

"I read; I travel; I become." - Derek Walcott



**CELEBRATION!** Members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., gathered at Alabama A&M University's J.F. Drake Memorial Learning Resources Center to honor the founders and to observe the 110th anniversary of the prestigious organization, which was founded on January 13, 1913. The Huntsville Alumnae, Delta Delta and Omicron Gamma Chapters held the Founders Day ceremony Saturday, January 14, at Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church. (Photo by J. Saintjones)

### Oakwood Seeking Its '30 Under 30'

The Oakwood University Office of Alumni Relations and the OU Alumni Council NETWORK OF

ALUMS are accepting nominations for OAKWOOD'S 30 UNDER 30 of 2023!!

With this initiative, OU acknowledges and celebrates the achievements of its YOUNG ALUMNI, or its GOLD Society (Graduates of the Last Decade)--Oakwood's best, brightest, and the University's engaged young alumni, who are accomplishing incredible things in their careers while serving their communities.



Who do you know who should be a part of this year's OAK-WOOD'S 30 UN-DER 30 of 2023?

The winners will be revealed in the Oakwood Alumni Homecoming 2023 edition of the Oakwood Magazine.

Nominees must be an Oakwood graduate and 29 years old or younger on April 10, 2023.

Deadline to submit a 30 Under 30 of 2023 Nomination is JANUARY 31, 2023. For more information and forms, visit www.oakwood. edu.

#### Valley Mourns Death of Gen. Link

The Tennessee Valley mourns the recent death of LTG James



M. Link, US Army RET. Family and friends can visit on Tuesday, January 24, 12-2 p.m., at Laughlin Service Funeral Home, located at 2320 Bob Wallace Avenue. The funeral service will follow immediately in the Chapel at 2 p.m. Link was honored in 2015 as an esteemed Elder in the Huntsville community by the Rosetta James Foundation.

### Huntsvillian Chester Tre' Rogers Enjoys 'BMF' Role



Huntsville, Ala., native, etrepreneur and Cleveland Browns' wide-receiver, Chester Tre' Rogers, will be making his way back onto the big screen in his recurring role on Starz's new drama series, "BMF," created by Randy Huggins and produced by rapper, actor, and businessman, 50 Cent. Rogers co-stars as Meech's best friend played by Demetrius Flenory Jr. along with other big names in music and television such as Da'Vinchi, Eminem, Leslie Jones, La La Anthony, Serayah, and Lil' Zane.

Before his career in the NFL, Rogers began acting at 10 years old, after moving from Huntsville, Ala., to Los Angeles, where he landed his first major role as the young Billy Dee Williams in the 2005 film, "Constellation," co-starring alongside Gabrielle Union, Hill Harper, and Zoe Saldana. In addition to "Constellation," Chester Tre' has starred in other television shows and films, including Tyler Perry's "Madea Family Reunion," "Dirty" with Cuba Gooding, Jr. as Pee Wee, Cartoon Network's "ReAnimated," along with additional commercials, voice overs, and photo shoots.



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Here are the happenings in Washington, D.C., this week:

1. ON THE FLOOR. The House and Senate are in recess this week.

2. THE WHITE HOUSE. Last week, Attorney General Merrick Garland appointed former Maryland U.S. Attorney Robert Hur as special counsel to lead the investigation into President Biden's handling of classified records after his staff discovered and turned in around 2 dozen classified files at a former office space and the President's Delaware home. On Monday, new House Oversight and Accountabil-

ity Committee Chair James Comer (R-KY) sent a letter to White House Chief of Staff Ron Klain asking him to release the visitor log for President Biden's Wilmington residence and to provide documents and communications about all properties and locations searched for classified documents. Read the letter here: Comer letter. On Monday, President Biden was in Atlanta to mark what would have been Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 94th birthday and became the first sitting president to speak at Ebenezer Baptist Church. On Tuesday, the President hosted Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte at the White

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House for talks that were expected to center on the ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine (the Netherlands has contributed \$3 billion to support Ukraine).

