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## Deltas Celebrate 106th Founders' Day

by Gary T. Whitley, Jr.

The Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, commemorated the 106th founding of the organization locally at First Missionary Baptist Church. Founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., on January 13, 1913, by 22 college women, the sorority is known for sisterhood, scholarship and public service.

With a 2019 Founders' Day theme:--Rising Up! Together We're Stronger - Strengthening and Sustaining our Communities"--the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter welcomed their 22nd National President, Dr. Gwendolyn E. Boyd, as keynote speaker. Rev. Dr. Boyd is an ordained itinerant elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church at Ebenezer in Fort Washington, Md. Further, Dr. Boyd, former president of Alabama State University, is a highly sought-after speaker, scientist, educational administrator and consultant. Speaking to a packed sanctuary, Dr. Boyd charged the members of her sorority to stay steadfast in the

journey of strengthening the African-American community during the challenging times in the world. Dr. Boyd shared with all that women of Delta will continue to answer the clarion call of public service and encouraged all present to join and partner with Delta women to "be the change we want to see in our world" by lifting collective voices for community.

The Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta was chartered on April 24, 1954, on the campus of Alabama A&M University by 14 distinguished women. Among them, most notably, was Mrs. Nell Lane Bradford, retired professor of music and choir director at Alabama A&M.

Led by chapter president, Jacqueline Perry, the 2019 Founders' Day Program was chaired by sorority member, Dr. Patricia G. Sims, president of J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College, who also served as program emcee. The Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta is filled with scores of college-educated women who are

serving in various positions of prominence in and around the greater Huntsville/Madison County community.

Paying homage to the local work that the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta is accomplishing and recognizing the keynote speaker, Founders' Day co-chairperson, Mrs. Laura Clift, facilitated the presentation of several presentations by community officials: State Representative Laura Hall and Huntsville Alumnae Chapter Sorority member; State Representative Anthony Daniels, Alabama House Minority Leader; Mrs. Michelle Gilliam-Jordan, Huntsville Alumnae Chapter Sorority member, on behalf of Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle; Huntsville City Council-members Francis Akridge and Will Culver; and Madison County District 6 Commissioner, JesHenry F. Malone.



## Community Partners Make Lasting Literacy Impact at Local School

Students at James I. Dawson Elementary School of Huntsville, Ala., were part of a "Reading Is Fun" book distribution program targeting grades 3-5 on January 8.

The day encompassed fun, the reading of stories to the children, and assisting students in building their very own personal libraries.

Principal Taunya Smith and Dawson faculty and staff welcomed community partners, leading to the event's overall success, commented Dr. Terrance Vickerstaff, chairperson of the District 1 School Strengthening Committee.

The District 1 School Strengthening Team coordinated community partners to include: The

Rosetta James Foundation, which donated funds to purchase books; The Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., for the donation of backpacks and volunteering during the book distribution; community business partner

Books-A-Million; and Michelle Watkins, District One, Huntsville City Schools board member.

Smiling and excited students during story time, and as they selected their books, reminds us that strong students lead to strong communities.

## LAMH Premier Gets Warm Reception

by Jerome Saintjones

The premier party in observance of the first airing of OWN's "Love & Marriage - Huntsville" was held Saturday, January 12.

The banquet room at The Ledges was nearly SRO, as over 150 friends and colleagues showed support for the cast, made

up of three Huntsville couples: Martell and Melody Holt; Marsau and Latisha Scott; and Maurice and Kimmi Scott. (See p. 3)

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## Washington in One Minute



Here are the top issues in Washington, D.C., for this week's edition.

1. The House and Senate are in session this week. Last Thursday, Senate Democrats sought to move to a vote on FY2019 appropriations bills passed by the House last week to reopen the government via a unanimous consent agreement, but Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) objected. Congress has 4 legislative business days this week to work out a deal with President Trump to reopen the government before it adjourns for a week. Last week, the House and Senate approved a bill to reimburse the 800,000 federal employees who are either furloughed or working without pay as soon as the government reopens. The House this week will vote on a \$12 billion FY2019 emer-

gency supplemental appropriations bill for communities affected by recent hurricanes and wildfires.

