

# Judge rules in David Archie’s favor

*Pickard: This Court finds David Archie is qualified to run for Hinds County Supervisor District 2*



Attys Rayford Chambers (left) and Dennis Sweet (center) stand with their client David Archie (right) outside his home on Shady Oaks during press conference. PHOTO BY OTHOR CAIN

By Othor Cain  
Editor

Victory came one day early for Hinds County Supervisor District 2 Democratic nominee David Archie. Monday, Nov. 4, just one day shy of the general election, a judge denied a petition to contest the qualifications of Archie as a candidate for Hinds County Supervisor District 2.

The petition was filed by incumbent Supervisor Darrel McQuirter in an attempt to maintain his seat. McQuirter claimed Archie did not live in the district, but the judge ruled that Archie is qualified because he owns a home inside the district lines.

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Bedroom scene from home on Shady Oaks



Simmons



Vance



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# Republicans will lead every office in state government; Democrats pick up regional and county seats

By Othor Cain  
Editor

Republicans in Mississippi hold a super majority in the House of Representatives, out number democrats in the Senate and last night, Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves defeated Democratic Attorney General Jim Hood in the governor’s race, securing a Republican sweep of all eight statewide offices.

Once called the “Last Democrat in Dixie,” Hood’s tenure as the state’s only statewide Democratic official came to a halt when the four-term attorney general lost convincingly to Reeves.

In what was viewed as Mis-

issippi’s first competitive election for governor since 2003, Reeves garnered 449,252 votes or 52.2 percent to 400,336 or 46.5 percent for Hood in unofficial totals that will increase slightly for each candidate in the coming days as the final votes are counted and the election is certified.

While Democrats took some blows in yesterday’s elections, there were some victories that should be highlighted.

Senator Willie Simmons, who cemented a historic victory by being elected Transportation Commissioner Central District. Simmons is the first African American to ever hold this of-

fice;

Shanda Yates’ win in House District 64 created a flip from red to blue for this young attorney.

Lee Vance trounced both of his opponents and commanded a strong lead throughout the day and ended with nearly 80 percent of the vote to become Sheriff-elect for Hinds County.

Voters in Hinds County also gave Vern Gavin a decidedly victory in a district that normally skews more republican than democrat. Gavin, a democrat, defeated current Hinds Supervisor District 4 Mike Morgan.

Mississippi Today also contributed to this story.

# Native Jacksonian returns home as Women’s Day speaker at College Hill

By Jackie Hampton  
Publisher

As the College Hill Baptist Church family continues to worship in its’ Family Life Center, now transformed into a sanctuary during construction of new edifice, new faces continue to emerge. One such face is Deidre DeJear, the first African American in the state of Iowa to be nominated by a major party in a statewide election and the 2019 speaker for Women’s Day at the historic College Hill Church.

As a candidate for Secretary of State in 2018, DeJear earned over a half million votes. She now serves as the Iowa campaign chair for United States Senator Kamala Harris.

The native Jacksonian thanked the large group of men in the congregation for always being so supportive of women in their many pursuits, trials and tribulations but she said, “My message today is for the women.” She spoke from the chosen theme “Restoring Our Faith, Pursuing

Our Purpose, Honoring God.

DeJear, reflected on a question that was asked of her ten years ago when she became the reigning “Miss Iowa.” She admitted she had no idea at the time when asked, ‘what does it mean to speak truth to power? She confessed she had never heard the question and botched her response. On Sunday DeJear said she would speak truth to power to the women of College Hill because now she not only understands the question but knows

how to answer.

Focusing on the scripture Ephesians 4:1-6, the speaker of the hour said women have been called by God to serve. He has given women a special gift destined to be something. So often women get caught up on someone else’s journey and ask themselves is that for me, but that is simply a distraction. Rather than seeking what others have or what

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Lenita Knight (left), Women’s Day chair and Deidre DeJear (right), guest speaker PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

# Lawsuit for black media inclusion to be heard by US Supreme Court Nov. 13

By Barrington M. Salmon  
TriceEdneyWire.com

In the 26 years that he’s been building his media empire, co-median and businessman Byron Allen has seen first-hand the panoply of ways that African-American and non-white media entrepreneurs have been shut out of the game by their powerful white counterparts and other gatekeepers.

Allen, 58, a respected global business leader, sits atop a burgeoning media giant, Entertainment Studios, which includes nine digital cable networks, 43 syndicated TV shows, 21 regional sports networks, The Grio, the Weather Channel – which he bought for \$300 million – and other media properties said to value about \$1 billion.

Despite his successes, Allen,

in his lawsuit, argues that Comcast refused to carry any of his channels because of his race. He filed suit in 2015 after being approached by Obama administration officials which asked if Comcast and Charter Communications were good corporate citizens.

“I didn’t just tell them no, I said hell no,” Allen has recounted in numerous interviews. “They

said how do you figure? Well, the industry spends \$70 billion in licensing cable networks. \$70 billion and African American-owned media get zero. And that’s not fair. They said we hear that a lot. They asked what I’m willing to do. They said people were afraid to speak up because of repercussions and I said I’ll speak up and do it in a way that it wouldn’t be a problem again. So,

I filed a lawsuit.”

Allen sued Comcast in federal court for \$20 billion and Charter Communications for \$10 billion. When judges on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals sided with him twice, Comcast petitioned the Supreme Court. Justices will hear the case November 13,

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Allen



## JMAA names Dickson the director of Public Safety and Operations

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA) recently named Will Dickson, director of Public Safety and Operations.

Dickson is a native of Jackson, MS and a graduate of Mississippi College where he earned his Bachelors of Science degree in administrative justice in 1998. In 1999 he became a graduate of the Mississippi Law Enforcement Of-

ficers Training Academy in Pearl, MS.

He is a proud recipient of the 2014 Mississippi Business Journal Top 50 Under 40 Business Professionals. Among numerous accolades, Dickson also served as the Governor's Task Force Chairman on Crime

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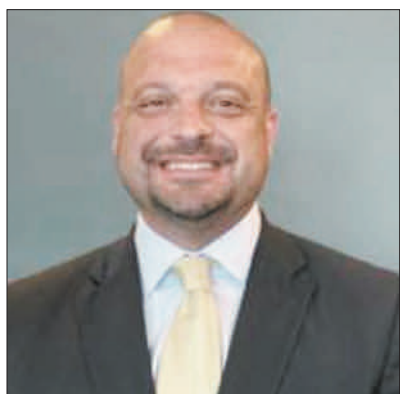
The former United States Secret Service Special Agent of twelve years, has a wealth of law enforcement, criminal

investigative, terrorism, internal affairs, narcotics and explosive detection knowledge prudent to the widespan security and safety of both Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN) and Hawkins Field Airport (HKS).

"Our decision in choosing Will Dickson for this position is essential to the well-being of our customers, tenants and airport employees," said Darion

Warren, JMAA interim CEO. "His expertise in safety and security will further our efforts in mitigating possible risks."

As JMAA's director of Public Safety and Operations, Dickson directs, manages and oversees the activities and operations of the Division of Public Safety and Operations, which includes airport compliance with federal aviation regulations.



Dickson

## JMAA names Campbell-Lewis director of External Affairs

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA) recently named Dr. Nycole Campbell-Lewis, director of External Affairs.

Selected as one of the Top 50 Business Women in the state of Mississippi by the *Mississippi Business Journal*, she is a proud alumna of the University of Mis-

issippi, University of Southern Mississippi and Jackson State University where she earned her doctorate in public policy and administration.

Campbell-Lewis brings an extensive portfolio with 20 plus years of state and federal government experience including procurement, personnel, strategic planning, systems, legislative liaison, and

internal audit.

"We are excited to have Dr. Campbell-Lewis on our team as her expertise will yield beneficial to the fostering of the Authority's agency and business growth," stated Darion Warren, JMAA interim CEO. "Her leadership and successful track record in external affairs will be a great contribution to our organization."

As JMAA's Director of External Affairs, Campbell-Lewis oversees plans, developments and implementations of external affairs policies, strategies and objectives involving local, state and federal government. She is key to guiding and contributing the formulation and execution of the Airport Authority's external affairs.



Campbell-Lewis

# World Day of Prayer held at College Hill

**By Jackie Hampton**  
*Publisher*

The Baptist World Day of Prayer is a 58-year-old tradition in which Baptist women from around the world come together around the same time, often the same day, to study God's word, pray and give financially, so that the world will be impacted by Christ.

This year the service was held Monday at 11:30 a.m. at College Hill Baptist Church, pastored by Michael T. William, who extended greetings after the welcome and occasion by Jackie Hampton of College Hill.

Churches from all over the district participated in the service. Clara Williams of College Hill served as the spiritual guide.

Isaac Jackson, president of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, Inc. and its' executive director, Mary H. Coleman, brought greetings. Also bringing greetings were Dr. F.R. Lenoir, moderator of the Jackson District Baptist Association, Inc. and Dorothy Holly, first vice president.

Lucille Green of Cade Chapel Baptist Church led the Bible study coming from Matthew 20:20-28. Her subject was the Women's World Day of Prayer theme, "Arise and Shine Through Service."

Several prayer requests for Continental Unions and the Global Women Alliance were granted. Prayers were lifted for

Europe, Africa, Latin America, North America, Asia, South West Pacific and the Caribbean region.

Many comments were made by those in attendance on how moving and spiritual this day was.

Individuals from various churches lifting these worldly prayers included Geraldine Haslett of Greater Mt. Calvary, Earlean Landing of Sweet Rock, Cora Young of Progressive, Dorothy Wren Smith of Lynch Street, Bettie Horton of Emmanuel, Ida Welch of New Mt. Zion and Vera Watson of New McRaven Hill.

Music was provided by the Jackson Metropolitan Retired Community Chorale. Prior to



lunch being served, Malena W. Dow, World Day of Prayer chairperson, thanked everyone

for participating in this service. She acknowledged the participants and gave a very special

thanks to hostess committee chair Audrey Wiley for providing a wonderful lunch.



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others do, women should focus on what they want and what God has called them to do. “Women are not a question,” she said, “women are the answer.” Her message was very well received by the congregation who gave her a standing ovation.

When asked for comments regarding the day of celebration

from Pastor Michael T. Williams, he said, “My expectations of the 2019 Women’s Day celebration at College Hill was met with praise and power. He said, “It was truly a day of witness and worship.”

Deaconess Lenita Knight served as Women’s Day chair. When asked about activities leading up to the big day she spoke

of how throughout the month of October women had their own exclusive Bible study. She emphasized the success of the women’s self-care breakfast on Saturday where women were enlightened and encouraged to take care of themselves.

The breakfast included a presentation from Evelia Collins em-

phasizing essential oils for self-care, a presentation from Leria Beverly on natural hair and skin care and a presentation from Barbara Ousby on health and fitness. Tanesha Moody served as Mistress of Ceremony for this event.