3. DEBT LIMIT **REACHED.** Last Friday, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen sent a letter to House Speaker Kevin McCarthy informing him that the federal government will reach the nation's statutory debt limit of \$31.381 trillion this Thursday (Jan. 19) and she will invoke so-called "extraordinary measures" to prevent a default of the government's financial obligations, which she said will keep the government afloat through June 2023.

4. SUPREME COURT. The Supreme Court hears arguments in 3 cases this week, including Turkiye Halk Bankasi A.S. v. U.S., in which the court will decide whether U.S. courts have

criminal jurisdiction over a bank majority-owned by Turkey that was indicted by federal prosecutors for creating a pool of Iranian oil funds in Turkey and the United Arab Emirates and Santos-Zacaria v. Garland, on whether a noncitizen, in this case a 34-year-old transgender woman from Guatemala seeking asylum, must petition the Board of Immigration Appeals to reconsider its alleged errors before seeking review in the federal courts of appeals.

5. DECEMBER INFLA-TION REPORT. Last Thursday, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that the annual inflation rate in the U.S. slowed for a 6th straight month to 6.5% in December 2022, the lowest since October 2021, following a 7.1% reading in November 2022. Energy costs increased 7.3%, well below the 13.1% recorded in November, as

gasoline cost dropped 1.5%, following a 10.1% surge in November. Also, fuel oil cost slowed (41.5% vs 65.7%) while electricity prices rose slightly faster (14.3% vs 13.7%). A slowdown was also seen in food prices (10.4% vs 10.6%) while cost of used cars and trucks continued to decline (-8.8% vs -3.3%). On the other hand, the cost of shelter increased faster (7.5% vs 7.1%). Compared to the previous month, the CPI edged 0.1% lower, the first decline since May of 2020, which beat expectations of a flat reading.

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**NELMS MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME** 2501 Carmichael Avenue NW

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Funeral service for MR. LARKIN MCCRARY (b. 1977) was Saturday, January 14, at Beaver Dam Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Dr. Larry Smith, Pastor and Officiant.

Funeral service for MR. MELVIN ANDERSON (b. 1952) was Friday, January 13, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

*Graveside service for MR. FRANKIE LEE PRUITT (b. 1970)* was held Sunday, January 8, at the Pine Grove Cemetery (Deposit, Ala.).

#### **ROYAL FUNERAL HOME** 4315 Oakwood Avenue NW Huntsville, AL 35810 - (256) 534-8481

Funeral service for MRS. SARAH L. LESTER (b. 1921) will be 11 a.m., Sunday, January 22, at the CT Richards Chapel (7000 Adventist Blvd., Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Roy Rugless officiating.

Memorial service to be announced for MR. ROOSEVELT STEVENSON STEWART (b. 1929).

Funeral service for MR. LAMARIN "PUNKIN" FORD, SR., was held Tuesday, January 17, at the St. Rebecca Primitive Baptist Church (330 Grimwood Road, Hazel Green, Ala.) with Pastor Hernandez Ford officiating.

Funeral service for MR. ROBERT LEE FLOWERS, JR., was held Sunday, January 15, at the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road NE Ste A, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. O. Wendall Davis officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. DOROTHY HOLIFIELD CHEST-NUT (b. 1943) was held Saturday, January 14, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Rev. Dr. Don Darius Butler officiating and Pastor Emeritus Julius R. Scruggs as eulogist.

Funeral service for MINISTER CAROLYN PRYOR TOWNSEND (b. 1953) will be 11 a.m., Saturday, January 14, at the Fletcher's Chapel Primitive Baptist Church (30592 Hardiman Road, Madison, Ala.) with Pastor Kenneth Langford officiating.

#### SERENITY FUNERAL HOME 2505 University Drive NW Huntsville, AL 35816 (256) 539-9693

Funeral service for MR. MARVIN BAKER (b. 1965) was held Wednesday, January 18, at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church, 13376 Dupree Worthey Road, Harvest, Ala.