2. President Trump traveled to New Orleans to address the American Farm Bureau Federation's annual convention and met with the college football champion Clemson Tigers at the White House. Last week, he announced that he was cancelling his planned trip to the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, on Jan. 21 due to the government shutdown.

3. The Department of Education Department had been scheduled to hold its first day of negotiated rulemaking focused on accreditation and innovation as it seeks to overhaul a wide range of higher education regulations.

4. Last Thursday, the House Democratic Steer-

ing and Policy Committee announced the new Members of the powerful House Ways & Means, Appropriations, and Energy & Commerce Committees. The full House Democratic Caucus will vote to approve the new Members this week.

5. On Friday, Transportation Security Administrator David Pekoske announced that TSA's 51,000 airport screeners, who are currently working without pay because of the government shutdown, would get a \$500 bonus deposited in their bank accounts this week. In addition, any screeners who worked on the first day of the government shutdown (Dec. 22) will get \$150-\$200 on Tuesday for that day's pay, because Dec. 22 was part of the pre-shutdown pay period. 5.6% of the TSA workforce did not show up for work on Friday. Administrator Pekoske stated that he was able to make the payments because of the "unique authorities provided TSA in law."

6. Last Saturday, Congressional Black Caucus Chair Karen Bass (D-CA) called on the House GOP Leadership to strip Rep. Steve King (R-IA) of his committee assignments for his comments published in Thursday's New York Times

in which he questioned why the terms "white nationalist" and "white supremacist" were offensive.

7. The Washington Post reported yesterday (Sunday) that House Foreign Affairs Committee Chair Eliot Engel (D-NY) will form an investigative subcommittee to seek State Department records of President Trump's 5 meetings with Russian President Vladimir Putin over the past 2 years.

8. According to a Washington Post/ABC News poll released yesterday (Sunday), 53% of Americans blame President Trump for the government shutdown, while 29% blame Congressional Democrats - with 13% blaming both sides.

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## Geared to Customize Culture

John "Jahni" Moore (bottom right) is pictured with a winning team of young artists from Lee High School. Moore, through Lee High Art Magnet School, is one of 10 winners in the U.S. of the the Vans Custom Culture Grant Competition in conjunction with Americans for The Arts. The grant is for a public art project to be completed in 2019. The partnership program with the shoe giant seeks to increase visibility for and resources available to

arts educators and schools to sustain the arts as a vital part of education. Moore plans to partner with a local business in this high visibility endeavor.

"I see public art as a service, albeit a specialized service, an empowering service to the people... ALL the people. Even the ones who do



not frequent galleries and museums. It's art for the people ... The opportunity to work with students on that mission is an inspiring honor," said Moore.

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# Premier Party: OWN's 'Love & Marriage: Huntsville'

Saturday, January 12, 2019 - 7:45-10:45 p.m.  
The Ledges - Huntsville, Alabama  
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## 2018 Lane-Changers = 2019 Game-Changers?

"But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize . . ." - Philippians 3:13-14  
New International Version Bible

by tim allston

Tennis phenom/new mommy WTA's Serena Williams is pleased. As is PETA. Ditto MAP watchers.

In 2018, each watched their respective targeted groups make improvements, mirroring what you and I know as recovering step #1 for ego-holism (addiction to self/improper self-management): to change lanes effectively, glance back quickly, before driving forward.

• The 46-year Women's Tennis Association (WTA) announced that female tennis players will resume previous rankings following their return from childbirth. Williams: "I think it's great. Women that are younger can go out there and have kids and not have to worry about it, and not have to wait until the twilight of their years to have children":

• Following 30+ years of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) protests, Nabisco's Barnum's Animals crackers un-caged their box-featured animals from its 116-year history. "We're always looking at how we do things to ensure we're staying relevant for our consumers," explained Nabisco spokeswoman Kimberly Fontes; and

• The Valley Weekly's 9/21/18 issue reported that 2018's Miss America Pageant (MAP) dropped its swimsuit competition, reversing a 97-year tradition. "We're not going to judge you on your appearance because we are interested in what makes you you," explained Gretchen Carlson, new MAP board chair and 1989 Miss America.



