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"To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child."

- Cicero

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CAFY January 2018 Winner: *The Community Awareness for Youth (CAFY) Young Citizen of the Month winner for January 2018 is Destyni Brewton. Mayor Tommy Battle, left, honors Sparkman High School Senior Destyni Brewton as the January 2018 Rocket City Broadcasting Community Awareness For Youth (CAFY) young citizen of the month. Destyni has maintained all "A's" from grade school throughout her high school career, she has been accepted by Auburn University to pursue a degree in bio-chemical engineering. She is a member of the National Honor Society and volunteers with Special Olympics and Santa's village. If you know a young citizen that is making a difference in your community and you want to give them recognition please go to www.mystar991.com and submit an application.*

Community Engagement Conference Set

1st Inclusive Community Engagement Conference: Reframing the Conversation Around Immigrants' Rights in Alabama

AshaKiran and South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT) will host a free day-long conference on the state of immigrants' rights in Alabama on Friday, January 26, 2018, at AM Booth's Lumberyard from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Inclusive Community Engagement Confer-

ence will bring together legal advocates and community organizers to share and learn about the current realities immigrants in Alabama face.

Representatives from the Alabama ACLU, Adelante Alabama, Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama, Alabama Coalition on Immigrant Justice, and AshaKiran will be on hand to address legal rights, community experiences, and programs available to offer assistance to immi-

grants in Alabama.

Building on the social movement slogan, "nothing about us, without us," this conference will provide a safe environment welcoming all to join in the discussion.

The conference and included lunch is free with registration. Limited to the first 100 participants. Register at <https://goo.gl/forms/vdemoqMUymPMs-VwS2> to reserve your space.

Famed Scientist to Lecture at VBC

Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson is bringing his lecture series to the Mark C. Smith Concert Hall of the Von Braun Center on Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

The lecture titled "The Search for Life in the Universe" will "review the on-going effort to search for habitable planets, liquid water, and life in the cosmos, culminating in the search for intelligent life, whether or it already exists on earth." If that is a lot to take in, don't worry, the event is family-friendly and easy to mentally digest.

An icon in the science community, the 59-year-old can be seen on "StarTalk," a late-night talk show on the National Geographic Channel. An alumnus of Harvard, The University of Texas and Columbia University, Tyson is the recipient of 19 honorary doctorates, which include one from the University of Alabama at Huntsville (UAH). For 22 years, Tyson has served as the Director of the Hayden Planetarium at NYC's Rose Center for Earth and Space.

In addition to his myriad accolades for scientific

research, Tyson has also amassed a plethora of distinguishable honors, including the Sexiest Astrophysicist Alive (2000) and the Grammy Award for Best Spoken Word Al-



bum (2017). Last year, the New York native was the first American scientist to receive the coveted Stephan

Hawking Medal for Science Communication.

In popular culture, Tyson has garnered myriad acting credits with cameos in "The Big Bang Theory," "Stargate: Atlantis," "Regular Show," "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" and most recently the superhero blockbuster "Batman V Superman: Dawn of Justice."

Tickets can be purchased at the box office or on www.ticketmaster.com. Fans of the famed astrophysicist can also opt for the V.I.P package, which includes a meet and greet, photo and limited-edition poster.

by Reggie D. Allen

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Washington in a Minute



Here are the top issues in Washington, D.C., this week.

1. The House and Senate were in session all weekend in an attempt to reopen the federal government, which technically shut down at midnight on Friday. According to Sunday's Washington Post, a group of moderate Senators has been meeting on a deal to reopen the government through February, 8 with a pledge to take up legislation to extend the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program at a later date. The next vote on a bill to reopen the government took place at 12 noon Monday in the Senate.

2. Because of the federal government shutdown, President Trump canceled his plans to spend the weekend at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, where he was scheduled to celebrate the anniversary of his first year in office with a \$100,000-per-couple fundraiser on Saturday. The President was also scheduled to depart Washington on Wednesday to attend the World Economic Fo-

rum in Davos, Switzerland - where he will also meet with British Prime Minister Theresa May.

3. On Monday, Day 3 of the government shutdown, approximately 800,000 "non-essential" federal workers out of a total workforce of 1.2 million were furloughed without pay, including about 50% of the Pentagon, 95% of HUD and EPA, 63% of the Centers for Disease Control, and 36% of the Department of Transportation. TSA workers, postal employees, air traffic controllers, uniformed military, and Robert Mueller's special counsel staff all reported for work Monday. Most federal buildings, the Statue of Liberty, Independence Hall, and the National Archives were closed.