#### FROM BLAMING TO CLAIMING

Psalm 32:5 says, "Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, and you forgave the guilt of my sin." Sometimes, we will never get to the heart of our problems in life until we stop blaming others for our circumstances. So often we will point the finger at someone else for our own bad choices. King David understood

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this principle after a finger was pointed at him that revealed the truth about his situation. It was so revealing that it inspired him to write this beautiful psalm that explains him finally accepting responsibility for his own actions. You see, the reason that God forgave David was because he admitted that he was wrong. He finally realized that you will never get clean until you come clean.

How many times in our own lives do we place the blame on someone

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else, when we know it was our own bad decision that either caused or contributed to the outcome? So, it's time to go from blaming to claiming responsibility for our own actions. We do this by facing and accepting the truth. Not just any truth, but the truth about ourselves. Also remember, things may happen to us,

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and there may be reasons why we behave a certain way, but it doesn't give us a reason to stay that way. The moment a reason becomes an excuse, we become trapped in it and

it becomes a new reality based on a false reality. Just like we find with David. Surely, he had to know that what he did was wrong. So, once we face the truth about ourselves and allow



the healing to begin, that's when we will experience true freedom. This is what having the abundant life that

to have is all about.

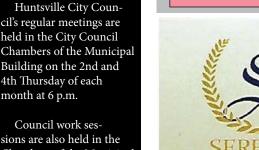
Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters. Make sure you purchase a copy of my book, "A Champion Game Plan for Life," at amazon.com.

**JANUARY 20 - STACEY DASH** is an American actress and former talk show host known for her co-starring role in the 1995 feature film Clueless television series. She has also appeared in films such as Moving, Mo' Money, Renaissance Man, and View from the Top. Other television work by



Dash includes appearances in series such as CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, Single Ladies and the reality TV show Celebrity Circus.

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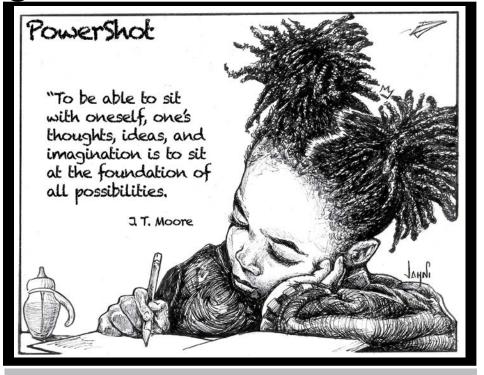
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- Frank Yerby

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#### Reimagine Your Future

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Thru January 2023 Huntsville Museum of Art Presents "Donato Giancola" Downtown Huntsville Huntsville, Ala.

#### Thru January 29

Winter Park The Orion Amphitheater Huntsville, Ala. TheOrionHuntsville.com

#### January 19

"Terrariums: Bringing Gardening Indoors" Huntsville Botanical Gardens 4747 Bob Wallace Avenue - Huntsville, Ala. Members, \$60; Nonmembers, \$110 6-7:30 p.m.

#### **January 20**

"Clue: On Stage" Playhouse Von Braun Center Huntsville, Ala. 7:30 p.m.

#### January 21

"Nature Needs Our Help" Nature Academy Huntsville Botanical Garden 4747 Bob Wallace Avenue SW Huntsville, Ala. (256) 830-4447 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

The Job-Hunting Accelerator Bootcamp - Land Your Dream Job Free Live Workshop https://allevents.in

Fleetwood Mac Concert Mark C. Smith Concert Hall Von Braun Center Huntsville, Ala.

"The Encore Concert: Kristoffer LeShaun Live" The Electric Belle Stovehouse Huntsville, Ala. 7:30 p.m.

**January 22** "Clue: On Stage" **VBC** Playhouse 700 Monroe Street Huntsville, Ala. 4 p.m.

#### January 23

Alabama Legislative Update The Jackson Center 6001 Moquin Drive Huntsville, Ala. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### February 7

"Garden Planning" Nature Academy Huntsville Botanical Garden 4747 Bob Wallace Avenue SW Huntsville, Ala. (256) 830-4447 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

#### February 10-18

"Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind" Lowe Mill ARTS & Entertainment Huntsville, Ala. 7-8:30 p.m.

February 11

Music Explorer's Club Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Mark C. Smith Concert Hall Von Braun Center Huntsville, Ala. erica@hso.org (256) 539-4818 10:15 a.m.

