trump.

"I certainly wish that he hadn't said it," Rep. Karen Bass of California, the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus told CNN last week. "I certainly wish he wouldn't have used that example. I think there's a lot of other examples of where he has worked in a bipartisan fashion, but I would like to see us move on from there."

While Biden met with members of the CBC last week, the real question is how much will their endorsement matter 12 months from now and will African-American women play a big part in who will be the next Democratic presidential nominee.

Melanie Campbell, CEO of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation and convener of the Black Women's Roundtable, said the fight is on because, "You have 20 candidates and eight months before the primary. No candidate has a lock on the black vote."

Campbell said she planned to be in Miami for both Democratic debates this week. But her biggest worry is the electoral process being compromised by outside forces whether it is the Russians, Americans or anybody else.

"We need to push the issue in terms of asking the candidates what they plan to do for Black America," Campbell said. "The role of black women is paramount to any progressive candidate that wants to win and no one candidate has a lock on the Congressional Black Caucus or any other group."

Campbell concluded that people of color have a chance to make a difference in this election if the political game is fair. "There is a big concern about Democracy and the suppression of the black vote."

COGIC, Mississippi Southern First Jurisdiction, to focus on faith, youth and families

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Southern First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ will host its 110th Holy Convocation, July 8-12, 2019, in Jackson. An annual celebration, the five-day convocation is expected to attract more than 2,000 people.

“This is a week we look forward to each year. It’s a time where we come together as the Body of Christ to worship our Savior, fellowship, learn and grow,” said Jurisdictional Prelate, Bishop Daniel T. Littleton. “We work to empower clergy and laity to be more effective in ministry so that they can return home and make positive changes in their local communities.”

For the first time in the jurisdiction’s history, this year, the convocation will start with a youth and family night outing. “We are so excited to partner with the Mississippi Braves; and for the opportunity for our families to come together, pray for youth everywhere and then enjoy each other,” said Elder Fred Davis,

the jurisdiction’s youth department president.

Youth and family night was held July 8 at Trustmark Park in Pearl, Miss. “In addition to prayer, our Jurisdictional Recording Choir provided entertainment during a live concert before the game. The game featured in-state rivals, the M-Braves and Biloxi Shuckers.”


The conference also includes a free two-day youth camp for children. “That’s going to be held at our member church, Greater Deliver-

ance COGIC in Byram, Miss. Tuesday and Wednesday.

Other faith building services will be held in Jackson and will bring in national and regional speakers, including Evangelist Renee’ Murray of Michigan, Bishop Jerry Taylor of Memphis, Tenn. and Bishop Brandon Porter, a general board member for the Church of God in Christ, Inc.

For additional information and a schedule of this week’s activities, please email info@weareonecogic.com or call 888-647-3614.

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



Last week, I shared how names impact our relationship with God. This week, I’d like to share some additional thoughts about how names can impact our worship experiences with God.

In the classic gospel song “Because of Who You Are,” by Martha Munizzi, she describes how she adores God not because of what he’s done but simply because of who he is. “Because of who You are I give You glory Because of who You are I give You praise, Because of who You are I will lift my voice and say ‘Lord, I worship You because of who You are.’” She continues by using biblical phrases like Jehovah Jireh to describe him.

Part of the power of these lyrics is that just like our names and nicknames reveal our personality, they show how the names of God reveal his personality and how he longs to reveal himself to us in worship. Psalm 138:2 says, “I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name, For Your loving-kindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.”

Jehovah, or Lord, is the covenant name of God and is mentioned in the Old Testament close to 7,000 times. When we say “Jehovah,” we are verbally acknowledging God as the self-sufficient one who is the source of everything. Looking at his various Old Testament names shows believers how he can also be our everything in our worship experiences. Elohim is another name for God.

Other names of God include:

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Jehovah Jireh – the Lord provides. Jireh means to see or foresee. He will provide for our needs because he sees not only what our needs are now but also what our needs will be. Scriptures it can be found in include Genesis 22:14.

Jehovah Rophe – the Lord who heals. Rophe means to heal or restore. This refers to not only physical but also emotional, spiritual and mental healing. It can be found in Exodus 15:26.

Jehovah Nissi – the Lord our banner. The name of God comes from a word than means to gladden or lift up on the battlefield. We know from this that God goes before us and prepares the way for our victory. Exodus 17:15 is where you can find this term.

