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"The present was an egg laid by the past that had the future inside its shell."

- Zora Neale Hurston

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Mrs. Beulah Toney

Mrs. Beulah Ballard Toney was born in Limestone County, Ala., and is a graduate of Trinity High School and attended Alabama A&M University. Through the years, she has faithfully--and with honor, integrity and great distinction--worked quietly away at making communities better places to live, often with little recognition and no pay. She has made substantial efforts toward achieving the ambitions and goals of the community as an unsung hero. Toney continues to be very active in the community as founding member of the Bo Matthews Center for Excellence; co-founder of the Beulah Ballard Toney Scholarship; board member of the Meadow Hills Initiative; and board member, Community Action Partnership. In addition to her current work, she has led and participated in numerous organizations over the past 40 years: past chairperson of the Madison County Board of Registrars; past chairperson of the 5th Congressional District



of New South Coalition; founding board member of the Coalition On At-Risk Minority Males; member, Fun Set Social and Charity Club (organizers of the Annual Beautillion Ball); past president of the Charity Floral Club; past leader for Girl Scouts of America, Inc.; past coach for Youth Softball and Basketball Leagues; and many others. Even though she has had many public accomplishments, her three daughters--Cheryl Edwards (Ralph), Wlyne McCrary (Don) and Sylvia Fitts (Seatreion) and two granddaughters--Kenya McCrary and Sydney Edwards--are her pride and joy.

Drake Part of NASA 'CAN' Program

The Frontiers Research team recently visited a cementitious research lab at ICON in Austin, Tex., to learn more about the materials and processes used in additive manufacturing and 3D printing.



The trip kicks off the program's research activities and curriculum development, both of which support NASA Marshall Space Flight Center's Moon-to-Mars Planetary Autonomous Construction Technology (MMPACT) program.

Marshall awarded Drake State Community & Technical College a one-year cooperative agreement notice (CAN) in September 2020 for the purpose of

MMPACT research support and the development of training curriculum.

Drake State is the first community college and only historically Black community college to receive a CAN.

The Frontiers team, which includes Drake State faculty and student interns, will move through a series of assignments designed to provide important research data to other MMPACT partner organizations.

Currently, the team is focused on using additive manufacturing to produce reinforcement materials for construction. Their work will contribute to the development of new construction techniques that can be used in space and on Earth.

Groups Schedule National Week of Prayer for AIDS Awareness

The National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS (NWPFA) is an annual AIDS awareness initiative of The Balm in Gilead that occurs during the first or second week in March. This year the event runs from March 7-14, allowing faith communities to engage in AIDS awareness activities, such as education, testing, and advocacy.

On Saturday, March 13, from 4-5 p.m., Community Faith Partners will observe this week by holding a

virtual program via Zoom. The guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Christopher Hamlin, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church at Birmingham.

The NWPFA Zoom session is free and open to the public. Please e-mail comfaithpartners@gmail.com for Zoom access information.

For more information, contact Wendi Williams at (256) 337-4781, Judy Edmond at (256) 509-4252, or e-mail comfaithpartners@gmail.com.

City, Schools Join for N. HSV Plan

Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle and Superintendent Christie Finley of Huntsville City Schools (HCS) are partnering on a likely relocation site for the school system's administrative offices, according to Huntsvilleal.gov.

Huntsville has agreed to commit up to \$3.5 million toward the purchase of a 14-acre site for a new mixed-use redevelopment project near the North Memorial Parkway and Max

Luther intersection. The new central office for HCS would be part of the plan.

The site is part of an urban redevelopment corridor for which the City has constructed a new Lantana Park and in which Madison County has built its new office complex.

District 1 City council member Devyn Keith has expressed optimism about the project, calling it a "tremendous step" for the City of Huntsville.