4. On Thursday, the Senate Commerce Committee held a hearing on the effectiveness of Emergency Alert Systems, including the mistaken missile alert in Hawaii on Jan. 13.

5. The Department of Education on Friday further scaled back some of the requirements colleges

face under the Obama-era "gainful employment" rule. For-profit colleges and other career college programs subject to the regulation will no longer have to disclose on their websites the median earnings of their graduates, nor room and board charges, the department said. Department officials also said that colleges could provide students with multiple job placement rates for their programs. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos has previously delayed key parts of the rule, provided colleges with more time to file appeals and eased the appeals process for some schools.

6. Last Saturday, House Speaker Paul Ryan removed Rep. Patrick Meehan (R-PA) as a member of the House Ethics Committee and announced that the panel would investigate allegations that Rep. Meehan had used thousands of dollars in taxpayer money to settle his own misconduct complaint after a former aide accused him last year of making unwanted romantic overtures to her.

7. A Washington Post/

ABC News poll of 1,005 adults released on Sunday shows 47% of Americans believe that President Trump is mentally unstable (vs. 48% who do not). The poll shows his overall approval rating remains at 36%, despite the recent enactment of the \$2 trillion tax reform law (although his support among Republicans remains high at 78%).

8. Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court granted an emergency stay in *Common Cause v. Rucho*, in which a 3-judge federal court in North Carolina on Jan. 9 had struck down the state's federal congressional map, ruling that Republicans had drawn the map to give themselves an advantage over Democrats and ordered a new map drawn by Jan. 24. The Supreme Court's emergency stay put the lower court's decision on hold pending an appeal.

The Supreme Court, which will rule on Wisconsin and Maryland partisan gerrymandering cases this year, has never overturned electoral maps because of partisan gerrymandering (although it has done so in the past on racial gerry-

mandering).

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Extension Open House Rescheduled

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System's Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs unit will hold an open house for Volunteer in Urban Programs, better known as VIP on Thursday, February 8 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the James I. Dawson Building on the campus of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University. The VIP Open House will enable Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University faculty, students, staff and other guests to learn more about Urban Extension volunteer programming efforts.

"The VIP Open House will be a great opportunity for students and other visitors to sign up as a volunteer and to learn how they can make a difference by giving back to their communities," stated Youth Development and Volunteerism Specialist Kimberley Neloms.

For information, contact Shanetria Brown at (256) 372-4942 or skb0050@aces.edu or Kimberly Neloms at (256) 372-4585 or burgeki@aces.edu.

Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

In Luke 10:27, it reads: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and "Love your neighbor as yourself." It goes on to say in verse 29: "And who is my neighbor?" You know, when Jesus tells this parable of the good Samaritan, it is in response to one of the most important questions of all: *What should I do to inherit eternal life?* Now this question is a test from a Jewish teacher that wanted to "trap"



Jesus with his answer. You see, back then and even now, there was some "spiritual profiling" going on. Now to profile means to predict the capabilities of a certain subgroup of people or to group people into a certain category, like the Samaritans. So Jesus tells this parable that has an

unexpected ending. Remember, after a man had been beaten and robbed, he was passed over by a Priest, then a Levite, but Jesus tells them that of all the people in the world to help this man, it ends up being a Samaritan that the Jews despised. You see, the moral of this story is *be careful*, because you never know who your blessing will come from. They could be black, white Asian or Samaritan.

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!

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From the Editor

Elders, Celebrations, Birthdays, Etc. ... It's All Good!

Elder Janie Holifield enjoyed another birthday on January 19th. I have known Janie over several decades, and we we call each other "Mom and Daughter," with permission from her birth daughter, Tangie. Janie is a sweet spirit, whom I have grown to love and respect over about three decades. Enjoy this birthday note from Tangie to Janie:

A Birthday Note For My Mom

It was a cold and frosty morning in Northern Alabama, and there was snow on the ground. The midwife barely made it in time January 19. My Mother was born in an A-frame country house with a stone hearth, on a farm. The name given to her was "Jane," meaning a gift of God, and she has truly been a blessing and a gift from God to all of us.