Knowing the names of God and what they mean can transform your worship and your life. In my own worship experiences, I marvel at how God responds to me in grace and abundance when I worship him as Jehovah Jireh, my provider. Or, how when I worshipped him as Jehovah Rophe, my healer, that he healed me.


The dictionary says that worship is giving respect or reverence to a divine being. Some have said that worship should be a lifestyle and not just be seen as something that is done for 10 minutes during a Sunday morning church service. Worship, especially when it includes the names of God, not only changes our relationship with God, but it also can change our relationship with others.

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REIGNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday, July 28, St. Mark Church, 1638 Clinton-Raymond Road, Clinton, MS, will have its Musicians’ Appreciation program at 10:15 a.m. with special music by Rev. Larry Thompson and Sis. Faith Moss. Everyone is invited. Willis Washington Jr. is pastor-teacher. For more information please call 601 813-8704.

The Green Pastures Baptist Church, 2239 Flag Chapel Rd., Jackson, MS, will hold their annual “Give-Away” of useful items and school supplies Saturday, July 27, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on the church parking lot. Come, receive and be blessed. Free! Free! Free! Any questions call 601 992-7495 601 922-9050.




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Tubman on the Twenty

By E. Faye Williams
Trice Edney Newswire



When President Barack Obama left the White House, he left a very positive image of what a president should be like. He set a high standard for his staff, with no swamp creatures running around his administration and no scandals emerged in the eight years he was in office. Even those who might have had a few differences with him look back and wish we could have him back in the White House to clean up what is there now.

I will never forget the day we learned that the people had spoken about which woman should be on the \$20 bill. It was a magical day when we heard the news that we would see Harriet Tubman on the bill in 2020. The decision had come about when in 2014 Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (D-OH) introduced the Woman on the Twenty Act (HR 2147). In April of 2016, Secretary Jack Lew announced that Tubman would be on the \$20 bill. Suffragists would be on the \$10 bill and other historical figures would be on the \$5 bill. We were told the redesigns would be unveiled in 2020.

Then at the end of 2016 came that disastrous day when the Russians helped to deliver the presidency to the most undeserving person our country has seen in modern times. Less than a year later in August of 2017, on a television appearance Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin refused to endorse putting Tubman on the \$20 bill.

Shortly thereafter Beatty contacted Mnuchin asking him to recommit to putting Tubman on the bill. A few weeks later, he responded that it would be more than 10 years before a new \$20 bill would be released. 2018 passed by without much being said about the Trump Administration's mean-spirited decision that Tubman wouldn't be on the bill while he remains secretary. Not to be defeated, Beatty renewed the "Woman on the Twenty" Act (HR 3082) in June of this year.

A few days ago, a large crowd of men and women showed up at Mnuchin's door on the steps of the Treasury Department to tell him he doesn't have the final word on this issue. In the crowd there were over 20 house members and a lot of supporters of diverse backgrounds.

As I walked backed to my office with my "Show Me the Tubmans" sign in my hand numerous people enthusiastically gave a thumbs up. Now, I know that the boss man in the White House and his minions want to prevent Tubman from being on the \$20 bill so that women can't celebrate her to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. We already know how little respect this administration has for women – especially black women, but that will not deter us from having Tubman on that \$20 bill.

The disrespect this administration has shown to black women is not just about us. It's disrespectful to men and women of all colors and cultures who voted to put Tubman on the \$20 bill and to all who want to have at least one woman on the money. I know it's hard for racists and misogynists to give up old Andrew Jackson, but it will happen.

Along with Beatty, I call on all fair-minded people – men and women – to demand that we get Tubman on the money as scheduled by former Secretary Lew and President Obama. Until it's done or #45 is out of office, everywhere #45 and Mnuchin go, they should hear the words or see the signs that say, "Show Me the Tubmans" or "Tubman on the Twenty."

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Census citizenship question appears blocked - for now

By Marc H. Morial
President and CEO
National Urban League



"Altogether, the evidence tells a story that does not match the explanation the Secretary gave for his decision. We cannot ignore the disconnect between

the decision made and the explanation given. Our review is deferential, but we are 'not required to exhibit a naiveté from which ordinary citizens are free.' Accepting contrived reasons would defeat the purpose of the enterprise. If judicial review is to be more than an empty ritual, it must demand something better than the explanation offered for the action taken in this case." – Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., United States Department of Commerce v. New York

Civil rights groups and advocates for a fair census breathed a sigh of relief this week when the U.S. Supreme Court rejected the Trump Administration's "contrived" justification for adding a citizenship question to the 2020 census.