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#### March 11

Rosetta James Foundation "Honoring Our Elders" Day Gala Von Braun Center South Hall 12 noon www.rosettajamesfoundation.org (256) 536-9717

#### March 25

Garden Prep for Spring Huntsville Botanical Garden 4747 Bob Wallace Avenue SW Huntsville, Ala. \$35-\$60 10 a.m.-12 noon www.hsvbg.org

Huntsville Havoc "Military Night Von Braun Center 7 p.m.

#### April 1

The 3rd Annual Women's Expo Event Von Braun Center Huntsville, Ala. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

#### April 3-9

Oakwood Alumni Homecoming Celebrating the 3s and 8s

#### May 20

Rocket City BBQ & Soul Fest 6001 Pulaski Pike NW Huntsville, Ala. 10 a.m.-11 p.m.

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# Let Go ....

There are times where we will cling to things that are simply not for us. Habits, food, places we go, people. Many things that we try to continue dealing in because it's commonplace, it's made us feel good in fleeting moments, you just don't know any different, or feel you can't do any

better.

Have you ever asked yourself where you got that mindset from? How did I convince myself that THIS is it for me? More than not, you haven't taken time out to

think about it, at all! You're simply going with the flow. You haven't even attempted to make a slight change in your situation. You're just being. Continuing to stay stagnant, frustrated, lost, depressed, helpless. But... you're not!

You have the ability to let go of any situation. Walk off, have a change of heart, stand still, not move forward, smile, and move on. Why haven't you chosen that? Why do you continue to dabble in folly? Why do you continue to mistreat yourself, your body, your emotional space, your ability?

It's time! NOW IS THE TIME! Let go of the old you, your old ways, thought processes, hurt... things that are holding you back. Let them Go!

If you know God, trust Him! Put them in His hands. Ask Him daily to remove the desires, the laziness, and the fears that control your path of demise, uncertainty, and trail



to nowhere. He has formed you for good things. His path for you holds bigger



opportunities, quality people, healthier lifestyles, and more peace. That doesn't

mean you won't encounter bad people, or circumstances, or be tempted to

> do things that are not in your best interest. It just means, if you trust and depend on Him, and

stay in prayer with Him, He will help you to move past things that tend to





Perspectives on **God Views Current News** he tim al

#### Making New Day's Resolutions, Not "New Year's" (Part 2 of 2)

Last week's Part 1 installment showed us that greater success will come from focusing on our daily improvements instead of 365-day resolu-

tions, which often fail.

Let me share with you my 10-step process for focussing on daily improvements, again from the Lord's Prayer, Matthew 6:9-13.



When Jesus' disciples asked him, "Lord, teach

us to pray," they were asking for keys to a successful life. He offered, "Give us THIS DAY our DAILY bread" (my emphases added), counseling them to focus more on immediate daily gains (bread) as opposed to wishing for more distant successes.

Let me suggest my "tim commandments" approach:

1. Target the Problem - Often our December 31 resolutions overcommit us when we should not bite off more than we can chew

2. Own the Problem - leadership consultant-trainer Franklin Covey: "40 percent of us blame our busy schedules for our lack of follow-through." Become more aware of what you can reasonably accomplish in a given amount of time;

3. Proceed to - now take action, which might require a change of lanes . . . Since our 365-day dreams didn't work, let's now try one day at a time.

4. Change your Lanes effectively by Glancing Back Quickly before Driving Forward.

5. Uncover more Buried Treasures the Deeper you Plunge below your Surface. British author-journalist Oliver Burkeman recommends that 18-245 days are needed to change habits, vs. the oft-recommended 21 days - but understand you still need to get there one day at a time!

6. Listen aggressively before Speaking. Develop a "New Day's Resolution support system" for motivation, accountability, and listening for shared goals, and challenges;

7. Let's Grow Up, to become Children Again! Pray for childlike humility, curiosity, and transparency;

8. Let your Failures jump-start your Successes. Allow 2022's lemons to become 2023's lemonade!

9. Your Greatest Healings come out of your Revealings. Share your previous New Year's Resolution failings with family, friends and together, lift up each other; and

10. Now that you Know... Go, Elevate and Grow! Write and share your trials-turned-triumphs with others - a win-win growth!