She is not only my Mother, but my best friend, who has supported me and my dreams for all of my life. She lives her life by example. I have seen her give her last two dollars to a child in need of lunch money.



I have seen her take the shoes off her feet and the shirt off her back and give them to someone who was in much greater need than herself. She has given her all to her nieces and nephews and have served her parents, her family, friends and the communities that she has lived in, so well and so unselfishly and without complaint.

She has also been a mother to all the children she taught during her 40-year career as an educator and an administrator, and she served as a mentor to other teachers, as well. She has survived "Jim Crow" and suffered like Job, surviving illnesses and personal losses, and yet she still stands, like "A Miracle Woman," as Rev. Dr. Homer McCall has so aptly nicknamed her.

And through it all, she has been our "Rock of Gibraltar," the glue that has held our family together. My Mother is the Queen of my heart and the seat of my soul, and I am so ever grateful to still have and hold her near and dear to me for all these years. Blessed beyond measure to have her in my life since the day I first drew breath.

My Mother is "a virtuous woman, for her price is far above rubies." Happy Birthday, Mommie. With much love, devotion and gratitude from your loving daughter, Tangie.

Ah, when we read notes like this, we know that we are secure. Speaking of celebrating our elders, the Rosetta James Foundation will be honoring its 12th class of elders on March 10th at The Jackson Center. We hope you will plan to join us at 5 p.m. Details are on p. 5.

It appears that 2018 will be the Year of Women. Women are credited for having influenced the election of Alabamian Doug Jones to the U.S. Senate, specifically African-American women. This movement demonstrated that "women do count"--including our past, present and future contributions. So, be careful how you treat us.

On Saturday, hundreds of citizens joined the "Women's March" in downtown Huntsville (p. 8). These marches were held around the U.S. In 2011, we debated about funding for Planned Parenthood and today we are debating DACA. Both are issues about which women are concerned. And, we are making sure that our voices are heard by our elected officials and in communities in which we live.

Trailblazer Jerry Damson enjoyed another birthday on Wednesday, January 24th. I supposed its ok to celebrate Jerry this week. Over the past decade, we have grown to love and respect Jerry and his wife, Butch, for their humanity and compassion. It's time for our annual birthday lunch, Jerry. Smoot and I are ready when you are. Happy Birthday, Janie and Jerry. You are two of Huntsville's finest citizens and two of my most favorite people. We love both of you.



Dorothy



SCC Wins Build Alabama Award for Reservoir

Reservoir is one of the largest privately owned and developed in Southeastern U.S.

Stanley Construction Company of Huntsville has been awarded the AGC Alabama 2017 BUILDS Award by the Associated General Contractors of Alabama in the category of Heavy Industrial Construction under \$5 million for its work on the design and construction of the Bragg Farms Irrigation reservoir project in Taft, Tenn., about 1 mile north of the Alabama-Tennessee line.

This project involved the site selection, site design, and construction of a 100-acre irrigation reservoir that will provide 472.5 million gallons of water to irrigation systems on the adjoining 2,000-acre row crop farm.

Algernon Stanley, P.E., vice president of project management for Stanley Construction recalls, "The finished project was the end result of a more than three-year process of site selection, design iterations, cost analysis and construction.

The Bragg Irrigation Reservoir represents state of the art advancement in

the scale and type of irrigation system for the Southeastern United States."

Dennis Bragg, site owner, added, "We wanted to build a large-scale irrigation project where water is not available from rivers or wells. The project needed to economically harvest substantial amounts of water during the off-season and store and use that water to increase crop production in the dryer months."

Actual construction of the project was completed from June to November 2016 and involved clearing and grading 120 acres and moving approximately 550,000 cubic yards of dirt to form the reservoir and levees. Approximately 25 Stanley Construction employees worked on the project during the 6 months, representing about one-half the company workforce.

The result of their work is a reservoir 0.90-mile-long, 0.25-mile-wide. The reservoir was allowed to begin receiving water in December 2016, and it reached capacity in late Spring 2017, using only surface water runoff from the 1100-acre watershed.

Stanley Construction was the only winner from Huntsville in the State-wide awards ceremony on January 11, held at The Club in Birmingham.

Projects in 18 categories from Alabama to Hawaii, as well as internationally, were recognized by judges as the most outstanding completed in 2017 by construction company members of the Associated General Contractors of Alabama.