However, the court did not categorically rule out the addition of a ques-

tion, should the administration eventually provide sufficient justification.

We must not let down our guard.

We have known from the beginning that the addition of a citizenship question was a blatant ploy to reduce minority participation and rob communities of their political power, and that Secretary Wilbur Ross' explanation that the question is "critical" to enforcement of the Voting Rights Act was laughable. That's why we joined other civil rights group in filing a "friend of the court" brief opposing the citizenship question.

As we argued in our brief, "There is no factual or legal basis – none – to support the position that collecting citizenship data from the decennial census is needed for VRA enforcement. In fact, modifying the short-form census to ask for the citizenship status of everyone in the country, as Ross has proposed, would undermine VRA enforcement.

And we – grassroots, advocacy, labor, legal services, education and faith-based organizations who came together to file the brief – would know. "[We] have been among the most experienced guardians of the VRA and the values it reflects for the past 54 years. In that time, existing citizenship data drawn

from sample surveys or the long-form census sent only to small subsets of American housing units have been more than sufficient for robust, effective enforcement of the VRA."

There has never been a Voting Rights Act enforcement case in history that turned on the unavailability of citizenship data from the decennial census.

We're relieved the Supreme Court saw through the administration's flimsy argument, especially since the real motivation behind the citizenship question emerged just days after the case was argued before the justices.

Computer files revealed that a political consultant who played a crucial role in the decision to add the question had authored a study concluding that adding the question would allow the drafting of extremely gerrymandered Congressional maps to drain even more influence away from urban communities and communities of color.

The citizenship question was one of several potential problems that could produce a significant undercount of black Americans, including underfunding, understaffing and the practice of prison-based gerrymandering. Under current policy, incarcerated persons are counted in jurisdictions where they are

imprisoned rather than in the communities where they live. This represents a massive transfer of political power and federal funding for programs like Head Start, Medicare, lunch programs and transportation infrastructure, from urban districts of color to rural, prison-hosting, predominantly white districts.

In the face of this week's ruling, the National Urban League and the Urban League Movement is recommitted to working for a fair census and urging participation among black communities.

An inaccurate census will deprive communities of accurate data for most federally produced statistics and critical social, demographic and economic research. It would deprive communities of more than \$675 billion in federal funding, and the just enforcement of civil rights laws and constitutional protections like fair housing and voting rights.

Most importantly, an inaccurate census will deprive communities of fair political representation in the U.S. Congress, the Electoral College and state and local legislatures.

Blocking the citizenship question is just one step among many in safeguarding a fair, accurate Census.

Meharry's Juul grant is good news

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA News Wire Columnist



Should Meharry Medical College, a Historically Black College (HBCU) established in 1876 in Nashville, have accepted \$7.5 million from Juul Labs, the controversial e-cigarette company that provides an alternative to smoking tobacco? Meharry says it will use the grant, the second-largest it has ever received, to study public health issues and African Americans, including the health effects of tobacco products. They will establish a Center for the Study of Social Determinants of Health, and, according to its president, James Hildreth, begin conducting fully-independent research into the health conditions and issues related to tobacco and nicotine-delivery products."

Critics say that Meharry has made a deal with the devil since African-American people smoke more and have a higher death rate from tobacco-related illnesses than other racial and ethnic groups. They think Meharry should have passed on the Juul donation because they don't believe that the historically black Meharry can't take Juul's money and continue to make a difference in black lives.

I say nonsense. Juul will not be dictating the topics or terms of research

with Meharry. The college's president, James K.K. Hildreth Sr., who has been determined to increase the amount of research that Meharry students are doing, says the college approached Juul, not the other way around, and they did it with their eyes wide open. He says he is confident that the new research center Meharry will establish will be independent of Juul. They won't have input to the research topics that Meharry tackles, nor will they determine the course or direction of research.

Most medical colleges, including Meharry, turn down contributions from tobacco companies. As Meharry and Juul were exploring the possibility of the donation, Altria, a tobacco company, acquired 35 percent of Juul. Should that have killed the deal? It caused Meharry to pause. But eventually, they decided to accept the money because they believe they can use it for the greater good. I agree.

Hildreth has been a biomedical researcher for more than 36 years. In a letter to the Meharry community, he reminded them that, "The bodies of black Americans have historically been the subject of scientific experimentation with no control on our part. If it takes an unorthodox partnership to change that dynamic, then let the research begin."