Join me today and together, let's take this first 2023 "New Day's Resolution" step.



Tim Allston Leadership Coach & Three-time Amazon Best-Selling Author Leading from the Middle leadingfromthemiddle@gmail.com

He will remove bad habits by showing them to you, by showing you, you. (This can be a tough, but beautiful process). He can break chains passed down from generation to generation. He is able, even when you are not!

keep a lock on your mind.

He will help you to make

better choices in who you

need to keep in your space.

Let Go! Give it to God. Maneuver into the life He has for you!!



#### January 20, 2023

# City Proceeds with Mastin Lake Overpass Following New Agreements

Efforts to build a new overpass on North Memorial Parkway are gaining traction after the approval of agreements between the City and Alabama Department of Transportation (AL-DOT).

Part of Mayor Tommy Battle's Restore Our Roads initiative, the project consists of a new overpass at Mastin Lake Road and more than 1.7 miles of improvements along North Parkway to Winchester Road.

The agreements, ap-

proved at Thursday's City Council meeting, include the installation, operation and maintenance of roadway lighting and traffic signals as well as the use and maintenance of local roads and sidewalks.

The overpass and related enhancements should reduce congestion between Sparkman Drive and Winchester Road. Another benefit will



be 1.5 miles of access improvements between Stallworth Drive and Winchester Road and sidewalks along each side of the service roads.

"The overpass will help ease congestion through Huntsville by allowing traffic to travel from north to south within minutes," said Kathy Martin, City Director of Engineering. "We thank ALDOT for getting an early start by clearing and moving utility conflicts to minimize construction delays."

The project should wrap up in 2024.

- Huntsvilleal.gov

# **AHA Announces New 'Grant' Season**

Now is the perfect time to apply for a 2023 grant from the Alabama Humanities Alliance (AHA).

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New year, new grants for public humanities projects in Alabama! Check out the AHA Grants page for info on grant guidelines, the grants calendar, and to apply.

Alabama Public Humanities Grants can fund anything from literary festivals and lecture series to documentaries, oral history projects, and much more.

- Categories include:Monthly Mini Grants
- (up to \$2,500)Quarterly Major

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Public Humanities Grants to Alabama-based nonprofit organizations, accredited public and 501(c)



(3) institutions of higher education, state and local government agencies, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments.

Applicants are encouraged to develop imaginative proposals for a variety of audiences. The three essential components of successful grant proposals are active public participation, strong humanities content, and direct involvement of humanities scholars. Projects examples in-

clude:

-Lectures and panelsdiscussions-Festivals and confer-

ences –Book or reading discussions

-Teacher workshops

-Oral history projects -Documentary films or

series

-Podcasts, apps, or other digital media

For complete eligibility and project requirements, visit the Guidelines for Alabama Public Humanities Grants or visit alabamahumanities.org.



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#### Ms. Huston:

Thanks for publishing the article about Clyde Foster, and my efforts to celebrate his legacy.

Mr. Foster's legacy is a great American story of a life lived in service to humanity. Jerome Saintjones is commended for his ability to tell a compelling story, by committing his thoughts to writing.

The Valley Weekly sets a standard in reporting the news that matters to the African American community, in a professional and positive manner.

We appreciate and value your service to North Alabama. Regards,

Juanita S. Lee



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## NOBLE Honors 10 for Service to Community, A&M's Wims Speaks

The Alabama Chapter of the National Organiza tion of Black Law Enforce ment Executives (NOBLE) held its 4th Annual Scholarship Gala Saturday, January 14, at the Westin Hotel in Huntsville, Ala.

Alabama A&M University President Daniel K. Wims was the guest speaker. Erica Fox Washington was emcee. The theme was "Bridge Building."