For you and me needing to change lanes effectively from either arrogance and boastfulness (big ego-holism) or equally low-/no esteem and insecurities (little ego-holism), just like WTA, Nabisco and MAP, we need to ask and answer three questions from ego-holism recovering step #1's directives:

1. Why "change lanes"? Because your current lane won't get you effectively where you need to go.

2. Why "glance back quickly"? Turning all the way around will distract you from seeing both possible dangers and opportunities ahead. Finally and after taking those first two steps,

3. Why you'll need to "drive forward" is so that you can enjoy your benefits, opportunities and learned-lessons to share with others less motivated, yet still looking to you for role-modeling and strength.

Q: to achieve success in your new daily 2019 resolutions - let's face it: annual New Year's Resolutions only worked for 23% of us - what lane(s) will you need to change, starting today?

tim allston is the author of the free book, 7 Steps to Manage Ego Problems: The How-to Guide for "Someone Else," free and downloadable now at [www.GetEgoHelpNow.org](http://www.GetEgoHelpNow.org).

## Wisconsin Lt. Gov. to Speak at Annual ADC Membership Breakfast

The Madison County Unit of the Alabama Democratic Conference (ADC) will host its annual Membership Breakfast, Saturday, February 2, beginning at 8 a.m. on the historic campus of Alabama A&M University. AAMU distinguished alumnus, Wisconsin's 45th Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes, will be the keynote speaker. Lt. Governor Barnes is the first African American Lieutenant Governor in Wisconsin history. Prior to

becoming Lt. Governor he served as Deputy Director of Strategic Engagement for State Innovation Exchange, a national progressive public policy organization based in Madison, WI. His election was not without challenges. His name was omitted from three newspaper election notices in three different counties. The day before the primary election, his picture was used in a local news report about a fatal motorcycle accident. He won the



Democratic primary with a landslide and went on to win in November 2018. Tickets and reserved tables may be purchased from Eddie Sherrod at 508-1782 or Eva Smith at 256-859-6512 or any ADC member.

## The 13th Annual Rosetta James Foundation "Honoring Our Elders" Celebration

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## The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

**January 19**  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade  
Host: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Downtown Huntsville  
Huntsville, Ala.  
12 noon

**January 26**  
Spades & Dominoes Tournament

House of Alpha Complex,  
4301 Oakwood Avenue  
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registration is December 30,  
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beverages will be provided  
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**February 12**  
Black History Month  
The Beyond Normal Lecture  
Series - Presenting Dr. Bernice A. King  
Alabama A&M University  
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Knight Center, 12:30 p.m.

**February 19**  
Education Choice Summit  
Featuring Dr. Steve Perry  
Author, Speaker and Educator

Calhoun Community College-  
Huntsville Campus  
Student Center, 5:30-8 p.m.

**February 22-23**  
Midwest Invitational Rodeo  
Alabama A&M University  
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### Shutdown Assistance

As the partial government shutdown continues, some Chamber members are offering assistance to workers who are impacted. Redstone Federal Credit Union is offering furlough assistance loans, and Huntsville Utilities says it will work with customers having difficulty paying their bills due to the shutdown. Additionally, if you need help and don't know where to turn, call 2-1-1. This is a partnership between United Way of Madison County and Crisis Services of North Alabama.

## AKAs Pay Tribute to Founder Harriet Josephine Terry

The members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter, recently dedicated a historical marker honoring Alpha Kappa Alpha Founder Harriet Josephine Terry at Alabama A&M University. Members of the University's Board of Trustees, students, faculty, staff and alumni gathered to commemorate and honor Ms. Terry's legacy with members of the sorority. The dedication was part of the global initiative of Alpha Kappa Alpha to bring awareness, to honor and to permanently memorialize the contributions of its founders.

Harriet J. Terry was born in New York and attended Howard University from 1906-10, where she majored in English and graduated with a degree in liberal arts. On January 15, 1908, at Howard University, Harriet Josephine Terry became one of the 16 founders of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

After graduation, she became the Department Head of English and History at Gloucester High School



in Capahosic, Va. During World War I, she worked for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, D.C. In 1922, she journeyed to Alabama A&M University to teach.

For over 37 years, Terry inspired generations of teachers through her innovative style of teaching English courses at AAMU. She was a caring teacher, and her students remember her as an avid reader, and a lover of literature, people, and movies. She inspired others through her writings and humanitarian efforts in the community. She also trained teachers through the Alabama A&M Extension program in Limestone County, Ala.