I can't read that part of Hildreth's letter without thinking of the Tuskegee syphilis experiments, where the feder-

al government funded research on the effects of untreated syphilis on black men. Medicine to cure syphilis was withheld from the men in the experiment. The federal government did this. The commercial use of black bodies included the harvesting (and reproduction) of the cells of Henrietta Lacks, a black woman whose DNA is still being used today for medical research.

And, when we think of experiments on black bodies, one must think of the odious J. Marion Sims, who was called the "father of modern gynecology." He earned his fame by conducting painful experiments on enslaved women. Thank goodness New York City removed his statue from Central Park.

Meharry doesn't aim to hurt the six million African Americans who are smokers or to profit from them. They aim to have a seat at the research table, a place from which black researchers, and black research institutions, have often been excluded. Juul's contribution allows Meharry to pull up a chair to the research table and participate in the scientific inquiry about the health effects of cigarettes and other tobacco products, critical investigation given the fact that African Americans are more likely to die from tobacco-related illnesses than others.

Hildreth's letter to the Meharry community outlines several research questions. What is the long-term impact of e-cigarettes? Does vaping cause de-

velopmental health issues? Are vaping devices effective as smoking reduction or cessation devices? Will laws prohibiting tobacco sales for those under 21 improve health outcomes? San Francisco recently passed legislation outlawing the sale of vaping devices. How effective are such laws? These are questions worth answering through research.

From where I sit, Meharry should have negotiated for a much more substantial contribution from Juul, and perhaps they will. After all, according to Hildreth, the tobacco industry "has taken our money and delivered sickness and death in return. "We at Meharry intend to advance the fight for better health and longer life by turning that insidious relationship on its head."

Bravo, Dr. Hildreth. If Meharry's research can help us learn more about addiction, and if the research can be used for tobacco use prevention, then Meharry is doing the right thing. I don't see others lining up to fund Meharry's research, and fundraising for HBCUs is extremely challenging.

I look forward to the work that the Center for the Study of Social Determinants of Health will produce.

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Trump Did the Right Thing

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



In the last week, President Donald Trump suddenly reversed two major decisions. He announced he would not begin mass deportations of those who are living in the country illegally, which he previously threatened to do, and he pulled the plug on a bombing attack on Iran, even as the military jets were on the runway.

The reversals stunned aides and allies alike. In both cases, Trump disappointed hawkish advisers and zealous supporters who had urged him to act. In both cases, Trump did

the right thing.

It's easy to be skeptical or dismissive about Trump's flip-flops. In both cases, he defused crises of his own making. In both, he avoided what would have been a humanitarian horror. In both, the impulsiveness of the threatened action was matched by the suddenness of the reversal. In both, the reversals may only be a temporary attack of sanity.

Critics argue that Trump's reversals undermine his credibility and sap American authority. Cynics discount the decisions, saying even a broken clock gets the time right twice a day. All that may be true, but it is worth thanking Trump when he makes the right choice.

On Iran, he is surrounded by advis-

ers – like National Security Adviser John Bolton – eager to ratchet up the crisis. Even his former secretary of defense, James "Mad Dog" Mattis, was an advocate of taking on Iran. The so-called "adults in the room" – the folks said to be reining in an impulsive and uninformed president – would have pushed us into another war.

Attacking Iran would have violated Trump's campaign promise to get us out of "stupid wars." As president, he repeatedly says that "great powers don't fight wars without end," and boasts he's getting the troops out. In fact, however, the war in Afghanistan goes on, the troops are still in Syria and Iraq, Trump vetoed the congressional effort to end our role

in the Saudi attack on Yemen, and he's been ratcheting up pressure and sanctions on Iran from the beginning of his administration.

When the Iranians shot down a U.S. drone, the hawks had exactly the provocation they wanted to begin bombing. Trump initially agreed, but then reversed himself, allegedly because he thought a bombing strike that might kill hundreds of Iranians was "disproportionate." Hopefully, it was also because he remembered his campaign promise, and his sensible instinct that beginning another war in the Middle East would be catastrophic.

Story continued in our online edition.