NOBLE's Black Tie Event & Silent Auction is a signature event to raise money for scholarships and community events. Huntsville Police Department Captains Jeff Rice and Jesse Sumlin served as local coordinators. Among the honorees were: **1. Dr. Julius Scruggs**, Pastor Emeritus First Missionary

Baptist Church 2. Dr. Harry Hobbs, V.P Employee Engagement, Hsv Utilities

3. Rev. Frederick Whitlow, Founder, No More Dirty, Inc. 4. R.L. Shanklin, Past State President of the NAACP 5. Miranda Frost, President/ CEO, LogiCore

6. Kim Lewis, CEO of Project XYZ

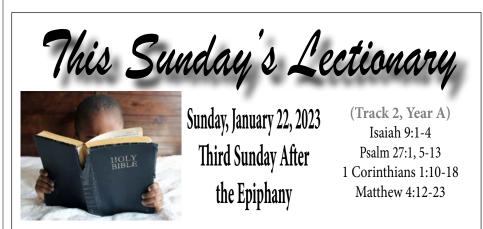
7. Judge Jane Chandler, Memphis Municipal Court
8. Violet Edwards, Madison County Commissioner, District 6

9. (The Late) Rev. Dr.
Wayne Snodgrass, Pastor of Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church
10. (The Late) Robert "Bob" Harrison, Madison County Commissioner, District 6

The national organization has 60 chapters and over 4,000 members worldwide. NOBLE is also considered "the conscience of law enforcement."

For additional information, contact CPT Jeff Rice of the Huntsville Police Department, at jeff.rice@ huntsvilleal.gov.

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#### Valley Weekly - January 20, 2023 MSNBC, CNN Contributor and A&M Alum Addresses MLK Day Program

The Division of Student Affairs and the Office of Student

Activities and Leadership Development recently hosted the 2023 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration on Tuesday, January 10, in the Knight Center.

This year's dynamic guest speaker was Don Calloway, Jr., attorney and contributor to MSNBC and CNN.

Attorney

Calloway is a graduate of Alabama A&M University, where he was President of the Student Government Association, and a member of the Gamma Phi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi. He

#### NAAACC Meetings

The North Alabama African American Chamber of Commerce (Huntsville) meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 12 noon. The meeting loca-

tion varies. Call (256) 564-7574.

*"If you are* not part of the solution, you are part of the problem."

- Eldridge Cleaver

attended law school at the Boston University School

Darrell Calloway, a venture capital fund, that focuses on impact

investments in startups that work on platform technology, municipal infrastructure, and holistic equity. Darrell Calloway was started after a successful career in corporate America, including time in the C Suite at Enviva, the world's largest biomass company. Calloway

of Law. Currently, he serves encouraged attendees to expand upon the relationships they had developed with the people within their own communities. He surmised that many black communities have within them everything an individual needs for future success.

Calloway represented 50,000 residents as a member of the Missouri House of Representatives, representing St. Louis County, including Ferguson from 2008-2010. During this period, he was also a senior associate in the business litigation practice of Thompson Coburn LLP, where he was responsible for assisting in defense verdicts in federal and state matters for multiple corporate clients in products liability, medical

malpractice, and commercial disputes.

In 2018, Calloway founded the National Voter Protection Action Fund (NVPAF), a 501c4 organization dedicated to fighting voter suppression and expanding ballot box access particularly in states with a history of intentional voter suppression activity. NVPAF continues to operate to support voter protection efforts in federal and state elections nationwide, and to promote equitable election policy.

Attorney Calloway continues to regularly advise elected leaders in the White House, United States Congress, and several states, in addition to senior government leaders around the world. He also maintains an active law practice where he engages in pro-bono representation of indigent clients in civil matters. Don is a frequent contributor to multiple cable news networks, including MSNBC, CNN, and other global outlets.

For additional information about future activities. contact Dr. Pamela H. Little, executive director, Community College Relations and Global Initiatives, at (256) 372-4869.

**Caption:** *Presentation:* Don Callowav (r) receives gifts from (l-r) Vice President Jamal Ali and Sandra Stubbs, director of alumni affairs.



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I am so thankful for the help of the Rosetta James Foundation and the generosity extended to me via the scholarship.

If there's any way I can be of service to the foundation in the future, please let me know.

> Sincerely, Katrina Jervis