Stanley was quick to spread the credit, noting that "An award like this is definitely a team award! We are grateful for the participation of JW Kennedy Land Surveying, aerial and site topographic surveying; Al Stanley Design and Development, site design development and assessments; Lynn Dowland and Mal Patterson, initial site clearing; Wade Hays, site management and construction assistance; Mark Clinard, concrete seepage collars and spillways; GeoSolutions, soil analysis and compaction testing; Sellers Photo, aerial progress photos; and, of course, Bragg Farms, the property owner."

Group to Discuss 'Science and the Divine' in Islam

As part of the "Elephant in the Room! God in the Natural Sciences Abrahamic Prayers" series, a group of NASA and UAH engineers and scientists will lead yet another provocative discussion.

Noor Gillani will lead the discussion on the topic "Science and the Divine in Islam" on Thursday, February 1, at Saint Thomas Episcopal on Bailey Cove, from 7-9 p.m.

Can't make it? Don't worry. The group meets on the first Thursday of each month in the conference room at Saint Thomas

Episcopal.

Handouts only to those

who timely RSVP at meis-terp@uah.edu.

Official Ceremony Held for Harris

MAJ. General Cedric Wins, Commander of the Research, Development and Engineering Command conducted the official ceremony for Dr. Juanita Harris, Director of the Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center. The ceremony was held on January 11 at The Jackson Center. The announcement was made

by the Army on November 17, 2017. MAJ. General Wins told family, friends and government officials that "Dr. Harris has proven to be a strong leader with a strategic vision" who has kept the needs of our soldiers at the forefront of her career.



January 26 - **BESSIE COLEMAN** - Born to sharecroppers in Texas, Bessie Coleman was the first black female pilot and the first African American to hold an international pilot's license. - BlackinTime.info

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CHIP - Not a Political Bargaining Chip

- REP. LAURA HALL -

CHIP, the Children's Health Insurance Program, is being held hostage by political bickering in Washington as Republican leaders attempt to tie it to funding that would avert a looming government shutdown. They're also trying to link CHIP to measures aimed at unraveling Obamacare. Earlier, there was even talk of pitting CHIP against action on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

That's right, CHIP, which provides vital health insurance for 9 million kids nationwide and tens of thousands here in Alabama where it's known as "All Kids," has become, well, a bargaining chip.

Of course, it's not the first time that CHIP has been put on the line as lawmakers play politics. Just last month, All Kids, as well as similar programs in other states, were preparing to freeze enrollment and begin shutting down when Congress passed an eleventh-hour stop-gap funding measure. The \$2.85 billion funding patch was supposed to keep CHIP up and running through the spring, but it's not stretching as far as expected. So again, health insurance for lower-income kids is now again running on fumes. Without action, many states are expected to exhaust funds as soon as February.

For Alabama, CHIP has been a success story. In 1998, we became the first in the nation to implement CHIP under President

Clinton. Before that, about one in five children in Alabama – more than 168,000 – were without health insurance. Since then, that number has dropped to about 2.4 percent, one of the lowest in the south.

Currently, more than 83,000 children in Alabama are covered by All Kids and another 75,000 are covered by a separate Medicaid component of CHIP. These are infants, toddlers, students, teenagers, and young people from working families that just don't make enough to purchase health insurance. They are 150,000 sons, daughters, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews who need checkups and immunizations, doctor visits, prescriptions, vision and dental care, hospitalization, mental health and substance abuse services, and much more. They're also kids who suffer from chronic conditions or ongoing illnesses, like Crohn's disease, asthma or cancer – illnesses that require continued and uninterrupted treatment.

If Congress fails to reauthorize CHIP, Alabama will be left holding the bag on All Kids, which unlike the other Medicaid component recipients, is supported entirely by federal funds with no state contribution. And while children on Medicaid can't lose their federally mandated coverage, that's not the case for higher-income All Kids participants. All in all, last year the state spent \$198 million in CHIP funding on children in All Kids and \$165 million on Medicaid recipients, according to the

Medicaid office.

In addition, keep in mind that dismantling this important program will only cost us more in the long run. In fact, just last week, the Congressional Budget Office said that providing a long-term (10-year) extension of CHIP actually "yields net savings to the federal government because the federal costs of the alternatives to providing coverage through CHIP ... are larger than the costs of providing coverage through CHIP during that period."