Knight said, “Women are naturally resourceful and spiritual creatures and are to be com-

mended for their service and their testament to the goodness of God, simply through their works.” She said DeJear’s words of encouragement should be practiced and shared by not only women, but by all.” She concluded by saying, “We give reverence to God for He gets the glory for the success of this year’s celebration.

The Women’s Day Choir was directed by Elisha Campbell of Mt. Zion Church of Christ Holiness, USA. Jeanne Julious Tate served as program guide and Sherry Rankin served as co-chair.

The College Hill family is looking forward to worshipping in their new sanctuary by mid-February, 2020.

## Archie

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The judge’s order included: “This court finds that David Archie established his domicile at 3426 Shady Oaks Street, which is within Hinds County, District 2. David Archie purchased the Shady Oaks property in 2009. He registered to vote at the Shady Oaks address and has voted in the last 29 to 33 elections with that address. His driver’s license lists the Shady Oaks address, he had a vehicle registered at the Shady Oaks address, running for City of Jackson Council, Ward 3 in 2010, and running for the

current position in dispute sub juice, Supervisor Hinds County, District 2, in 2011, 2013, 2015, and 2019, wherein the last three times Petitioner, McQuirter, was also a candidate, but never previously filed a contest relating to Mr. Archie’s residency.”

“The citizens of Hinds County District 2... have spoken,” Archie said. “Not only have they spoken once, twice, but three or four times in the primary, the runoff, the Hinds County Democratic executive committee and Judge Pick-

ard...so what we want to say is that when people speak – you can’t just come and take the power from the people.”

Archie held the press conference in the front yard of his home on Shady Oaks, surrounded by his legal team,

supporters and voters. “When will enough be enough...how much more must we prove,” he asked?

McQuirter released this statement:

“We are extremely appreciative for the Supreme Court

expediting and appointing the special judge to hear our case. We, however, have strong objections to his finding of facts and the lack of applicable laws which were presented. We will appeal our case to the Supreme Court immediately.”

When asked about the possibility of an appeal, Dennis Sweet, Archie’s attorney said, “We will beat him again.”

The supervisor’s race was not contested in Tuesday’s election and Archie is expected to be sworn in in 2020.

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2019.

All he seeks, Allen has said repeatedly, is economic inclusion, a chance to sit at the table and have an influential in determining the narrative and controlling the images that black people see on their TV screens, tablets, cell phones or other devices.

“Comcast, which makes billions of dollars annually from African-American subscribers, has taken the position that a plaintiff must show that racial discrimination was the only, 100 percent “but for” reason not to do business with African Americans,” Allen said in an August 20 guest column in Deadline. “In other words, Comcast argues that an African-American owned business must show not only that the defendant considered race (which the statute forbids), but that the professed, hypothetical race-neutral reasons that could have motivated the defendant are false.”

He said he is concerned that if the Supreme Court favors Comcast, the impact will make it much harder for him and 100 million other Americans to secure economic inclusion now or in the future.

Allen, chairman, founder and CEO of Entertainment Studios, notes in his lawsuit the importance of Section 1981 of the Act, which says that all people should have “the same right ... to make and enforce contracts ... as is enjoyed by white citizens.”

He has expressed confidence that he’ll win in the Supreme Court but the decision by the Trump administration’s Department of Justice to file an amicus (friend of the court) brief in support of Comcast and their reasoning for doing so has raised the stakes considerably and ratcheted up concerns by Civil Rights organizations, legal scholars and other interested parties of the potential harm to African Americans and others who have been protected by this law for the past 153 years.

“This is an extremely consequential case. This law was the first action the nation took to give black people access to economic power,” said political commentator and author Avis Jones-DeWeever. “A white supremacist organization and the DOJ – which has inserted itself into this this case – wrote a brief that would kill our ability to fight discrimination.”

“It’s a big deal. The extent to which we can put pressure on Comcast, we must do so, so they agree to settle the case.”

Cori Harvey, a Florida-based attorney who specializes in business law, economics and entrepreneurship, said the case could be consequential.

“This could represent a significant lowering of the barrier to justice,” Harvey told Trice Edney News Wire. “It’s a fundamental question of who has access to legal recourse. The defendant has information needed such as if anything happened in emails, correspondence, etc. The plaintiff is in the dark. There’s power in darkness in shielding the defendant.”

“This represents a redistribu-

tion of power from the plaintiff to the defendant. He’ll be able to get access to emails, correspondence ... this forces them (Comcast) to deliver into the public sphere information previously hidden. The Ninth Circuit gave Allen a shot. It forces Comcast to open secret chambers. That doesn’t happen too often. The ability to shield and hide equals power. This leaves Comcast exposed and vulnerable.”

Comcast officials have dismissed Allen’s claims, saying race had nothing to do with rejecting Allen’s channels, noting that they had low ratings and were of low quality. Comcast spokesperson Sena Fitzmaurice responding to a reporter’s query said: “This case arises from a frivolous discrimination claim that cannot detract from Comcast’s strong civil rights and diversity record or our outstanding record of supporting and fostering diverse programming from African-American owned channels. We have been forced to appeal this decision to defend against a meritless \$20 billion claim but have kept our argument narrowly focused. We are not seeking to roll back the civil rights laws – all we are asking is that the court apply Section 1981 in our case the same way it has been interpreted for decades across the country.”

A slew of Civil Rights organizations, the National Association of Black Journalists, presidential candidates Sens. Kamala Harris and Cory Booker, plus eight of the 55 members of the Congressional Black Caucus, have signed on as friends of the court.

Kristen Clarke, president and executive director of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, said on Twitter “Section 1981 of the Civil Rights Act of 1866 is literally one of the nation’s oldest civil rights statutes. We are proud to stand with @NAACP@NAACP\_LDF and @civilrightsorg in calling on the #SCOTUS to reject Comcast’s attempt to cut the heart of this historic law. @LawyersComm.”

Clarke described the case elsewhere as “the most important civil rights case to be heard by the Supreme Court in term. A negative ruling stands to all but shut the courthouse door on a vast number of victims of discrimination all across the country.”

Los Angeles Urban League President and CEO Michael Lawson said what Comcast is doing is a clear violation of a clear violation of the 1866 act which prohibits racial discrimination in business dealings.

“We are appalled by your decision to challenge and destroy the federal civil rights statute of 1866 in the U.S. Supreme Court and do so in partnership with the Trump Administration’s Department of Justice,” Lawson said in a recent letter sent to Comcast chairman Brian Roberts and senior executive vice president David Cohen. “If you choose to continue your attempt to eviscerate this civil rights law, we will have no choice but to call for a boycott of everything Comcast, effective immediately.”



Livingroom scene from Archie's home on Shady Oaks. PHOTO COURTESY OF ARCHIE



The kitchen on Shady Oaks. PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID ARCHIE



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# Looking for Wine appoints coalition chair

## *Elliott Flaggs will lead wine in grocery store coalition efforts*

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Looking for Wine Mississippi coalition has appointed Elliott Flaggs vice president at Cornerstone Government Affairs as its chair. Looking for Wine is a growing coalition of Mississippians who support changing state law to allow wine sales in grocery stores.

Flaggs, who has been involved with Looking for Wine's efforts for almost four years, will work to raise the profile of the Looking for Wine coalition and build support for a wine sales bill to be proposed during the 2020 legislative session.

"Thirty-eight states, including all of Mississippi's neighboring states, allow grocery store customers to pick up a bottle of wine with the food they need for the week, and Mississippi grocery store shoppers want that same convenience," Flaggs said. "Also, our state is missing out on tax revenue that would come from people buying wine in Mississippi rather than in our border states."

A Mississippi native, Flaggs is a vice president in Cornerstone's Jackson office, working in state and municipal government, budget and appropriations, drafting legislation, business development, and public and community relations. He is active in community service through participation in nonprofit boards of directors and civic organization memberships, and has received several statewide honors and awards.

**About Looking For Wine Mississippi**



Flaggs

Looking for Wine Mississippi (also known as "Looking for Wine?") is a coalition of Mississippians who support allowing wine sales in grocery stores. The coalition is building public support for the passage of a bill in the Mississippi legislature during the 2020 session to allow wine sales in Mississippi grocery stores,

which is legal in 38 states, including the Mississippi border states of Alabama, Tennessee and Louisiana.

*For more information, visit [lookingforwinems.com](http://lookingforwinems.com). The coalition can also be found on Facebook @LookingforWine, Twitter @Looking4Wine and Instagram @looking4winems.*



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# Junior League and Community Foundation award over \$100,000 to JPS teachers



In addition to the mini-grants, Junior League members delivered over 500 pairs of uniform pants collected through the JLJ's annual "Pile O Pants" drive.

## Mississippi Link Newswire

The Junior League of Jackson and the Community Foundation of Mississippi have announced the winners of this year's Education Foundation Trust Teacher Mini-Grants. Power APAC teachers were awarded four grants, totaling \$22,667.07.

Teachers from across the district submitted grants, vying for their share of this funding opportunity. Grants ranged in amount from \$448 to just under \$10,000. In total, \$103,544.84 in grants were awarded to fund 22 classroom, team or school-wide projects for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Junior League of Jackson and the Community Foundation of Mississippi's Education Foundation Trust have provided JPS educators with funding to support a variety of enrichments, unique learning experiences and motivational projects that cannot be funded by normal budgeting processes.

"JPS educators have many innovative concepts that they envision to enhance our scholars' learning experiences," said Thea Faulkner, director of Partners in Education. "This partnership with the Junior League of Jackson and the Community Foundation of Mississippi has provided our teachers with the resources to bring these



Participating in the Teacher Mini-Grant check presentation are (from left) Pamela Franklin, JPS Elementary assistant superintendent; Thea Faulkner, director, Partners in Education; Errick L. Greene, superintendent; LaKeysha Greer Isaac, president, Junior League of Jackson; Cody Shumaker, Power APAC principal; Camesha Hatchett, Boyd Elementary principal; Melissa McCoy, Junior League; and Kathleen Grigsby, Elementary assistant superintendent.

amazing ideas to fruition. The League's focus on Early Literacy, Children's Health and Social Development within these grant proposals has given us the resources to provide a wide variety of experiences in these areas. We are grateful for the countless hours of time and talents, as well as resources, League members give to enrich the lives of our children."

**2019-2020 JPS Education Foundation Trust Mini-Grant**

## Recipients

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Barack Obama Elementary School  
Boyd Elementary School  
Dawson Elementary School  
John Hopkins Elementary School  
Key Elementary School  
McWillie Elementary School  
Pecan Park Elementary School  
Power APAC  
Spann Elementary School

# JPS JROTC cadets selected for MOWW youth leadership conference



Essence Byrd, Jim Hill H.S.



Jerica James, Murrah H.S.



Zykeria Johnson, Callaway H.S.



Flannan Ngong, Jim Hill H.S.



Akiah Smith, Forest Hill H.S.



Heaven Thomas, Provine H.S.