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CALLED 2 PREACH

REV. MICHAEL RICE

The "All Things" of God

Job 42:2-3; Romans 8:28



Romans 8:28 is an often-quoted verse in the midst of situations that beg for answers beyond the present suffering. "All things work together for good..." Paul, however, has an Old Testament saint who can not only say *Amen* to Paul's statement, but he could also have mentored Paul because Job's *all things*

experience predated that of Paul. Following his failure to pass his comprehensive exam in the subject of God's Sovereignty, Job was hushed into humility and had to admit that he had spoken out of turn. In his own words, he confessed to God, "I know that You can do *all things*." He went on to say, "no purpose of Yours can be thwarted."

What a mercy-filled and mind-blowing experience that must have been for both Job and Paul as they discovered the *all things* of God. They have been inspiring and informing believers for centuries that there is



nothing that does not fall under the purview of God's control. I like Peterson's Message Bible's translation

of Job's confession when he said to God, "You asked, 'Who is this muddying the water, ignorantly confusing

the issue, second-guessing my purposes?' Job confessed, "I admit it. I was the one. I babbled on about things far beyond me, made small talk about wonders way over my head." The next time you find yourself babbling, bewildered and bothered, remember what Job and Paul teaches us about *the all things of God*. God's got it!

Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Mrs. Loretta Spencer

Mayor Loretta Purdy Spencer graduated from the University of Alabama in 1959 with a B.S. degree in elementary education. She returned to Huntsville to teach fifth grade at Fifth Avenue School.

Spencer spent the next 30 years focused on volunteerism, most notably as the president of boards, such as The Boys and Girls Club, The Senior Center, The Botanical Gardens, and as chair of the Huntsville Planning Commission. While chairman, she helped develop Cummings Research Park West, the second largest research park in the United States.

In 1996, Spencer was elected as the first female mayor of Huntsville, as well as the first woman to be elected mayor of a large city

in Alabama.

She served three terms as mayor and is credited with such accomplishments as bringing the Toyota V-8 Engine Plant, the Target Distribution Center, the downtown Embassy Suites Hotel, Bridgestreet Town Centre and a host of retail businesses to Huntsville, as well as beginning the revitalization of the downtown area.

Spencer has received a multitude of awards and much recognition for her vision and leadership. Since leaving office, Spencer continues to contribute her time and resources to many worthwhile organizations,



including the Army Space and Missile Defense Board (ASMDA), the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Board, the Community Free Clinic, The Calhoun College Foundation Board and the Hudson Alpha Institute for Biotechnology.

MARCH 5 - TEENA MARIE - Mary Christine Brockert, known professionally as Teena Marie, was an American singer-songwriter, musician, composer, arranger, and producer. She took on the stage name "Teena Marie" and later acquired the nickname "Lady Tee" by Rick James.
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“THE CERTAINTY OF HOPE”

Romans 4:21 says: *(Abraham) being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.* I believe that to receive God’s promises for our lives requires us to be patient.

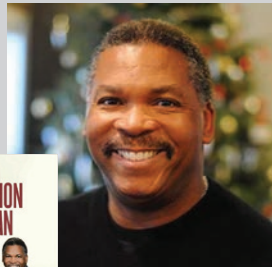
Now, being patient means to be able to accept or tolerate delays, problems or suffering, without becoming annoyed or anxious.

If you remember the story of Abraham, the bible tells us that he had waited long and endured

patiently before receiving his first child and yet he was still full of hope.

One could also say that Abraham had the certainty of hope, which means that he knew beyond all doubt that God would do what he said he would do--although the situation didn’t look like there was anything to be hopeful for. Abraham had two things working for him: he was patient and he was hopeful.

I wonder if we are as optimistic as Abraham was when it comes to the



promises of God. You see, we all need to understand that God knows the exact

time for us to have what he wants us to have.

When we “partner” with God, we need to learn how to be patient. This is because the only thing that keeps us from receiving the

promises of God is that we give up on the journey. So, we have to learn to stay full of hope until we reach our destination ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters and be safe.

Make sure that you purchase a copy of my book, “A CHAMPION GAME PLAN FOR LIFE,” at amazon.com.