Vivacelle Bio, Inc. announces FDA clearance to enroll patients in a Phase IIa clinical trial of VBI-S for elevation of blood pressure in subjects with shock due to sepsis

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Vivacelle Bio, Inc. announces that the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted Dr. Cuthbert Simpkins, MD its founder and chief innovation officer, an Investigational New Drug (IND) clearance to proceed with a phase IIa clinical trial of the safety and efficacy of VBI-S. Vivacelle Bio, Inc. provided support for the investigational new drug application to the U.S. Food & Drug Administration for a phase IIa clinical trial of VBI-S.

VBI-S is an intravenously injectable fluid comprised of phospholipid nanoparticles that were specifically designed to shift the biophysical properties of the body’s fluid volume in hypovolemic shock, due to sepsis, from non-survival to survival.

A fundamental problem is that molecules that alter the properties of the fluid volume in shock and cause loss of life, are also needed to sustain life. Previous therapies blocked these molecules resulting in adverse effects and increased mortality or at best were ineffective. Instead VBI-S is designed to shift the balance of body fluid properties toward survival rather than eliminate these factors.

Also, because of the absence of a therapy that is effective in the late stage of sepsis there has been an emphasis on developing methods and products for early intervention. However, early intervention is of-



DeShield

ten not possible either because the patient presents late in the disease or the cause of sepsis is overwhelming. VBI-S is at the vanguard of a paradigm change that promises to be effective in early or late sepsis.

Commitments have been obtained from key physicians at leading medical centers for participation in the study. Vivacelle Bio, Inc. is currently seeking funding opportunities to support performance of the clinical trial. This announcement follows the FDA clearance in February 2019 of the company’s first patented and proprietary product, VBI-1, for a phase IIa clinical trial of its safety and efficacy after blood loss.

Harven DeShield JD, PhD and CEO of Vivacelle Bio commented, “The clearance of this IND will further accelerate our company’s efforts to promote phospholipid nanoparticle therapies for life-threatening diseases. It is our expectation that the availability of VBI-S



Simpkins

upon FDA approval will address the inadequacy of fluid therapy in raising blood pressure in septic shock patients. The combination of VBI-S and VBI-1 promises to be transformative with respect to providing critical technologies to address unmet medical need and save numerous lives both in the US and globally. ”

Cuthbert Simpkins, MD, chief innovation officer and inventor of the Vivacelle Bio, Inc. technology stated, “Over the last 40 years there has been a tremendous increase in our understanding of sepsis. But a solution has eluded us time and time again. VBI-S is a different approach. I am very excited about the possibility that VBI-S could be what the world’s medical community has been seeking for many decades.”

For more information on VBI-S or Vivacelle Bio, contact Harven DeShield, JD, PhD, (harven@vivacellebio.com) 716-830-8932 Company website: vivacellebio.com

Drs. Emily Thomas Johnson, Sheila Williamson re-appointed to Mississippi Autism Board

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Dr. Emily Thomas Johnson and Dr. Sheila Williamson have been reappointed to the Mississippi Autism Board for four-year terms ending June 2023.

Johnson is one of the original members of the Autism Board, which licenses behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts in the state. She was appointed to an initial four-year term in 2015 by Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves.

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is a process involving the systematic application of interventions, such as positive reinforcement, based upon the principles of learning theory to improve socially significant behaviors among individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disorders. Studies have demonstrated many children with autism experience significant improvements in learning, reasoning, communication and adaptability when they participate in high-quality ABA programs.

Currently, there are 69 licensed behavior analysts and two licensed assistant behavior analysts in Mississippi.

“We have made a lot of progress in the state toward

making treatment more accessible by growing the number of licensed professionals practicing here, but we still need to attract more providers to Mississippi,” said Johnson, owner of Behavior, Attention and Developmental Disabilities Consultants, LLC, and Integrated Health in Southaven. “I am honored to have been reappointed and am thankful for the opportunity to continue to serve.”

Working in the ABA realm for more than 15 years, most of Johnson’s work is focused on children with autism and/or emotional/behavioral disorders in school districts in northwest Mississippi.

Johnson is a Mississippi behavior analyst and Mississippi licensed psychologist. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Memphis, and Master of Arts and Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the University of Mississippi.

Sheila Williamson, a clinical psychologist and certified behavior analyst, is also a current member of the Mississippi Autism Board, first appointed by Reeves in 2016.

Williamson has worked with children with autism, as well as children with emotional concerns, attention issues and developmental dis-

abilities for more than 30 years.

“The more licensed professionals we have operating in Mississippi, the better. Children who are diagnosed with autism and other developmental disorders don’t have time to wait,” said Williamson, who is the clinical director at the Autism Center of North Mississippi in Tupelo, which serves children and families with autism. “We need to support them with high quality treatment as early as possible.”