Ramiyah Thompson, Wingfield

## Mississippi Link Newswire

Seven outstanding JPS JROTC cadets attended the 2019 Military Order of World Wars (MOWW) Youth Leadership Conference. The high school juniors traveled to the U.S. Space Center in Huntsville, Alabama, to participate in the four-day conference. More than 80 high school students from Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee also attended the event.

The seven conference attendees from JPS were:

Cadet LTC Essence Byrd, Jim Hill High  
Cadet SSG Jerica James, Murrah High  
Cadet CPT Zykeria Johnson, Callaway High  
Cadet CPT Flannan Ngong,

Jim Hill High

Cadet ISG Akiah Smith, Forest Hill High

Cadet CSM Heaven Thomas, Provine High

Cadet LTC Ramiyah Thompson, Wingfield High.

The JPS cadets were nominated by their JROTC instructors as candidates to compete for selection to attend the conference. Board members from the Jackson Chapter of MOWW reviewed resumes and conducted interviews of students from across the metro area and made selections based on demonstrated performance and interview results.

MOWW covered most of the travel, lodging and meal expenses for six of the cadets

from JPS. The district paid the expenses for a seventh student to attend.

MOWW serves America's youth by hosting Youth Leadership Conference programs throughout the United States at no cost to the high school students attending.

These students receive patriotic education on leadership in a free society, concepts of the free enterprise system, principles of democracy, the Constitution and Bill of Rights, and civic responsibilities associated with preserving American rights and freedoms.

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# Mississippi ranks No. 1 in nation for score gains on National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

*Mississippi scores increase as national scores stagnate*

Mississippi has achieved the No. 1 spot in the nation for gains on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also known as the Nation's Report Card, with 4th grade students making the largest score gains from 2017 to 2019 in reading and mathematics, 8th grade students outpacing the nation for growth in mathematics and 8th grade reading holding steady.

Mississippi is the only state in the nation to show significant increases in three of the four core NAEP subjects in 2019. Washington, D.C., is the only jurisdiction to show gains in three of four subjects. Nationally, scores for most NAEP subjects dropped or remained flat from 2017 to 2019.

For the first time, Mississippi 4th graders scored higher than the nation's public school average in mathematics and tied the nation in reading.



"Academic progress in Mississippi has been powerful and sustained, proving there is no limit to what our students can accomplish," said Carey Wright, state superintendent of education. "Mississippi's teachers have done a phenomenal job equipping students with the knowledge and skills to succeed throughout their education."

The percentage of Mississippi students scoring proficient or above on NAEP has increased significantly over the past decade, particularly in 4th grade mathematics, where proficiency levels nearly doubled.

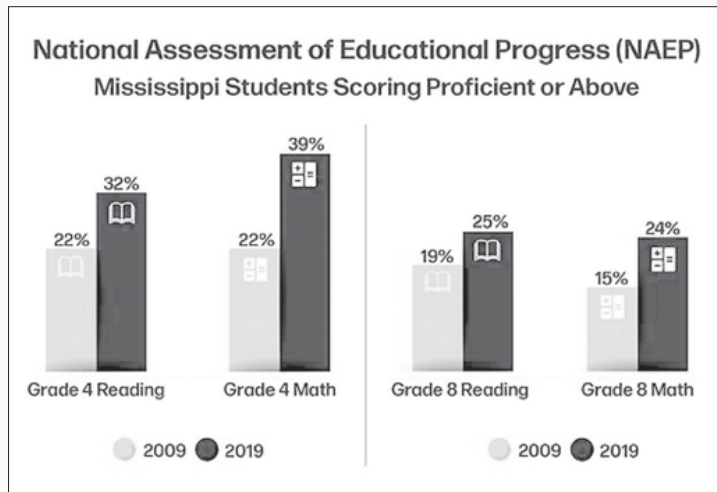
"Mississippi stands out as one of just two states/jurisdictions that improved in three of the four NAEP grade and subject combinations," said Peggy Carr, associate commissioner for assessment at the National Center for Education Statistics. "Because of its grade 4 gains, Mississippi's mathematics and reading scores are the highest they have ever been and are now on par with the national public average. This is meaningful progress for Mississippi."

The 2019 NAEP scores continue Mississippi's 10-year trend of steady increases, as the nation's scores stagnate. Student achievement accelerated more rapidly since 2013, after the statewide implementation of the Literacy-Based Promotion Act, higher academic standards with aligned assessments, a strong accountability system, and a significant investment in professional development for educators.

"A strong education system is essential to building a strong workforce and stimulating economic development," said Scott Waller, president and CEO of the Mississippi Economic Council. "Mississippi's significant progress in education is a valuable quality that sets us apart from other states."

The 2019 NAEP results show that Mississippi students living in poverty are outperforming their peers nationally. Both black and white students from low-income homes in Mississippi achieved higher scores than the national average in all four NAEP subjects. Hispanic students from low-income families outperformed their peers nationally in three of four NAEP tested subjects.

"Mississippi has entered a new era of public education," said Jason Dean, chair of the Mississippi State Board of Education. "Our significant improvements in teaching and learning have made Mississippi a national leader for improving student success in education."



High-resolution graphics, charts, maps and additional information are available to download from the Mississippi NAEP Communication Toolkit: [mdek12.org/OCGR/naep](http://mdek12.org/OCGR/naep)

# MS political titans former Gov. Haley Barbour and Jere Nash to headline DSU's Fall 2019 Colloquia Distinguished Speakers Lecture Series Nov. 12

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With the Mississippi general election as a backdrop, Delta State University's Fall 2019 Colloquia Distinguished Speakers Lecture Series will feature former Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour (2004-12), a Republican, and Democratic strategist Jere Nash, campaign manager for former Mississippi Gov. Ray Mabus (1988-92).

Barbour and Nash's discussion, "Across the Aisle: Post-Election Reflection and What's Next," takes place Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019, at 6 p.m. in the Jobe Hall auditorium on the Delta State campus. The event is free and open to the public.

"The Delta State community looks forward to hosting Barbour and Nash to campus for a very timely look-back at, and analysis of, the statewide elections," said Delta State University President William N. LaForge. "This will certainly be a unique political forum not to be missed."

Barbour's decades of Republican credentials began when he dropped out of the University of Mississippi his senior year in 1968 to work on Richard Nixon's presidential campaign. Earning a law degree from Ole Miss in 1973, the Yazoo City native served as executive director of the Mississippi Republican Party from 1973 to 1976. He was the Southeast coordinator for Gerald Ford's presidential campaign in 1976. In 1985-86, Barbour served as political director in the Reagan White House and then as chairman of the Republican National Committee from 1993 to 1997. He advised the presidential campaign of George H. W. Bush in 1988.

In 2003, Barbour became only the second Republican



Barbour



Nash

elected governor in Mississippi since 1876. During his two consecutive terms, he earned recognition for comprehensive tort reform, for Toyota's selection of Blue Springs for an auto assembly plant and for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Barbour also chaired the Republican Governors Association for two years. He cofounded the lobbying firm BGR, which has offices in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere.

Barbour wrote America's Great Storm: Leading Through Hurricane Katrina with Nash (University Press of Mississippi, 2015).

Democrat Nash coauthored Mississippi Politics: The Struggle for Power, 1976-2008, Second Edition (University Press of Mississippi, 2009; originally published in 2006) and Mississippi Fried Politics: Tall Tales from the Back Rooms (Red/Blue Publications, 2008) with Republican Andy Taggart, an attorney and former chief of staff to Mississippi Gov. Kirk Fordice.

Nash, a native of Greenville and a resident of Jackson,

Miss., counts more than 70 legislative campaigns in his career. In addition to serving as campaign manager for Mabus, Nash also was the governor's director of policy and chief of staff. Nash was chief operating officer of the Jackson-based Stewpot Community Services, which helps low-income people, from 2001 to 2003. He earned a B.S. in electrical engineering from Louisiana Tech University and a master's degree in public administration from Louisiana State University.

Delta State President LaForge established the Colloquia Distinguished Speakers Lecture Series in 2013 upon his inauguration. The first speaker was former Mississippi Gov. William Winter. The most recent, in spring 2019, was business publishing magnate Steve Forbes. Others include former U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige, former U.S. Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey, former U.S. Comptroller General Charles Bowsher, NCAA President Mark Emmert and UPS CEO and chairman of the

board, David Abney, a Delta State alumnus.

**About Delta State University**

Delta State University is a four-year public institution whose more than 3,500 students come from most U.S. states and more than 50 countries. The university offers numerous unique programs, including the Delta Music Institute entertainment industry program, and is the only university in Mississippi to offer undergraduate and graduate aviation programs.

Situated in the heart of the Mississippi Delta, which is recognized as the birthplace of American music, Delta State has become the center of music and culture for the state and the region. The university is also the academic center for the blues, offering an online blues studies curriculum that leads to a certificate for advanced study of blues music.

In addition, Delta State offers top-notch academic programs in business, arts, sciences, nursing and education, among other areas.

# Apple's \$40 Mmillion HBCU scholarship program is now accepting applications for 2019-2020

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The Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCf) in partnership with Apple is proud to present the Apple HBCU Scholars Program. Applications are open to outstanding students attending HBCUs with a minimum 3.0 GPA, and are currently working towards a degree in an undergraduate, Masters or Ph.D. program.

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Each scholar will have an Apple mentor throughout their experience, receive an opportunity to develop key skills, enhance their resumes and help

launch their careers through the hands-on experience gained at one of the top tech companies in the world.

This highly competitive program has opportunities for students in a variety of disciplines. The selection process aims to assess critical soft skills that enable success in their program, coupled with technical ability.

They are looking for indi-

viduals that have analytical abilities, the ability to articulate ideas, the ability to learn new concepts, excellent verbal and written communication skills and more.

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Finally, she expects others will take notice of Hearst's investment. She said additional support from individuals, corporations and philanthropic foundations is important because JSU's successful scholars ultimately will impact their lives, and the world, through research and innovation.



# Sharkey-Issaquena 4-H Program awarded \$5,000 through Bayer Farm for Good™ Sweepstakes

*Clark Carter of Rolling Fork was one of 10 winners in the sweepstakes to benefit local organizations*

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The Sharkey-Issaquena 4-H Program is one of 10 organizations to receive a \$5,000 donation through the Bayer Farm for Good™ Sweepstakes.

The Sharkey Issaquena 4-H Program was designated by Clark Carter of Rolling Fork, Mississippi, who was one of 10 entrants chosen to direct a donation to the organization of his choice.

Carter grew up showing livestock in 4-H. His wife, Emily was also a 4-H member and is currently in charge of the Sharkey-Issaquena 4-H program. Their children were also involved in 4-H, learning public speaking skills and taking advantage of opportunities to travel outside the county.

“I’ve seen firsthand how 4-H can change lives,” he said. “There are so many great opportunities. There is so much to offer in addition to showing livestock, such as participating in the Firearms SAFETY Program or even the Fashion Squad. Overall, the 4-H program has a very positive effect on our local youth. They benefit from the competition aspect as it motivates them to always work towards improvement.”