For working families and their children, CHIP has been a blessing. Unfortunately, in Congress, it's been used as a pawn, a political football, and a bargaining chip. If both parties care about kids, if both Republicans and Democrats want to ensure the future health and well-being of our nation, then CHIP must be judged independently and on its own merits.

CHIP deserves a long-term extension. Voters deserve to know just where their elected officials stand. And parents and families deserve the peace of mind of knowing that lawmakers won't entangle something as crucial as children's health insurance in any number of other unrelated issues every time it's politically convenient to do so.

Inserting CHIP into the middle of a high-stakes game of chicken is not only unproductive, it's downright unconscionable. And the idea of using children's health for political leverage is enough to make you sick.

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Valley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. MAEZELL WALKER was held on Monday, January 22, at Inner City Church of Christ with Brother Timmy Smith officiating.

Funeral service for MR. RAY ALLEN MILLER was held on Saturday, January 20, in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for MR. ANTHONY MARTIN (b. 1958) was held Wednesday, January 17, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Dennis Green, Sr. officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. DORIS C. BYRD (b. 1958) was held Sunday, January 14, at Acklin Christian Methodist Episcopal Church with the Reverend Adolphus Elliott as eulogist.

- Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. LUCILLE J. MIXON (b. 1942) was held Wednesday, January 24, at the Blackburn Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America with Pastor Tramaine Snodgrass officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. BARBARA HARRIS DONEGAN (b. 1954) was held Monday, January 22, at the Center Grove United Methodist Church with Pastor Donald F. Smith officiating.

Funeral service for MR. ROOSEVELT WATKINS (b. 1937) was held Wednesday, January 24, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Elder Theodore Bone officiating.

Funeral service for MR. LAWSON GREGORY POPE (b. 1961) was held Sunday, January 21, at the St. James Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor Billy Jones officiating.

Funeral service for MS. CARMEN M. GREEN (b. 1972) was held Saturday, January 20, at the Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church (13376 Dupree Worthey Road, Harvest, AL 35749) with Pastor Anias Green officiating.

Funeral service for MR. DARREN JONATHAN RICE (b. 1968) was held Saturday, January 20, at the St. Paul United Methodist Church (620 6th Street, Madison, AL 35756) with Dr. Emmanuel Kanunu officiating.

Called 2 Preach

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

Did God Say? ...

Several years ago, I heard a sermon by the title of "Beware of Snake Theology." Over the years that sermon has lingered in my soul and spirit because its message is a constant reminder that there is always present a counterfeit word that comes from the lips of the liar.

The first thing said of this snake was that he was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. It has been his agenda from the beginning to cast doubt upon the word of God and



he did so first by raising the question: "Did God say?" What was it that he was questioning? If God had said that Adam and

Eve would surely die if they ate from the forbidden tree. He's still raising questions? Did God say that He has created male and female? Did God say that the poor is a priority? Did God say to love Him with all our soul, mind and strength and our neighbor as ourselves? Did God say that nothing shall separate us from His love? Did God say that He has forgiven all sins and that confession with the mouth and belief with the heart gives every soul who does that an eternal place in heaven?

Yes, He did and what He says is final; and just as Jesus did in the wilderness with the three words, "It is written", the same power is available to all who by faith will utter them.

The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

January 26

"Tallulah, Darling: The Life and Times of Huntsville's Wicked Star"
Huntsville/Madison County
Main Public Library
2 p.m. (Free)

January 31-February 2 (January 31 Event)

4th Black Male Summit
"Reclaiming Our Black Males"
Clyde Foster Auditorium
Alabama A&M University
6 p.m.

February 9-11

Mike Epps
Stand Up Live Huntsville

February 15

Black History Month Buffet Luncheon
Sponsored by UAH Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs
301 Shelby Center/UAH
11 a.m.
Tickets \$12 | Available at UAH Student Services Building Room 218 | Limited seating
Call (256) 824-2332

February 16

Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Debutante Presentation and Ball
Von Braun Center

March 8

National Society of Black Engineers
25th Scholarship Awards
Holiday Inn Madison Square

March 17

Spelman College Glee Club in Concert
Sponsored by the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College Huntsville Chapter
Academy for Academic and Arts | 5pm
More info at <http://www.huntsvillenaasc.org>