In 1949, Ms. Terry helped to charter the Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter and served as its second president. In 1959, she

retired from Alabama A&M University and moved back to Washington, D.C. Over the years, she remained connected with the sorority as a member of Xi Omega Chapter. She was known for her charm and friendliness. On August 15, 1967, Harriet J. Terry passed away. Her legacy and service to young minds and her sorority will last in perpetuity.

The dedication ceremony opened with an invocation by Reverend Versey Jones. The president of Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter, Dr. Wilma J. Ruffin, brought greetings, stating that Harriet J. Terry "spent a significant portion of her life here - 30-plus years - at the University and in this community. Hence, she is claimed as our own. She was a charter member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Epsilon Gamma Omega

Chapter, which puts her in a direct relationship with the existence of the chapter." The 24th South Eastern Regional Director, Mrs. Adrienne Pope-Kelly Washington; Chapter Historian, Dr. Mattie Thomas; and Alabama A&M University Trustee, Dr. Jeanette Jones, provided greetings and acknowledged Ms. Terry's local impact on the community.

Following the greetings, the Litany of Dedication was led by the chapter Vice President, Dr. Rhonda H. Thompson. The program highlight was the unveiling of the custom made bronze historical marker that was designed by Ms. Lorraine Lacy, chapter Technology Chairman. It will be placed at the front entrance of Terry Hall on the campus of Alabama A&M University.



**BIRTHDAY - January 18 - DANIEL HALE WILLIAMS - Dr. Williams performed the first successful open heart surgery on Record. He is the founder of Provident Hospital and also the First Black physician named as a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons.**  
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# Valley Deaths

## - Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for COACH ANDREW E. LEE (b. 1943) was held Saturday, January 12, at Crumbey Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, coordinated by Arrington Funeral Home of Birmingham, Ala.

Funeral service for MR. MICHAEL JEROME HARDIN (b. 1960) was held Saturday, January 12, 2019 in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Endia Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service for MS. MARY LYNN COTHORN (b. 1946) was held Saturday, January 12, at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church (County Road 105 - Hollywood, Ala.) with the Reverend William R. Tibbs, officiating.

Memorial service for MRS. LORA B. BASS was held Thursday, January 10, at First Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

## - Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MS. LAKEVA M. HAMPTON (b. 1977) will be held Sunday, January 20, at First Seventh-day Adventist Church (1303 Evangel Drive Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Debleaire Snell and Pastor Benjamin Jones officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. JANET CARMICHAEL FORD (b. 1953) will be held 1 p.m., Saturday, January 19, at the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Minister Kevin Carmichael officiating.

Funeral service for MS. MARILYN LOUISE MILLER was held Wednesday, January 16, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue, NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Edward Anderson officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. VERONICA ELIZABETH HAWTHORNE-GREEN (b. 1962) was held Monday, January 14, at Saint Luke Christian Church (1800 Sparkman Drive, NW Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor R.E. Pearl officiating.

Funeral service for MISS BRENDA MAYBERRY (b. 1957) was held Saturday, January 12, at Pleasant Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (15439 Hastings Road, Athens, Ala.) with Reverend Leo Mayberry eulogist.

Funeral service for MS. CANEATHA Y. HOLDEN (b. 1976) was held on Saturday, January 12, at Big Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church (133 Maple Street, Madison, Ala.) with Pastor Jeff Jefferson officiating.

## - Serenity Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. VERNEUIL E. HILAIRE (b. 1943) will be held on Sunday, January 20, at Tabernacle SDA Church located at 8017 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami, Fla.

Funeral service for MRS. ANNIE TAYLOR (b. 1935) was held Saturday, January 12, at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church (Little Shiloh) (193 Browns Ferry Rd, Madison, AL) with Rev. Reginald A. Johnson officiating.

Funeral service for MS. ANITA WILLIAMS (b. 1961) was held Saturday, January 12, at Serenity Funeral Home Chapel (2505 University Drive NW, Huntsville, AL) with Pastor Frances Perry officiating.