The Sharkey-Issaquena 4-H Program includes youth from

both Sharkey and Issaquena counties in Mississippi. The Sharkey-Issaquena 4-H program supports a variety of activities for youth, such as participation in local, district and state 4-H events, including KEYS to the Community, the Junior Wellness Master Volunteers, the Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program and the Safe Archery and Firearms Training and Education program.

County Extension Coordinator Emily Carter indicated that the Farm for Good funds will be used to purchase equipment and other resources needed to support these activities.

“It feels wonderful to be selected,” she said. “We will use this money in the best way possible to facilitate programs for our 4-H youth.”

Bayer created the Farm for Good Sweepstakes earlier this year to support the many growers who are active in their communities. As part of the program, Southern grower entrants were selected to direct a \$5,000 donation to an organization of their choice.

“Our agricultural business at Bayer is based on providing the support growers need agronomically, but we celebrate this opportunity to support them personally,” said Nevada Smith,

a regional campaign manager. “Donating to the organizations that matter to them lifts up the rural communities that mean so much to all of us.”

The \$50,000 in donations will help provide sports equipment, fire equipment, classroom materials, educational programming and operational support for local organizations. The nine other winning growers and their selected organizations include:

- George Pace Perry Jr., Tunica, Mississippi: Tunica Museum
- Tommie Tidwell, Bragg City, Missouri: Delta C-7 School
- Dennis McCord, Cottonwood, Alabama: Cottonwood FFA Chapter
- Brad Petty, Crandall, Georgia: Boys and Girls Club of GMW
- Jason Eaddy, Lake City, South Carolina: Johnsonville Elementary School
- Sammy Howell, Como, North Carolina: Como Volunteer Fire Department
- Lowell Carter, Galivants Ferry, South Carolina: United Way of Horry County
- Louis Heckmann, Wallis, Texas: Wallis Volunteer Fire Department
- Steven Beakley, Ennis, Texas: Ennis High School Softball Department

To enter in the sweepstakes,

entrants had to grow 250+ acres of row crops in one of the eligible states. No purchase was necessary, and entries were limited to one per person. Winners were selected randomly by a third party.

Learn more about the winners and the organizations that benefit from the Farm for Good sweepstakes at [farmforgood.us](http://farmforgood.us).

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Beau Pace (left), Bayer presents \$5000 from the Farm for Good Sweepstakes to the Sharkey-Issaquena 4-H program. Clark Carter (center), nominated the organization. Emily Carter (right), Sharkey-Issaquena County Extension coordinator, accepted the donation on behalf of the 4-H program.

## Land & Power: The Summit event in Lafayette County

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On Sunday, November 17, 2019, the Center for Art and Public Exchange (CAPE) at the Mississippi Museum of Art will present Land & Power: The Summit, an event organized by Lafayette County, Mississippi residents exploring the relationship between land and power. This day-long series of programs is the culmination of one of CAPE’s W.K. Kellogg Foundation-funded Place-Based Artist residencies. Mississippi artist daniel johnson [lowercase is intentional] worked collaboratively with individuals and organizations in Lafayette County over the course of this year to develop this program.

Land & Power: The Summit will offer public programs in the morning and evening and a registration-only program in the afternoon. All programs are free.

The series of programs will begin at 10 a.m. at the Whirlpool Trail (South Campus Rail Trail) with “Belonging to the Earth,” an opportunity to connect to the land with local herbalist, gardener and organizer Lydia Koltai.

From 1 to 7 p.m., registered attendees will participate in a series of concurrent programs, culminating with a shared meal featuring locally produced foods at the Gordon Community & Cultural Center. The evening will conclude with an opening reception at Burns-Belfry Museum & Multicultural Center for the exhibition, Black Presence in Lafayette County.

The public may find more information online at [museum-cape.org](http://museum-cape.org). Registration is also available through the Yoknapatawpha Arts Council website at [www.tinyurl.com/Land-Power](http://www.tinyurl.com/Land-Power). Registration closes Friday, November 8, at midnight.

The partners in Land & Power: The Summit are exploring the relationship between land and power in a multiplicity of ways. Partners include North Mississippi Rural Legal Services, Lynching Memorialization in Lafayette County, Mississippi Ecological Design, HISTORICH, Chicory Market, Oxford Film Festival, Gordon Community & Cultural Center, the Oxford Artists Guild, Yoknapatawpha Arts Council, local artists and University of Mississippi professors in dance, sociology, biology and art. Through experiential engage-

ment, film, panel discussion, lecture, facilitated conversations, movement and exhibitions, this group of community members will examine the many ways that power is expressed, wrestled with and reconciled relative to the land.

daniel johnson [lowercase is intentional] is an independent artist, curator and entrepreneur focused on agency, equity and the emergence of consensus. johnson roots his creative and curation process in deep listening and the articulation of the resonance present among the unfolding, intersecting stories of everyday life. Through reflection on the nature of belonging and facilitated community storytelling, johnson works with groups of people to harness their unique cultural expressions in a co-design process to disrupt power dynamics and realize shared intentions. johnson has designed and facilitated projects with partners across sectors. Collaborators have included the communities unfolding from the Jackson Medical Mall, Hinds County Schools, Millsaps College, City of Jackson Mayor’s Office and Planning Department, Operation Shoestring, Mississippi Department of Transportation, and Midtown Partners CDC. johnson is a 26-year resident of Jackson, Mississippi, where his roots lie; both sides of his family going back generations in Central and Coastal Mississippi.

### Schedule of Events

Sunday, November 17, 2019

### The Landing

Free and open to the public  
Entrance to Whirlpool/South Campus Rail Trails on Chucky Mullins/Coliseum Drive, South of Highway 6, Oxford  
10 a.m.-noon  
“Belonging to the Earth”  
An experiential workshop to engage with the power of the land led by Lydia Koltai

### The Summit

Free and open to the public; registration required  
The Gordon Community & Cultural Center  
35 County Road 115, Abbeville  
12:30 p.m.  
Registration Begins  
1-2:15 p.m.  
“Fair Exchange”  
Applying whole systems design towards building equitable systems of exchange, and a common wealth of resources and relationships in North Mississippi

with panelists Ben Koltai, Dr. Clifford Ochs, Dr. Robbie Ethridge and Dr. James Thomas

“Reflecting on the Past for a Better Future”

A report on Lynching Memorialization in Lafayette County with panelists Randon Hill, Effie Burt, Alonzo Hilliard, and Darren E. Grem

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

“The History of the Enslaved & Civil Rights through Movement, Dance, & Song” with panelists Jennifer Mizenko, Rhondalyn K. Peairs, John Ryeer Afamasaga, Tysianna Jones, Angelica Wells, Emily Olsen, and Kaylan Sanders

“North Mississippi Rural Legal Services Litigation and History in Land and Power” with moderator April Grayson, and panelists Catherine V. “Ginny” Kilgore, and Ben Thomas Cole, II

3:45-4:30 p.m.

“Land Through the Lens”

Film screenings and filmmakers’ panel featuring Rebekah Flake, Zaire Love, April Grayson, and Chris Aloia, moderated by Melanie Lynn Addington, executive director of Oxford Film Fest & president of Mississippi Film Alliance

Presented in partnership with the Oxford Film Festival

“Land and Legacy”

A look at black land ownership in Lafayette County with Rhondalyn K. Peairs

4:45 p.m.

Welcome

Marking the moment in song with Effie Burt

5:15 p.m.

Dinner presentation by Chicory Market

5:30 p.m.

“Let’s Talk”

A conversation of participants sharing their experiences with the CAPE residency featuring April Grayson, Effie Burt, Robert Saarnio, Jason Bouldin, Rhondalyn K. Peairs, and moderator Monique Davis, managing director of CAPE

6:30 p.m.

“Reaching the Summit”

What the artist dug up along the way: daniel johnson

### The Reception

Free and open to the public  
Burns-Belfry Museum and Multicultural Center, 710 Jackson Avenue East, Oxford

7:30 – 9 p.m.

Black Presence in Lafayette County exhibition

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# City of Cleveland (MS) will host 2020 World Music Tourism Convention

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The city of Cleveland will host the global Music Tourism Conference Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2020, officials announced Saturday.

Visit Mississippi Director Craig Ray and officials from the city of Cleveland joined representatives from Sound Diplomacy at GRAMMY Museum® Mississippi to make the an-

nouncement.

“It is truly an honor that the city of Cleveland was chosen as the host of Sound Diplomacy’s next global tourism conference,” Ray said. “This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome leading music and tourism professionals from around the world to the Birthplace of America’s Music, where they can experience the

truly authentic sights and sounds of our state’s revered musical legacy.”

The Music Tourism Convention explores how music impacts, benefits and improves tourism, location branding, partnership development and economic development. Event planners anticipate more than 300 attendees and more than 30

international speakers from the music and tourism industries.

The conference previously was hosted by Franklin, Tenn., Liverpool, England and Cologne, Germany, bringing together more than 725 international delegates from approximately 125 cities and 25 countries.

The Music Tourism Conven-

tion is part of Sound Diplomacy’s Music Cities Events series.

Sound Diplomacy is a global organization dedicated to empowering cities and places to achieve social, cultural and economic goals through music and the entertainment economy.

Music Cities Events is a global series of conferences focused on all aspects of music and cit-

ies, including how music impacts and influences policy, city planning, economic development, tourism, health and education. The group has organized 23 events spanning Europe, North America, South America, Asia and Australia.

*Learn more and register to attend at [musictourismconvention.com](http://musictourismconvention.com).*

**Metric Explanations**

Academic Year 2017-18 (AY2017-18) – The Institutional Profile is for the 2017-18 academic year and includes the Summer 2017, Fall 2017, and Spring 2018 terms. Some reporting terms may vary depending on the length of time for each metric.

University System Average – The university system average is based on eight institutions and includes the Medical Center with the University of Mississippi in most instances. Figures including UMMC data are denoted with an asterisk (\*).