Other current autism board members include Dr. Jim Moore, co-chairman, whose term ends in June 2021; Dr. Kasee Stratton-Gadke, co-chairwoman, whose term ends in June 2020; and Dr. Krystal Thurman, whose term expires in June 2022.

The Mississippi Autism Board, established in 2015 by the Mississippi Legislature, consists of five members appointed by the governor and lieutenant governor, one licensed psychologist practicing in the area of ABA, three licensed behavior analysts and one non-licensed public member who is the family member of a recipient of ABA services to provide for the licensure and regulation of the practice of ABA.

MSPHI, GCHCC and CFHC launching phone-based survey effort in Jackson, Hancock and Harrison Counties

Social climate survey to understand local health behaviors will be conducted by Mississippi State University Social Science Research Center

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Public Health Institute (MSPHI), Coastal Family Health Center (CFHC), and Gulf Coast Health Communities Collaborative (GCHCC) will launch a phone-based survey effort to understand knowledge, attitudes and beliefs about nutrition and breastfeeding, tobacco-free living and maternal smoking in Jackson, Hancock and Harrison Counties.

The survey is part of a five-year collaborative effort to improve the health and well-being of African-American families, mothers and babies in these counties funded through a co-operative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The data collected from the social climate survey will be used to develop a coordinated and comprehensive effort focused on increasing community support for breastfeeding and educating the community on the health effects of smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke.

The Mississippi State University Social Science Research Center will be conducting the survey, and Gulf Coast residents can expect to receive calls on cellphones and landlines beginning the week of April 8. These incoming calls will be from a 662 area code from

Starkville, Miss., and landline caller ID systems may show Mississippi State University as the caller.

“Community participation in this survey is critical because it will help us understand where we need to focus our resources in the first two years of this project,” said Roy Hart, executive director of MSHPI. “We want to ensure we are developing programs in collaboration with community members, providers, and institutions, and data from this survey is an important part of that process.”

Mississippi has the lowest rate for breastfeeding in the country, and current data indicate that approximately 10 percent of pregnant women in the state smoke at some time during pregnancy. According to the CDC, babies who are breastfed have a lower risk of asthma, Type 2 diabetes, eczema, ear and respiratory infections, obesity and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). Studies also show that smoking during pregnancy can cause tissue damage in unborn babies, particularly in the lung and brain.

For more information on the social climate survey or the REACH project, contact Tennifer Collins at tcollins@msphi.org or 601 398-4406.

About the Mississippi Public Health Institute
MSPHI is a nonprofit entity

established in 2011 to protect and improve the health and well-being of Mississippians, serving as a partner and conveyor to promote health, improve outcomes, and encourage innovations in health systems. We cultivate partnerships aimed at program innovation, health resources, education, applied research, and policy development.

About Coastal Family Health Center

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About Gulf Coast Healthy Communities Collaborative

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
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CAUSE #: P2019-38 O/3

BY: Corrie Kimes

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLIE MAE CAIN, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Corrie Kimes, Plaintiff, seeking the adjudication of heirs of Charlie Mae Cain.

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You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 14th day of June 2019.



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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 3:00 p.m. central time on August 7, 2019 (the "Bid Deadline"), for construction and renovations in connection with the International Drive Rehabilitation 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 3:00 p.m. central time on August 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 3:15 p.m. central time on August 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: "International Drive Rehabilitation at JAN, JMAA Project No. 004-18C." 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 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.

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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 \$100.00 plus \$20.00 shipping and applicable sales tax and an electronic downloadable set is \$25.00 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 3:00 p.m. central time on July 17, 2019 in the Community Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly encouraged for all those interested in submitting bids as a Prime Contractor for the Work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Contractor. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Contractors and Sub-Contractors, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Bid Conference; review of the plans and specifications; and a site visit of the area covered in the scope of work. No site visits will be scheduled other than the one provided during the Pre-Bid conference.

JMAA reserves the right to amend the plans and specifications for the Work by Addendum issued before the Bid Deadline; to reject all bids; 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 20% for the Work solicited by this RFB.