# Called 2 Preach

by Pastor/Founder Michael D. Rice  
Grace Gethsemane Mission Church

## Living in "Himility"

Romans 8:28-30

As I was reading from my journal recently, I ran across a typo that providentially became a lesson in what true "humility" is. I say providential because my reading of my journal from 2018 was something that God's Spirit had told me to do; knowing that I would run across that "typo." Yes, the "I" key is right next to the "u" key on the keyboard. But, was it a mistake or a providential "glitch" designed to teach me the meaning of true "humility?" As I read it, the Spirit revealed to me that an unseen Hand had literally caused my finger to miss that "u" key and

to hit the "I" key instead. This is not "spooky" talk; it is special revelation into what it means to live in humility; which is living like Jesus (Him). Believers are in the process of being

"conformed to the image of His Son." Conformed means having the same form as another or to be fashioned like another. Image means a likeness or representation. In other words, Paul tells us that as believers, we are literally being fashioned into the likeness of God's Son Jesus. We are



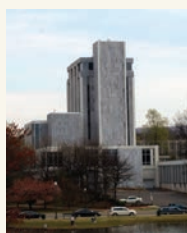
being made to look, act, think, live and love like Him; that is living in Himilty. Verse 28 lets us know that God uses all things that we experience as His Divine Sculpturing device as He fashions us into that image. Therefore, we can live with expectation; by faith in the Fashioner.

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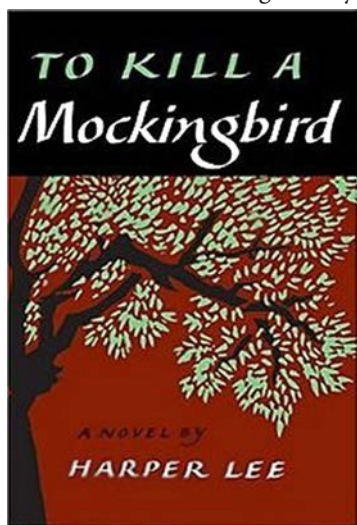
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# Harper Lee Classic Comes to VBC

by Reginald Allen

Harper Lee's beloved classic meets the stage with Theatre Huntsville's production of "To Kill a Mockingbird," which will run January 18-26 at the Von Braun Center. Based on Lee's 1960 novel, the story is told through the eyes of Jean "Scout" Louise Finch, the six-year-old daughter of lawyer Atticus Finch. The small town of Maycomb is shaken when Atticus is appointed to take on the case of Tom Robinson, an African American accused of raping a white woman. Praised by scholars for its take on racial justice, the coming-of-stage tale is regarded as a literary classic and was awarded the Pulitzer Prize shortly after its release. "To Kill a Mockingbird" will have performances January 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26 at 7:30 p.m. with select matinee performances January 20 and 26. For additional information, please visit [www.TheatreHsv.org](http://www.TheatreHsv.org).



## Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

### "Making Better Decisions"

In Acts 27: 10-11, the Apostle Paul says, "Men, I can see that our voyage is going to be disastrous and bring great loss to the ship and cargo, and to our lives also." But the centurion, instead of listening to what Paul said, followed the advice of the pilot and of the owner of the ship.

You know, sometimes life can be like a "voyage," and we are all just sailing on our ships of life. Now during our journey sometimes the wind can be calm and pleasant with plenty of sunshine. But sometimes the sun darkens and the wind blows and all of a sudden you find yourself in the middle of a storm. Now, we all experience different kinds of storms. Some are just part of nature and, if you are a human being, you will experience your share

of storms. But some storms we bring upon ourselves, because of our disobedience, like we find when Jonah disobeyed God, only to find himself in the belly of a whale (Jonah 1).

And then there are storms that God sends for our development, that are designed to improve our faith (Matthew 8:23-26). But then there are storms that we are "drug" into because of the ignorance and the bad judgment of other people, like we find here in this 27th chapter of Acts. You see, Paul is on a ship bound for Rome to face trial for preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. However, he warns the people on the ship that this was not a good time to sail, but they don't listen.