Total Headcount Enrollment – Total headcount enrollment figures are unduplicated for the academic year. Academic level and degree objective are for enrollment are based on the last term of attendance for the year. [Source: IHLMIS]

Total Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Enrollment – Total full-time equivalent enrollment figures are based on undergraduate and graduate credit hour activity over a 12-month period. Calculation uses a trailing summer in accordance with IPEDS. [Source: Federal IPEDS]

Entering Freshmen – Entering freshmen figures are based on an unduplicated count of entering freshmen at any point during the academic year. [Source: IHLMIS]

Entering Transfers – Entering transfer figures are based on an unduplicated count of entering transfer students at any point during the academic year from Mississippi’s community colleges and all other postsecondary institutions. [Source: IHLMIS]

Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) Enrollment & Degrees – STEM enrollment includes the number of undergraduate students majoring in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics as defined by the National Science Foundation (NSF). A complete listing of the NSF-STEM majors can be found at <http://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/stem-list.pdf> [Source: IHLMIS]

Education (Including Non-Teaching Areas) and Nursing Enrollment (All Undergraduate Levels) Enrollment & Degrees - Education enrollment includes the number of undergraduate students majoring in any education discipline according to the 13 CIP code. This includes teaching and non-teaching education majors. Nursing enrollment includes the number of undergraduate students majoring in any nursing discipline. [Source: IHLMIS]

Undergraduate Degrees per 100 Undergraduate FTE Enrollment – Figures indicate the number of undergraduate degrees awarded per 100 undergraduate FTE students. Undergraduate degrees include certificates, associates, and baccalaureate degrees. Undergraduate FTE is based on an four-year average of annual undergraduate FTE figures. [Source: Degrees – IHLMIS; Student FTE – Federal IPEDS]



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Student Enrollment				
Total Headcount Enrollment	9,779		11,767	
Undergraduate	7,395	75.6%	9,358	79.5%
Graduate & Professional	2,384	24.4%	2,409	20.5%
Total Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Enrollment	7,829		9,958	
Undergraduate	6,290	80.3%	8,248	82.8%
Graduate & Professional	1,539	19.7%	1,709	17.2%
New Undergraduate Students (Percent of Total Undergraduates)	1,707	23.1%	2,668	28.5%
Entering Freshmen	952	12.9%	1,494	16.0%
Entering Transfers - MS Community Colleges	493	6.7%	847	9.1%
Entering Transfers - All Other Institutions	262	3.5%	327	3.5%
Undergraduate Enrollment in High-Need Disciplines (Percent of Total Undergraduates)				
Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM)	2,107	28.5%	2,556	27.3%
Education (Including Non-Teaching Areas)	1,103	14.9%	623	6.7%
Nursing (All Undergraduate Levels)	--	--	500	5.3%

Degrees Awarded				
Undergraduate Degrees per 100 Undergraduate FTE Enrollment	16.2	--	21.2	--
Total Degrees Awarded	1,589		2,281	
Certificate	0	0.0%	13	0.6%
Associate	0	0.0%	8	0.4%
Baccalaureate	1,109	69.8%	1,686	73.9%
Graduate and Professional	480	30.2%	574	25.2%
Undergraduate Degrees in High-Need Disciplines (Percent of Total Undergraduates)				
Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM)	295	26.6%	388	22.7%
Education (Including Non-Teaching Areas)	111	10.0%	118	6.9%
Nursing (All Undergraduate Levels)	--	--	207	12.1%
Graduate Degrees in STEM Disciplines (Percent of Total Graduate Degrees)	59	12.3%	104	18.1%

College Readiness				
Average ACT Score of Entering Freshmen, Fall 2017	19.3	--	23.5	--
Students enrolled in One or More Intermediate Courses, Fall 2017	550		413	
Students enrolled in intermediate math during first year	168	30.5%	199	48.2%
Students enrolled in intermediate English/reading during first year	205	37.3%	101	24.5%
Students enrolled in both math and English/reading during first year	177	32.2%	113	27.4%
Fall 2015 intermediate math students completing math gateway course in 2 years	--	33.6%	--	41.2%
Fall 2015 intermediate English students completing English gateway course in 2 years	--	49.5%	--	57.6%

Student Progress				
Percent of full-time students completing 24 credit hours within one academic year	--	65.2%	--	76.1%
Percent of part-time students completing 12 credit hours within one academic year	--	37.3%	--	40.3%
One-Year Retention Rates for Entering Full-Time Freshmen, Fall 2016 returning in Fall 2017	--	61.2%	--	76.7%
Graduation Rates of First-time, full-time Freshman Cohort, Fall 2010	879		1,216	
Cohort students graduating within 4 years (100% of normal time)	169	19.2%	348	28.6%
Cohort students graduating within 6 years (150% of normal time)	330	37.5%	623	51.2%
Cohort students graduating within 8 years (200% of normal time)	363	41.3%	651	53.5%

Research				
External Research Dollars – All Sources (in Millions)	\$26.2	--	\$57.4	--
Percent of External Research from Federal Sources	78.6%	--	77.4%	--
Number of Research Projects Supported	117	--	308	--

Other University Variables				
Percent of median family income required to cover tuition and fees	39.6%	--	37.8%	--
Total state expenditures per total FTE student	\$12,855	--	\$15,275	--
Percent of Full-Time Instructional Faculty with Terminal Degree, Fall 2017	84.6%	--	79.2%	--

Intermediate Enrollment – It should be noted that institutions have varying academic policies regarding intermediate enrollment. Intermediate enrollment includes the number of students taking one or more intermediate courses. The three intermediate groups (math only, English only, and both math and English) are treated as three separate groups. Figures are based on Fall term data and exclude the Academic Support Lab. [Source: IHLMIS]

Student Progress – Full-time status includes students taking 12 or more hours during the fall term while part-time students include students taking less than 12 hours during the fall term. Students earning zero credit hours for the entire academic

year were excluded from the metric since most were not enrolled for the entire academic year. [Source: IHLMIS]

Retention Rates – Retention rates reflect the percentage of first-time, full-time entering freshmen during the Fall 2016 term who return for the Fall 2017 term. [Source: Federal IPEDS]

Graduate Rates – Graduation rates reflect the percentage of first-time, full-time freshmen during the Fall 2010 term who graduated at 4- year (100% of normal time), 6-year (150% of normal time), and 8-year (200% of normal time) intervals. [Source: Federal IPEDS]

External Research Dollars – External

funds provided to the university by a variety of sources (primarily federal) for the purpose of advancing the research mission of the institution as well as contributing to teaching and service missions. [Source: IHL Universities]

Percent of Median Family Income Required to Cover Tuition and Fees – The median household income figure was derived from the American Community Survey (ACS) conducted by the U.S. Census. The tuition and fee figures reflect 2016-17 tuition and fees with average room (for double occupancy) and board (average plan) charges approved by the IHL Board. [Sources: U.S. Census & IHL Finance]

State Expenditures per Total FTE Student – State expenditures for FY2018 were calculated by combining on-campus and off-campus expenditures minus capital expense funds using institutional MBR reports. FTE student figures were derived using 12-month figures from IPEDS. [Source: Federal IPEDS and IHL Finance MBR Reports]

Instructional Faculty with Terminal Degree – Figures represent the percentage of full-time instructional faculty with a terminal or first- professional degree. Terminal degrees also include master’s degrees in fine arts (M.F.A.), social work (M.S.W.) and library science (M.L.S.). [Source: IHLMIS]



# What are you sowing?

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



Beware of the things that want to occupy a place in your heart. A lot of things in a person's heart stem from pride. Proverbs 8:13 reads, "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the forward mouth, do I hate." Proverbs 16:18 states, "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. God's wisdom called the readers of Proverbs to make right choices rather than wicked ones. God always makes His wisdom available to us. Human wisdom will fail.

The Bible mentions a lot of things about pride. Proverbs 21:4 tells us, "An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin." God is concerned about those who have pride in their hearts. If He was not so concerned, He would not have mentioned it as many times as He did in the Word of God. There is a secretness to pride. A lot of times it does not radiate to the outward man, but it lies hidden in the inner chambers of men's and women's hearts. How does the message find you? Pride can bring you down very quickly. Look how pride brought down King Nebuchadnezzar, his son, King Belshazzar, and King Hezekiah. You see, God

can bring down the mightiest men. Who were they to try to fool God? Friend, you cannot fool God. Galatians 6:7 says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." What are you sowing? You must be careful of how you live. People are watching. As a Christian, you ought to be a light to the world and to your community. Has your light been snuffed out by Satan? Saint of God, it is at this point in your life that you do not want to be taken away for what Satan has in his program. This is the time to live for God, His way and not yours. I am thankful for the

Church of God and for the truth. The devil is working as never before. He is trying to deceive, to divide and to plant little seeds of doubt here and there in your life to try to get you off the right track. It is not a time to get off track. It is time to stay on the right track and to stay in the lane that God has given you to stay in. You need to quit looking to the left or the right and go forward with God. If you have a need, won't you earnestly seek the Lord? *Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.*

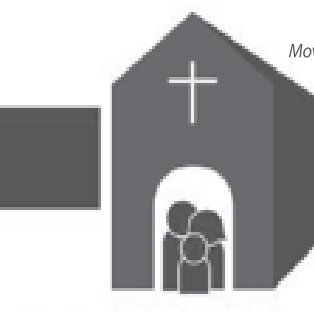
# Shift Happens

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



Over 25 years ago, I decided to learn how to drive a standard transmission so I could have more choices when it came to buying a car. I was very nervous at first because I didn't want to strip the gears of my friend's car who was teaching me. Even though I saw him cringe when I shifted gears sooner than was necessary, he was patient enough to teach me one important thing: the car would tell me when to shift by how it sounded and by how it felt. At first it was hard for me to catch on because I was so focused on shifting based on the speed the car was going. As a result, I couldn't tell the difference in the way the car sounded in first, second or third gear. However, the more I practiced, I began to notice the different sound the car made when it was ready to shift to a higher gear. Interestingly, I've found myself dealing with similar lessons of being able to sense and then obediently respond to God's shifts in various areas of my life. Whether it was a change in where I live or the focus of my annual writing conference, I've learned that it's not enough to recognize the shifts, it's also important to follow through on the shifts. For example, over 10 years ago, whenever I prayed about the focus of my annual conference, I kept receiving as a response that I needed to do something with writing. How-

ever, I dismissed those thoughts and continued to focus on singles and relationships. In fact, one year I spent the most money than in previous years on radio and newspaper ads promoting my singles conference but still saw a turnout that was the lowest of all the years I'd hosted it. I was upset about the loss of money but more concerned because it was obvious that I'd missed God. The next year, I shifted my conference focus on writing and publishing. And unlike previous years where I relied heavily on the media to create awareness of the conference, I diligently prayed and fasted that God would be true to his word to make the conference a success. Just a few days before every conference, I had peace of mind that God would be faithful to His word. God always answered my prayers and obedience by increasing the attendance each year. Daniel 2:21 reminds us that God "changes times and seasons." Just like my driving lesson, it is important to listen and obey as God shifts. Whether it is in relationships, career choices or health concerns, God's shifts are designed to take us to a new level of faith and reassurance in the promises in His word. *Shewanda Riley is a Fort Worth, Texas based author of "Love Hangover: Moving from Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends" and "Writing to the Beat of God's Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers." Email preservedbypurpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.*




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## Dean of the House

By E. Faye Williams  
Trice Edney Newswire



It's often true that the good die young, but last Sunday, one of our most distinguished elder statesmen, Congressman John Conyers, died at 90 years of age in his beloved Detroit. Many of the stories that came from major press and media weren't

always kind to him, and what they often said is the greatest reason for our writing our own stories. No one should be convicted by allegations alone. When we judge somebody, we should judge them by the totality of their life.

Congressman Conyers served with high distinction in the United States Congress for 50 years. He had a great career being a servant to our people. He stood firmly for us on health care, reparations, voting rights, voter registration procedures, civil and human rights and more. He was the longest serving congressman we in the African-American community ever had. His time was well spent.