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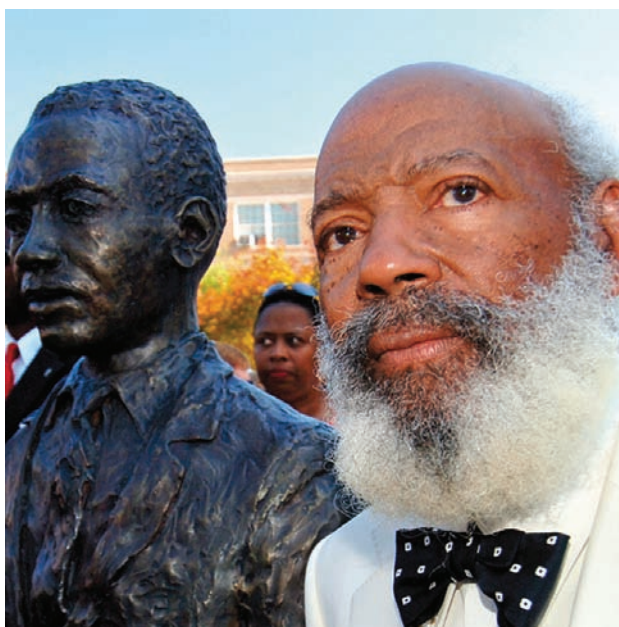
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Mastin Lake Road/University Drive)

Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church



Calhoun Program Features Civil Rights Icon

As part of its activities for Black History Month, Calhoun Community College will host "James Meredith: A Civil Rights Legend on the Front Line of History" on Monday, February 12, at 10-11 a.m.

The activity will be held in the Multi-Function Room of the Math, Science,

CIS Building on Calhoun's Huntsville campus.

The event is being sponsored by Black Students' Alliance & Center for Study of Southern Political Culture.

For more information, contact Gerald Jackson at gerald.jackson@calhoun.edu or call (256) 890-4771.



DLC Accepting Applications

Applications are being accepted for Cohort IX of the Diveristy Leadership Colloquium until February 27.

Classes will begin March 6 and end April 24, running 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday evening. Graduation will be held on May 1.

Applications are available online at www.diveristyleadershipcolloquium.com. Questions should be emailed to Mrs. Georgia Valrie at gvalrie1971@gmail.com or call (256) 656-4698.

Enrichment Center Schedules Spring Golf Classic

It's that time of year again... golfing, giving back, and the 17th Annual Enrichment Center (EC) Golf Classic are just around the corner!

You don't want to miss this year's golf tournament on Monday, May 14, to benefit the Enrichment Center Foundation. The Center is excited about the chance to tell you more about the work that it does with children, families, and schools in the community through the Enrich & Impact (E&I) program.

The E&I program and our dedicated E&I counselors have been doing great things to make a differ-



ence in the lives of at-risk students.

EC has some really exciting opportunities coming up to provide life-changing services for even more children this year. Since the best time to talk about future opportunities is on the golf course, please join EC for a round of golf at the beautiful The Led-

gers Golf Club - Huntsville.

EC is planning a day of fun, fellowship, and most importantly, a day dedicated to enriching lives and impacting futures. The organization is looking forward to finding more ways to speak into the lives of the children and families that it works with, but your support is still needed to do it.

Add Monday, May 14, to personal calendar, and partner with EC in making a difference by golfing and giving back at this year's Annual EC Golf Classic.

For more information, visit theenrichmentcenter.org.

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by Gary T. Whitley, Jr.

"Now there was a time when they used to say That behind every great man there had to be a great woman Now in these times of change, you know that it's no longer true So we're comin' out of the kitchen 'Cause there's somethin' we forgot to say to you We said, "Sisters are doin' it for themselves" Standin' on their own two feet And ringin' on their own bells We said, "Sisters are doin' it for themselves."

(Written and performed by Annie Lennox from Eurythmics and melodically covered by the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin)

Women in Huntsville, and a few good men, joined women from around the globe on this past Saturday to launch

"Power to the Polls 2018."

This global campaign started last year and is an effort to further promote equality, human rights, and justice throughout the world.

Alabama State Representative Laura Hall, District 19, opened the Huntsville rally and encouraged attendees to "get fired up and ready to go," to the polls in 2018 to elect candidates who will help march Alabama forward.

The Huntsville event included a voter registration drive and was attended by various political candidates. The women of Huntsville joined their collective voices and marched to show the community and the world that "Sisters are doin' it for themselves."

Photos: Rep. Laura Hall



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