As we begin this New Year, I believe that it is important that we make good decisions so that we don't "sink" our ships. And the first thing we need to do is to not make "hasty" decisions. Always wait on God's timing, which hopefully involves prayer. The next

thing we should do is don't rely on worldly wisdom, but rely on the wisdom that comes from God through godly people. Never get advice from someone who does not even know God. Next, don't take the easy way out. Remember nothing worth having is going to be easy. Also, don't just follow the crowd when making a decision. Remember: only the narrow path leads to righteousness (Matthew 7:13). And finally, don't just let random circumstances cause you to make a bad decision. In other words, just because the sun is shining one minute doesn't mean that a storm is not in the forecast. Always do your research before making a decision.

This year we have new opportunities to make better choices for our lives and when we do, we will be able to navigate through the storms of life and keep our ships sailing no matter what the storm looks like... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!



## Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

# Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Jamar

Sarah Elizabeth Jones Jamar was born on May 22, 1941 to sharecroppers Judge Willie and Annie Eliza Jones.

In May 1959, she completed her high school studies at Councill Training High School in Normal, Alabama, and graduated with "the third highest" overall academic average in her class of 65 students. After graduating from Alabama A&M University in 1963 and teaching for a year, Jamar decided that she wanted to expand beyond the public school environment and make use of her mathematics degree. She was determined to prove that her hard earned education and subsequent degree received at AAMU was equal to the education offered by any other institution. She applied for a Clerk/Typist position and passed the typing test after her first attempt.

They could no longer say she was not qualified. Three months after she was hired, she had learned the responsibilities of every position in that office. NASA had its "Hidden Figures" in mathematics, but so did Redstone Arsenal. One day, her supervisor asked why was she in a lower paid clerical role with the obvious skills and ability for higher paying jobs. She told him it was because of the way the system was structured and that it was difficult for a black female to advance.

However, it was her personal goal to help get the system changed - and that she did. He indicated a desire to work with her to accomplish this goal and immediately went to personnel and



promoted her from a GS-2 to a Math Aide GS-4. From that point on, Jamar's career continued to progress. Later, the government paid for her to go to Tennessee State University to study engineering, but even this was not enough for her. She decided to set a goal to become one of the first black female supervisors at Redstone, and this she did.

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A New Generation Of Service

## Friends, Colleagues Honor DAU Retiree

by Lamar A. Braxton, Jr.

A retirement ceremony was recently held at the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) South Region (Huntsville Campus) for Professor Samuel E. King (Retired Captain).

As Professor of Acquisition Management, King was credited with developing the con-



tent of the courses in acquisition management that enable civilians and military persons to be successful in their careers.

As a token of appreciation, he was awarded the

DAU Superior Civilian Service Award, a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of Governor Kay Ivey, a



Proclamation on behalf of Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, and a United States flag that was flown over the U.S. capitol building.

There was a great turnout of support from the local Alcorn State University Alumni Chapter, members of First Missionary Baptist Church, and past presidents of the

100 Black Men of Greater Huntsville.



## Johnson Becomes UAH's 7th 1,000-Point Scorer

The University of Alabama in Huntsville women's basketball team fell on the road last Saturday, dropping an 87-64 decision at host Lee. The Chargers fall to 6-8 (4-4 Gulf South Conference) with the setback, while the Flames improve to 13-3 (7-1 GSC).

### Milestone Tracker

With a lay-up at the 7:43 mark of the second quarter, Baylee Johnson became the seventh player in UAH history to record 1,000 career points.

She is the first Charger to reach the plateau since Jordan Smith became the sixth all-time on Nov. 18, 2012.

The Cullman, Ala., native is having the best season of her career, averaging

nearly 12.8 points per game entering play on Saturday to own a career scoring average of 10.6 points per contest.

### Turning Point

-The Flames outscored UAH 26-10 in the second quarter to turn a six-point deficit into a 10-point, 39-29 lead at the half

### Inside the Box Score

-Johnson led the team on the day as she went 4-for-6 from 3-point land en route to scoring a game-high 25 points, and she was joined in double figures by Aryn Sanders who logged 17 points.

-Sanders was also strong on the glass as she collected eight rebounds while also handing out a team-high



Photo: Chuck Edgeworth

three assists.

-For the game, the Chargers shot 35.7 percent from the floor, and the hosts connected on 55.0 percent of their attempts including going 12-for-23 from beyond the arc.

-Lee won the rebounding battle by a 39-31 margin.



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