He was the only member of the House Judiciary Committee who participated in the impeachment inquiries against presidents Bill Clinton and Richard Nixon. At the time he voted for the impeachment inquiry of Nixon, Conyers said, the impeachment of Mr. Nixon was necessary "to restore to our government the proper balance of constitutional power and to serve notice on all future presidents that such abuse of power will never be tolerated again."

He did not vote for the impeachment of Clinton because he believed as many of us believed that the personal relations between Clinton and Monica Lewinsky did not merit impeachment. He saw it as an extramarital affair, but not an impeachable offense. I agree with his assessment. Unfortunately, he left the Congress rather than defend himself against allegations of wrongdoing.

I worked with him briefly when he was chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. I was not on his payroll. I worked as a volunteer because I knew how important his work was. He was a critic of the Iraq War, as well as the USA Patriot Act.

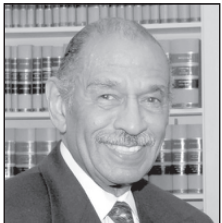
We always knew where he stood on important issues of our times. We never had to witness his walking down the middle of the road on issues that greatly impacted black people. Rev. Al Sharpton once said, "When you walk down the middle of the road, you get hit from both sides." We always knew where Congressman Conyers stood. His legacy of so many years of doing the right thing when it comes to justice will never be overridden by allegations brought forward in his last few years of life.

Everyone with whom I have spoken in recent days remember the overwhelmingly good things he did to advance our causes. His work was recognized by many. In 2007, he received the NAACP'S most distinguished medal – the Spingarn Medal.

He was dean of the House of Representatives and by the end of his last term in office, he was the only remaining member of Congress who had served since Lyndon Baines Johnson was president. He served our country during the Korean Conflict. He was a co-founder of the Congressional Black Caucus. He also sponsored a bill to make the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. a federal holiday.

When I ran for the United States Congress in Louisiana, Congressman Conyers was supportive of me. He not only sent a donation to my campaign, but he held a fundraiser for me in Detroit. When I had challenges with the Clinton Administration, he was there for me. He'd call on me to assist with his young son whenever he brought him to Washington. He was my neighbor and my dear friend for many years. Those are the things I remember.

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Conyers

## The loss of legends Cummings and Conyers highlights the importance of Congressional Black Caucus

By Marc H. Morial  
Trice Edney Newswire



*"The three of us – Stokes, Chisholm and I – came to Washington determined to seize the moment, to fight for justice, to raise issues too long ignored and too little debated. We were described by the media as militant, aggressive new leaders determined to make changes in the way black members of Congress had been viewed in the past."*

-- U.S. Rep. William Lacy Clay, Sr., co-founder of the Congressional Black Caucus

In recent days America lost two influential African Americans who served as high-ranking members of the Congressional Black Caucus, John Conyers and Elijah Cunningham. Their loss has served to reaffirm the importance of the CBC and the election of dedicated public servants like John Conyers, who represented the Detroit area in Congress for more than 50 years. He was one of the founding members of the CBC.

Conyers was part of a wave of civil rights activists who arrived in Congress in the 1960s, determined to

change the status quo. In 1968, Rep. Charles Diggs of Michigan convened an informal group called the Democracy Select Committee.

"The sooner we get organized for group action, the more effective we can become," Diggs said.

By 1971, the number of black members of Congress had risen from nine to 13, and the committee members decided to formalize their organization, and the Congressional Black Caucus was formed.

The group immediately butted heads with then-President Richard Nixon, who refused to meet with the members. They interpreted his refusal as a broader rejection of the interests of all black Americans, and responded by boycotting Nixon's State of the Union Address. "We now refuse to be part of your audience," Rep. William Lacy Clay Sr. wrote in a letter to the president.

The CBC was responsible for the anti-apartheid Free South Africa Movement that brought worldwide attention to the human rights abuses of the racist South African state. The longest civil disobedience movement in U.S. history, it led to the enactment of the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986, which imposed sanctions against South

Africa and set preconditions for lifting the sanctions. President Ronald Reagan's veto of the legislation was overridden, the first foreign policy veto override in the 20th Century.

The National Urban League has maintained a long and productive partnership with the CBC since its inception. As noted in the official House of Representatives history:

The legislative agendas of African-American members in the post-1970 era reflected the diversity of their committee assignments and the range of interests within the general membership of Congress. Most sought to advance a broad progressive legislative agenda supported by advocacy groups such as the National Urban League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) – extending voting rights protections, improving educational and economic opportunities, fostering urban renewal and providing access to better health care.

While the CBC has enjoyed much closer and better relationships with presidents since landing on Nixon's infamous "Enemies List" in the 1970s, the group has clashed with the current occupant of the Oval Office.

A few months after his inaugura-

tion, members delivered a 130-page rebuke of his policies on criminal justice, voting rights, education, health care and other issues.

Many CBC members boycotted President Trump's 2018 State of the Union Address following his disparaging comments about African and Caribbean nations. Those who attended wore kente cloth to show solidarity with Africa.

Today, CBC membership stands at 54 after the loss of Cummings, the largest number in history. Four of the House of Representatives' standing committees are chaired by CBC members: Bobby Scott, Education and Labor; Maxine Waters, Financial Services; Bennie Thompson, Homeland Security; and Eddie Bernice Johnson, Science, Space and Technology. CBC member Jim Clyburn holds the position of House Majority Whip, the number-two-ranking office in the chamber.

As the current administration continues working to dismantle civil rights protections and deny the vote to people of color, the work of the CBC is more important than ever. In honor of the legacy of Elijah Cummings and John Conyers, we must continue to support the CBC's mission and recognize its leadership.

## The homelessness crisis We are better than this

By Julianne Malveaux  
NNPA News Wire Columnist



I was returning from an errand when the skies opened up. The punishing rain came down with such vigor that despite an umbrella, the bottom inches of my pants were soaked. With my wash and wear hair, and just half a block more to walk, I shrugged the rain off, until I saw a woman sheltering herself from the rain in a narrow but covered side entrance to a church. The opening could not have been more than 4 feet wide, and sister was easily five feet tall. She had wedged herself, somehow, into the space and was lying horizontally with a newspaper over her head.

From across the street, I could see her beautiful dark chocolate skin, but also her disheveled clothing, and no layers to shelter her from the rain.

Watching her reminded me that we are going into the season of high risk for those who have no shelter. Many can make it during the warmer months sleeping comfortably outside, but as temperatures drop and precipitation increases, thousands are vulnerable because they have no shelter.

When we elect a clown, expect a circus.

Too many urgent national concerns

are being swallowed by this man who lacks the gravitas to behave as president. The man who calls his colleagues "scum," who attacks black people, especially black women, with impunity, who dodges the Constitution every chance he gets, who might spark a major crisis by stomping over oversight, and who might cause a government shutdown later this year if he doesn't get his way.

And then there are the human needs that are being ignored. According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, during a "point in time" survey on a night in January 2018, more than half a million homeless people were counted. (<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/2018-AHAR-Part-1.pdf>).

While there are flaws in this methodology, it is as close as we can get to a scientific measurement of the homeless. There are half a million people, mostly men, mostly white, but way too many African Americans. African Americans are 13 percent of the population and 40 percent of the homeless. The homeless are primarily concentrated in California, New York, Florida and Texas, but you can find them in almost any community. Two-thirds of the homeless are sheltered on a given night, but a third are sleeping on the streets, on park benches, in alleys, under awnings. To quote the late great Con-

gressman Elijah Cummings, "we are better than this."

Nearly 40,000 of these homeless are veterans. Nearly 40,000 are youth. Their homelessness flies in the face of our values as a country. Those who have served our country should not have to sleep on the streets. Those who have not had a chance at life should not find their chances on a park bench.

This is not just about homelessness. It is about an economic crisis that has made affordable housing difficult to obtain, with jobs and economic security even more difficult to obtain. While 45 crows about our healthy economy, the Fed has lowered interest rates because it is concerned about the health of the economy.

And low unemployment rates belie the absolute angst that millions of our fellow citizens are experiencing.

The homeless data are daunting enough, but there is also hidden homelessness. Too many – 4.4 million – are living in other people's houses because they have no homes of their own. While there is nothing wrong with "doubling up" families when it is voluntary, involuntary doubling up is a prescription for disaster. Compound this with the number of young people who are "couch surfing" because they have no place to go. I've met young people who are living in storage units because they

have no homes, managing their sanitation needs in gyms and hotel bathrooms. Some of these folks have full-time jobs that pay so little that they can't afford housing. We are better than this.

The specter of homelessness is incompatible with the rhetoric of economic progress and economic expansion. From San Francisco, where people with tents live underneath freeways, to Washington, DC, where homeless people sleep on streets that appear to be prosperous, to New York City, where some of the homeless have mental health issues, and nowhere to go. Our compassion compass is off because we are so focused on shenanigans that we have ignored people.

Still, about 552,000 people were shelter-challenged when HUD executed their "point in time" survey. It's a flawed methodology, but one that challenges the nature of predatory capitalism in our society and in our economy. No one should have to sleep in the street, wedge herself into an awning, or stand in line for temporary shelter. We are so much better than this.

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# Southwest Health System, UMMC announce health care affiliation

## The Mississippi Link Newswire

A new affiliation between Southwest Health System in McComb and the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson will strengthen and expand health care services in McComb and southwest Mississippi.

The affiliation brings the advanced health care offerings of Mississippi's only academic medical center to Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center, a 165-bed, progressive hospital with a medical staff of nearly 100 physicians representing 12 medical specialties.

The working relationship allows 1,200-employee Southwest Health System to enhance its strong medical staff, expand its health care services and improve access to treatment through UMMC's medical outreach. The agreement allows UMMC and Southwest to explore future research and education opportunities.

Expanded access to state-of-the-art care will enable more McComb-area residents to stay home for treatment, said Kevin Cook, chief executive officer of the UMMC Health System.

"As health care resources continue to shrink, collaboration among providers is essential," Cook said. "We are excited about our affiliation with SMRMC and look forward to working with



Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center in McComb is part of the Southwest Health System.

the hospital and community to ensure that region's health needs are addressed for many years to come."

### Portrait of Norman Price

"For several months, our board, medical staff and administrative team have worked together on this affiliation process," said Norman M. Price, Southwest Health System chief executive officer. "Our goal was to find the best fit for not only our hospital and employees, but

also for our patients and our community.

"We feel this affiliation with UMMC meets our present as well as our future expectations."

In addition to Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center, Southwest Health System encompasses 12 specialty clinics near the hospital including the Cardiovascular Institute of Mississippi, Mississippi Cancer Institute, Norman M. Price Ambulatory Surgery Center, St. Luke

Home Health & Hospice, Digestive Diseases Center, Southwest Center for Rehabilitation, and Southwest Regional Women's Center Maternity Suites.