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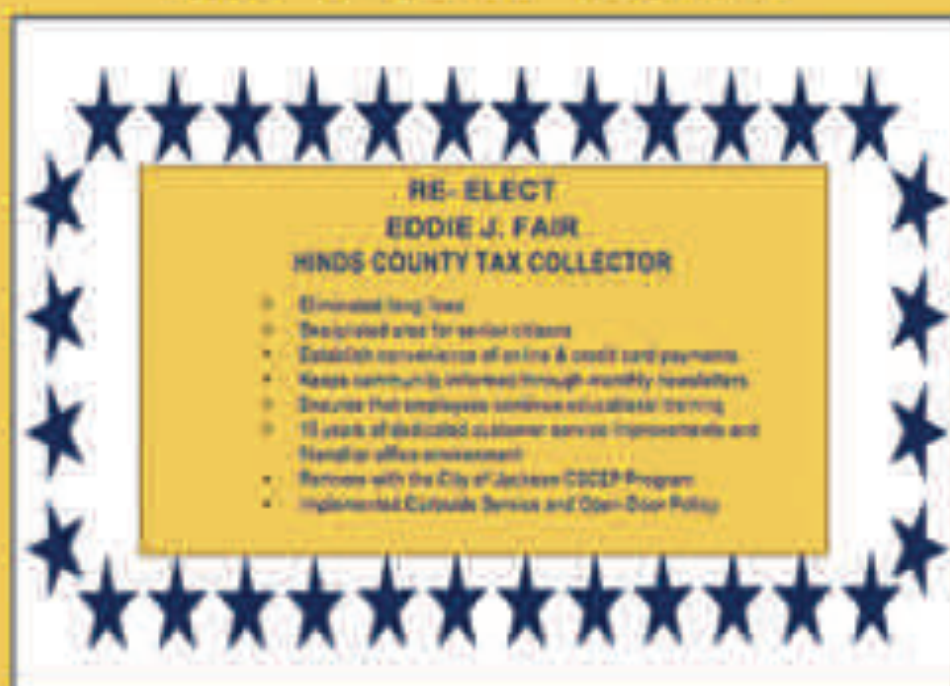


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Who is Eddie Fair?

Eddie Fair is the son of a Mississippiian that worked for 53,000 days, he is a citizen of Hattiesburg, MS, where he graduated from Hattiesburg-Central High School, where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity and a member of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

Education

- ★ Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Jackson State University
- ★ Master's Degree in Public Policy, Jackson State University
- ★ Automotive Finance & Insurance Management, (Mercedes-Benz)
- ★ Collector of Revenue I, State of Mississippi
- ★ Collector of Revenue II, State of Mississippi

Accomplishments as Tax Collector

- ★ 15 dedicated years of service as your Hinds County Tax Collector
- ★ Extended long term
- ★ Organized a special area for senior citizens
- ★ Keep community informed with monthly newsletters
- ★ Invested in continued employee educational training
- ★ Managed a professional and friendly office environment
- ★ Built community awareness and neighborhood involvement
- ★ Implemented an "Open Door" policy
- ★ Maintained office integrity while producing 20 years of clean profits
- ★ Implemented Curbside Service

Memberships and Associations

- ★ Life Member NAACP
- ★ Member of Legislative Council of Hinds County and Collectors Association
- ★ Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
- ★ Member of Leadership Jackson
- ★ Member of Sallis B. Woodward Lodge #659
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BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Friends of Nissan Canton,

Today we'd like to update you on a few leadership transitions within our company.

First, Erik Fields was recently named vice president, Manufacturing, for Nissan Canton, taking over the lead role at the plant. We're proudly promoting homegrown talent: Fields has spent the last 12 years at Nissan Canton and brings more than 20 years of automotive and engineering experience to his new position. He looks forward to leading Nissan Canton with a "one-team, people-focused" approach toward both the plant and the community.

We're also announcing today that Jeffrey Webster, director, Diversity and Inclusion, at Nissan North America, is retiring after 34 years of service with our company. He has had a storied career and has built a reputation for his unwavering commitment to Nissan's diversity initiatives. Previously, Webster led human resources (HR) for Nissan Canton and forged strong ties with our Mississippi team members and community.

Nissan Canton's current director of HR, Rodney Francis, will take over Webster's role and serve as director, Diversity and Talent Acquisition. Francis will lead strategic programs that support diversity and inclusion and also will focus on recruiting, developing and retaining top talent in a competitive environment. He has been with Nissan since 2014 and brings nearly 20 years of HR experience. Francis will transition to be based in Franklin, TN.