The system also includes three family practice clinics, two in McComb and one in Lawrence County, and the nonprofit Lawrence County Hospital, a 25-bed critical access hospital in Monticello.

"This partnership will enable us to provide exceptional care to



Cook



Price



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the patients and families that we serve throughout our community," said Dr. Kevin Richardson, Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center chief medical officer.

The affiliation with Southwest

Mississippi Regional Medical Center is one of many collaborative business relationships UMMC has, in a variety of formats, with hospitals and other health care entities in Mississippi and other states.

# Forrest General Hospital's November support group meetings, classes and events

## The Mississippi Link Newswire

**Bereavement Support Group**  
**Tuesday, November 5**  
6:00 p.m.  
Asbury Hospice House Conference Room  
304 South 40th Ave, Hattiesburg

**Tuesday, November 19**  
6:00 p.m.  
Asbury Hospice House Conference Room  
304 South 40th Ave, Hattiesburg

**Tuesday, November 19**  
11:30 a.m.  
Highland Community Hospital Cafeteria Meeting Room  
130 Highland Parkway, Pica-yune, Mississippi

The Bereavement Support Group is for individuals who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The meetings occur on the first and third Tuesday of every month and are free to the public. The first meeting of the month is held at the Asbury Hospice House, 304 South 40th Avenue. There are two meetings on the third Tuesday of each

month. One meeting is held at the cafeteria meeting room at Highland Community Hospital in Pica-yune, Mississippi, and the other meets at Asbury Hospice House, 304 South 40th Avenue. in Hattiesburg. For more information, call 601-288-2500.

Note: The meeting on Tuesday, November 19, at 6 p.m. will be a potluck dinner for Thanksgiving honoring the loved ones we have lost while celebrating the lives we share. Bring a photo of your loved one and their favorite dish to share. To RSVP, call 601-288-2500.

### Better Breathers Support Group

**Tuesday, November 19**  
Noon  
Forrest General's LiveWell Center  
Cloverleaf Medical Plaza (next to Wal-Mart)  
5909 Highway 49, Suite 40

The Better Breathers Support Group gives patients, families and friends an opportunity to gather and share information about Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), as well as other breathing disorders. COPD includes conditions

such as emphysema, asthma and chronic bronchitis. The group also has access to informational resources and speakers who are knowledgeable about the special needs of people with breathing disorders. The meetings occur on the third Tuesday of every month and are free to the public. Call 601-288-1951.

### Brave Brilliant and Resilient

**Thursday, November 28**  
1 p.m.

Forrest General Cancer Center's Rush Conference Room  
301 South 28th Avenue

Brave, Brilliant, and Resilient, the Forrest General Cancer Center Support Group, welcomes current patients and caregivers to talk with and support other cancer patients and caregivers. Each month a new topic will be presented and an open discussion will follow. The group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month from 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Meetings will be held in The Rush Conference Room at the Forrest General Cancer Center (301 South 28th Ave.). For more information or to RSVP, contact Ramona Mar-

tin, RN, at 601-288-1743

### Forrest General's Family Birthplace Classes

Family Birthplace Classes are held in Forrest General's Elm Room. All classes last only one session except for the Childbirth Preparation Course, which lasts for two sessions or a longer Saturday session. Classes can be repeated. Classes are free for those delivering at Forrest General or \$25 for others who wish to attend, except the Saturday Childbirth Preparation Class, which is \$50.

#### • Childbirth Preparation Course

Prepares participants for labor and delivery and offers a tour of the Family Birthplace.

Classes meet for two weeks on Thursday from 6-8:30 p.m.

November 7 and 14

#### • Breastfeeding Class

Provides details about breastfeeding for expectant and new mom, as well as breastfeeding mothers who are having difficulty nursing or who have questions.

Meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

November 26

#### • Saturday Childbirth Preparation Course

Prepares participants for labor and delivery and offers a tour of the Family Birthplace.

Meets on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

November 9

#### • Forrest General's Fitness for Two Classes

The Mommie & Me classes give mothers and their babies the opportunity to interact and exercise together using music, movement, story and rhyme. Topics for moms include parenting suggestions, relationship navigation and child development guidelines. From the first year until toddler years, children are developing social, language, cognitive and motor skills for the next season of life. The six week session charge is \$30. All classes meet at the Spirit of Women Conference Room in 28th Place, 421 South 28th Avenue. To register or for more information on the following classes, visit [www.forrestgeneral.com/fitness4two](http://www.forrestgeneral.com/fitness4two) or call Spirit of Women at 601-288-4968.

#### • Mommie & Me – Family Nights

An evening option of Mommie & Me is offered to share the experience with extended family. This class also gives mothers and children not free during daytime hours the chance to experience Mommie & Me.

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

November 19

#### • New Moms' Night Out

The Bumps to Babies Postpartum class sponsors a Dutch-treat gathering with other new moms for postpartum support. Call for the location.

Meets periodically on Tuesday evenings, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

November 5

#### • Coach's Corner

This one-session class teaches labor and delivery, breathing techniques and the coach's role throughout the childbirth experience. The coach and mother-to-be attend together. Curriculum benefits pregnancy first-timers, as well as repeaters. An optional tour of Forrest General is included. Coach's Corner is free for Pregnancy Exercise Program Participants.

Meets Mondays once a month, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, November 11



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NOTICE OF PROPOSED SOLE SOURCE

GS# 362-061  
Elevator Improvements  
Woolfolk Building (Office and Capitol Facilities) (Department of Finance & Administration)

Portal RFx #: 3160003267

The Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management intends to purchase the item listed below as a sole-source purchase within the project referenced above:

Elevator Improvements (Fire Alarm Sole Source Equipment Phase)

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Calvin Sibley, Bureau Director  
Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management

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Sealed bids will be received at the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, 501 North West Street, Suite 1401 B, Jackson, Mississippi, 39201, until 2:00:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 12/03/2019 , for:

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at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Contract documents may be obtained from:

Professional: Edmonds Engineering Inc.  
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A deposit of \$100.00 is required. Bid preparation will be in accordance with Instructions to Bidders bound in the project manual. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids. NOTE: Telephones and desks will not be available for bidders use at the bid site.

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Advertisement for Reverse Auction Bid  
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Reverse Auction bidding for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) November 19, 2019 at which time Reverse Auction bidding begins electronically. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date Reverse Auction bid opening ends.

Specification responses must be submitted for this bid event. Specifications are due no later than (5:00 p.m., November 12, 2019 local time to be the given the opportunity to participate in the auction. Vendors submitting acceptable specification responses will be invited to participate in the electronic reverse auction at [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com) on November 19, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m. local time. Vendors must be registered with Central Bidding in order to participate in the reverse auction. For any questions concerning the reverse auction process or how to register, please contact Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Bid specifications will also be listed on JPSPD Website at [www.jackson.k12.ms.us](http://www.jackson.k12.ms.us).

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PUBLIC NOTICE  
RURAL AREAS PROGRAM (5311)  
ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS & INDIVIDUALS WITH  
DISABILITIES PROGRAM (5310) TRANSPORTATION APPLICATIONS

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is soliciting applications for the following Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula grant transportation programs through the Public Transit Division:

Section 5311 Rural Areas program

Eligible applicants include State and local governmental authorities, Indian Tribes, private non-profit organizations, and private operators of public transportation services under special contractual arrangements. Although an applicant's proposal may target specific client groups, services for the general public must be included. Applicants are reminded that participation in a local coordinated planning process must also be clearly documented. Consequently, projects must be derived from an approved local Human Service Public Transportation Coordination Plan.

This program funds general public, job access and reverse commute and certain intercity bus transportation services in areas with less than 50,000 in population. Approximately \$16,000,000 in FTA funds are expected to be available for capital, operating, planning and administration expenses that may support general public, job access and reverse commute and intercity transportation services. These funds will be made available based upon Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act federal appropriations. MDOT will also, to the greatest extent utilize any available older 5311 Safe Affordable Flexible Transportation Equity Act-A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and Moving Ahead for Progress in 21st Century (MAP-21) funds to fund projects.

A job access and reverse commute project is defined as a transportation project that may provide planning, capital and/or operating costs of services designed to transport welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals to and from jobs and activities related to their employment. This may include projects that involve trips to and from urbanized areas or rural areas to suburban employment locations.

Intercity transportation services may include rural and small urban areas. Eligible intercity bus activities include planning and marketing for intercity bus transportation, capital, some operating cost and coordination of rural connections between rural transit projects and intercity carriers.

5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Rural, Small and Large Urbanized Area)

This program provides funds for private non-profit organizations to implement services that:

- 1) Serve the special needs of transit-dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation service, where public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable;
- 2) Exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
- 3) Improve access to fixed route service and decrease reliance on complementary paratransit;
- 4) or provide alternatives to public transportation

Capital and operating awards will be provided from approximately \$1,800,000 in federal funds made available for rural (Less than 50,000 in population) and small urban areas (50,000 - 199,999 in population), City of Jackson Urbanized Area (Over 200,000 in population) by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). These funds will be made available from FAST Act funding appropriations. MDOT will also, to the greatest extent utilize any available older 5310 SAFETEA-LU and MAP-21 to fund projects.

Eligible applicants include private non-profit organizations or public bodies that coordinate services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Applicants must document that they can provide the local match required for all capital and operating costs. Local match funds may be derived from state, local or certain other federal funds. Projects must be included in a locally developed coordinated plan.

Applicants wishing to apply for funding via this announcement must register in the grant application software portal on the MDOT website at <http://mdot.ms.gov/gms/default.aspx>. All grant applications for funding must be received in our office on or before 3:00 p.m. on February 7, 2020.

It is the policy of the MDOT and the FTA that no persons or groups shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

For more information about these programs and the respective application process, please contact Shirley Wilson, Director, Public Transit Division, Mississippi Department of Transportation at P. O. Box 1850, Mail Code 61-01, Jackson, MS 39215-1850 or by telephone at (601) 359-7800, FAX at (601) 359-7777, or by email at [swilson@mdot.ms.gov](mailto:swilson@mdot.ms.gov).

The Public Transit Division has scheduled a 5310 and 5311 Application Workshop on Monday, December 16, 2019 for all perspective applicants at the Jackson Medical Mall in the Community Center Room, located at 350 W. Woodrow Wilson Drive, Jackson, MS 39213. All attendees are requested to register for the workshop on or before Friday, December 6, 2019. The registration form is located on the MDOT website at [http://mdot.ms.gov/portal/Public\\_Transit.aspx#](http://mdot.ms.gov/portal/Public_Transit.aspx#). Registration forms may be submitted via email to [devans@mdot.ms.gov](mailto:devans@mdot.ms.gov), faxed or mailed to the above address and number. The workshops will begin at 8:30 a.m. for all applicants. The workshops will include discussions of each formula grant program as well as the local coordinated planning requirements.

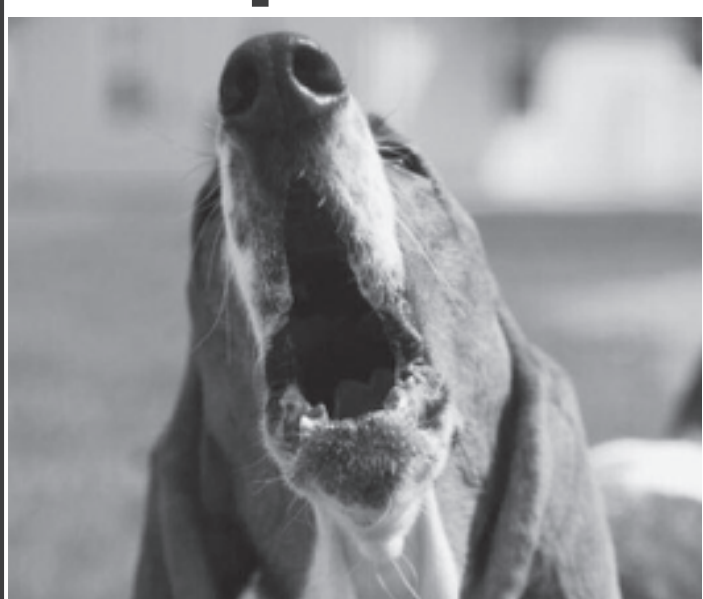
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# NHCI Women's Initiative

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## Ministry leader starts Initiative with a BOOM

**By Gail Smith**  
*Guest Writer*

Rashida Walker put on a new mantle when bestowed the title of leader of the Women's Ministry of New Horizon Church International. She and her husband Felix Walker are proprietors of Team Walker W Real Estate LLC, a full service brokerage firm, in Madison, Ms.

It was obvious to the attendees that something new and exciting was about to take place when Jackson State University Band, THE SONIC BOOM, marched through the sanctuary led by one of the drum majors and the Prancing J-Settes playing 'Get Ready Here I come.'

Who does that? The atmosphere was electric, the women waved gold pom poms, welcoming the executive council. The ladies were pumped, some ran down the aisle as their names were called and some were high stepping as if they were a member of the Sonic Boom.

There was an expectancy and

when Madam Leader Rashida Walker stepped to the podium she declared that women of the church were in a stage of pregnancy and about to give birth. She declared births of breakthroughs, births of miracles, births of new seasons, then she ordered everyone to PUSH.

She unveiled the 2020 agenda which includes studying with Priscilla Shirer, retreats, prayer groups and workshops that focus on specific needs of women.

The mission of the Women's Ministry is to encourage the women of New Horizon to love God, love family, love church and love others. This love will impact communities and the world.

Walker's personal mission is to foster a sense of owning our God-given destiny by walking in the anointing that God has placed in the hearts of each one of us for his Glory. "We strive to bring hope to a generation of women that will ultimately leave a mark for generations to come," she said.

Bishop Ronnie C. Crudup Sr., is senior pastor of New Horizon Church International. He is Administrative

Bishop for the Fellowship of International Churches and the Chief Bishop for the Mid-South Diocese. In 1987 he followed the instructions of the Holy Spirit to "go establish a church that would be on a new horizon."

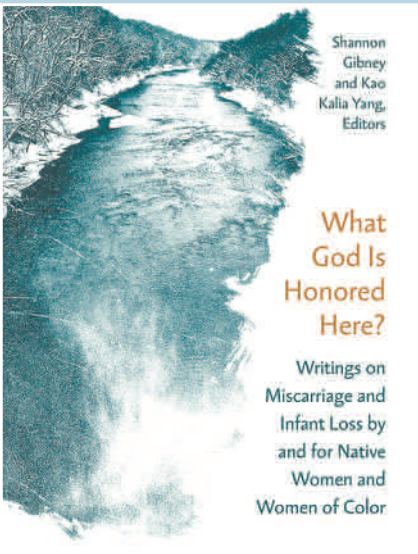
"In this season of retooling and renovating New Horizon Church International spiritually and programatically, I am proud to announce new leadership for the Women's Ministry. Minister Rashida Walker has been chosen as the president. I have no doubt that Rashida is the right person for this position because of her impeccable reputation, Christian character, charming personality and strong leadership skills honed through her successful real estate career. Rashida has galvanized the support of the women and has them already planning and moving forward aggressively, which is exactly what New Horizon needs. I foresee the Women's Ministry reaching heights unseen in the past, and causing greater success for the entire church," said Bishop Crudup.



Walker







BOOK REVIEW:

“WHAT GOD IS HONORED HERE?”

EDITED BY SHANNON GIBNEY AND KAO KALIA YANG

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
*Columnist*

You’re doing okay.  
Shaky, most days, and you can’t stop crying but you’re doing okay. Thanks for asking, although nobody ever really wants to know. They look away, up or down or anywhere but at the truth: you’ve lost a baby but in “What God is Honored Here?” edited by Shannon Gibney and Kao Kalia Yang, you’ll find sisterhood.  
In long days after the loss of their unborn babies, journalists Gibney and Yang began a differ-

ent kind of healing journey, looking “desperately for answers... finding meaning in human experience.” Alas, for them, as non-white women, it was lacking.  
It was then that they began researching, specifically seeking stories from Native women and women of color – tales that were painful to tell, or that the tellers had suppressed. This book is made from those stories.  
Here are tales of women who knew their babies were dying; they knew about problems, that the baby was sick, wasn’t flourishing, wouldn’t live; they mini-

mized news of birth defects. Mistakes were made, maybe; guilt was involved, or a doctor was particularly uncaring. No matter; those mothers wanted their babies, their first or second or seventh pregnancy that didn’t last. Their newborn that didn’t live.  
They’re memories of an Anishinaabeg woman, a Thai refugee, a black woman with white in-laws, an Asian-American woman, a wife of a Mongolian man who didn’t speak his language enough, each left with empty arms, dealing with “a tiny baby” in a way that makes sense

at the end of something that makes no sense at all. Each wondering what happened, and getting answers that left them angry, stunned, satisfied that it wasn’t their “fault,” or without answers altogether.  
And yet – there’s hope in this book.  
Hope in the tales of the future, and babies that will live to hear about a missing sibling. Hope for twins, though there should’ve been triplets. Hope, when one can’t be a “creator of children” and instead heals by creating something else.


Without a doubt, “What God is Honored Here?” may be the most painful book you read this year – not because of what’s in it, but because of its content.  
That may seem like a contradiction, but here: the pain doesn’t come from the stories and poems themselves, but from what they say and what they mean for women of color.  
Statistics, seen in the introduction, don’t lie. It’s what’s told that feels like a knife.  
Some of the tales are recalled in the most emotionless voices imaginable, with flat words of


decades-old disbelief. Others brim with anger tinged with guilt, and an Everest of grief. Every now and then, humor peeks between lines of this book, forcing a quick lightness before plunging back in.  
And then there’s that hope...  
For mothers who grieve, this book is great but it’s also for fathers, grandmas, aunties and friends. Just know this: it may be cathartic to cry through “What God is Honored Here?” but take it slow. Give yourself time, and this book will be more than just okay.


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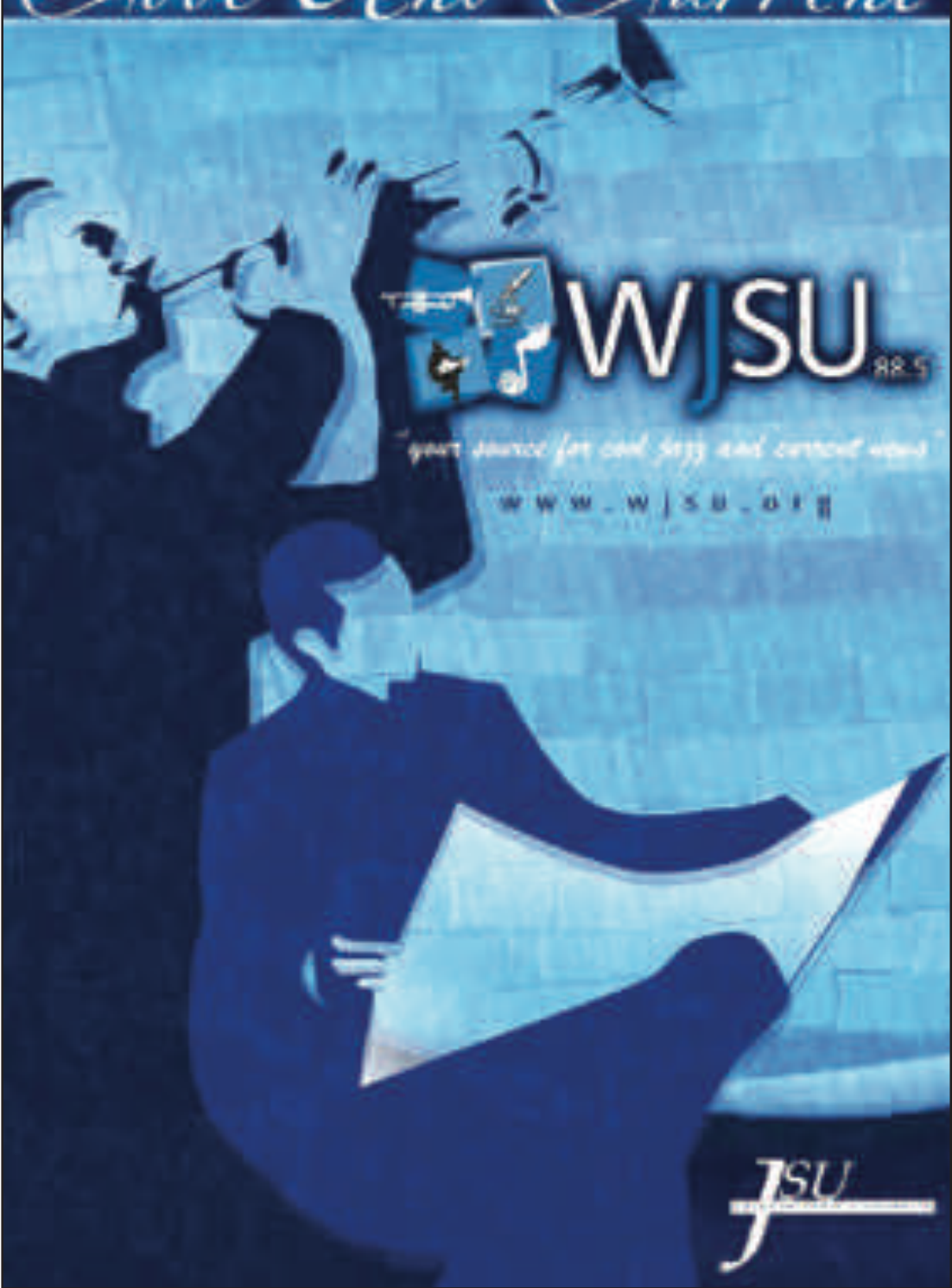


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### Highlights from Hinds County School District Students Anti-Bullying Events in October