Nissan chose Paul Harris to succeed Francis as director of HR for the Canton plant. Harris joined Nissan in October 2018 after spending 20 years in HR roles with major companies such as Alcoa, Honeywell and Home Depot.

We wish Jeffrey Webster well in his retirement, and congratulate Erik Fields, Rodney Francis and Paul Harris on their new roles.

Nissan Canton remains in the hands of experienced, talented and dedicated leaders. They are eager to work with our team and the community to build great cars and trucks for our customers and a stronger Mississippi for everyone.

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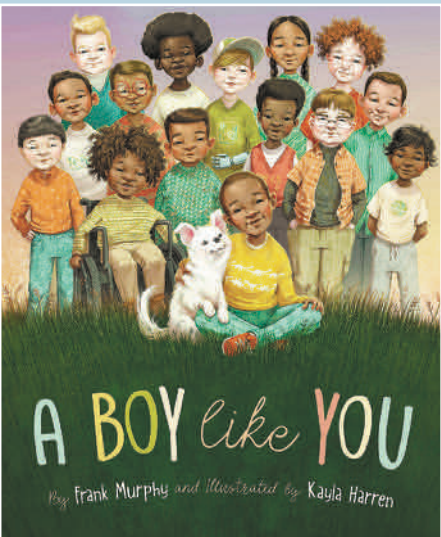
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BOOK REVIEW: “A BOY LIKE YOU”

BY FRANK MURPHY, ILLUSTRATED BY KAYLA HARREN
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Sometimes, people can barely tell you and your best friend apart.

If you happen to wear the same outfit one day, everyone mixes you up because you’re so alike. You talk alike and look alike and enjoy the same jokes. But you know, he’s unique and so are you, and in the new book “A Boy Like You” by Frank Murphy, illustrated by Kayla Harren, you’ll see how very special that is.

How many kids are in your

neighborhood? In your family? Lots, right? Well, there are “billions and billions and billions of people in the world,” but there is absolutely nobody else exactly like you. Nothing would be the same if you weren’t here.

This planet needs boys like you, boys that are strong in all the right ways. We need boys who are smart in ways that matter. The world needs kind boys, and boys who don’t make other kids feel bad.

We need boys like you who know that sports are fun and

exciting but that there are other important things in the world. We need boys who are curious and boys who know how to tell stories and who are adventurous and who can dream.

We need boys like you who know that you can’t be brave without being afraid first. Never, for example, be afraid to cry. Crying is not weakness, it’s strength. Even grown men cry, you know.

The world needs boys like you, just as it needs all the kinds of people you’ll meet in your lifetime. The fun thing is

that every one of them has a story to tell, so listen and “listen hard.” You’ll learn a lot through the years, just by hearing others.

Tell your friends you’re proud of them. Tell your family you love them. Do good things. Walk tall “with your head up” so you know “where you’re going.” Greet other people when you see them, and ask if they might need help. Be nice to the new kid in class. Leave every place and person better than they were when you found them. And never forget that

“the world needs a boy... oh, boy, a boy like YOU!”

One casual stroll around the bookstore or library, and you know that girl-power books have taken over, front-and-center. “A Boy Like You” helps represent the other side of children’s literature.

Across every page of this picture-packed book, boys who appear to be grade-school age romp through an average day, accompanied by playmates and neighbors of all races; here, kids will see themselves and their families. Illustrations

by Kayla Harren are plenty to keep a child entertained because there’s so much activity but author Frank Murphy’s words are the strength of the book. Without preaching or nagging, that text quietly offers many positive traits as things for boys to imitate. An afterword for parents is the perfect cherry on top.

Get this book for your 3-to-8-year-old little guy and share it often. You know he’s special and “A Boy Like You” will nicely set him apart.

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Hinds County School District Weekly Update

ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE

Hinds County School District recognizes its community partners in education

The Hinds County School District recognized many of its business and community partnerships recently during its annual sponsor's recognition event. The district and its 11 schools have strong ties with PTOs, businesses, local Chambers of Commerce, service clubs, community organizations and local governmental agencies. The mission of the Partners in Education Program is to encourage the development of mutually beneficial partnerships between the business community and the Hinds County School District. Superintendent Delesicia Martin stated that the goal of the partners in education program is to provide an opportunity for businesses, professionals and community organizations to actively participate in the education of our students through community and school projects.



Fulton Carson, acting chief of staff with the Engineer Research & Development Center-Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg, MS, served as keynote speaker.

Recognition Highlights