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VALLEY DEATHS

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Graveside services for MRS. DOLLIE EMERSON WATERS (b. 1942) was held Wednesday, March 3, at the Draper-Chatman Cemetery (Stewart Road - Talucah, Ala.) with Reverend Kelvin Jones officiating.

Graveside service for MR. GORDON L. HUMPHREY (b. 1950) was held Saturday, February 27, at the Saint Ruth Cemetery with Pastor Theodis Acklin officiating.

Graveside service for MR. DAVID L. HOOKS (b. 1959) was held on Saturday, February 27, at Oakwood Memorial Gardens with Reverend Dr. Oscar L. Montgomery officiating.

Private funeral service for MR. EDGAR STEWART was held for immediate family only on Saturday, February 27, at Saint Mark Baptist Church with Reverend Anthony Stewart officiating.

ROYAL FUNERAL HOME

4315 Oakwood Avenue
Huntsville, AL 35810 - (256) 534-8481

Graveside service for MR. LEMAN STARKS, JR. (b. 1948) will be 12 noon, Saturday, March 6, at the Zion Memorial Gardens (501 Tarrant Huffman Road, Birmingham, Ala.) with Pastor John H. Henderson, Jr., officiating.

Graveside service for MR. JOHN WAYMON CRUTCHER was held Saturday, February 27, at Faith Memorial Park (8100 Madison Boulevard Madison, Ala.) with Dr. Jerry L. Crutcher officiating.

Graveside service for COLONEL (Ret) CHARLES CLINTON ABERCROMBIE, JR. (b. 1939) was held Saturday, February 27, at the Valhalla Memory Gardens (698 Winchester Road NE Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Detric Cowser officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. CHERIE HOLMES CRUTCHER (b.1939) was held Saturday, February 27, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Pastor Eric Peebles officiating.

SERENITY FUNERAL HOME

2505 University Drive NW
Huntsville, AL 35816 - (256) 539-9693

Funeral service for MOTHER BERNICE BAKER was held Wednesday, March 3, at Oakwood Memorial Gardens, 7000 Adventist Boulevard NW, Huntsville, Ala.

City Council Meetings



Huntsville City Council Regular Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m., Downtown Huntsville.

Watch the meetings live via HuntsvilleAL.gov/HSVTV or on the City of Huntsville Facebook page (@huntsvillecity).

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Local World War II Vet Gets Initial COVID-19 Vaccine

John A. Drake, Sr. of Harvest, Ala., originally balked at taking the COVID vaccine. Like many others, he'd heard about all the alleged side effects--some legitimate, some unvalidated--so, naturally, he was a bit uncertain.

This is a man who has lived for one hundred and two years and is more than familiar with situations throughout history where African Americans have been used as "experiments" in medical testing. Having been born in the year of the last most severe pandemic (The Spanish Flu of 1918), the Coronavirus has touched home.

Along with that, he is also an avid viewer of television news, and has followed the features in which medical professionals have encouraged senior members of the community to get inoculated. His century-plus years on this earth also equally reminded him of the success of groundbreaking, life-saving medicines which has saved lives over his lifetime.

"I decided to take their advice," he said. With that



Mr. Drake acquiesced that it may be to his benefit to get the shot.

Wednesday February 17, Mr. Drake, along with his chief caregiver (daughter Eulasteen Drake Abernathy and her husband Larry Abernathy,) made their way to the Jaycees Building at John Hunt Park and each took their turns under the needle.

Mrs. Abernathy has been more than diligent in keeping her father's home surroundings "germ free," practicing social distancing, wearing masks, and keeping things disinfected and clean to the utmost level.

Being the trooper he is, Drake "claimed" that he didn't even feel the injec-

tion of the hypodermic syringe, even asking after it was over, "Did they take it?" Whether or not he was being genuine, or if it was part of his old soldier façade, he came through with flying colors, stating he felt none of the usual effects of soreness or stiffness that generally follow a vaccination.

Mr. Drake hopes his vaccine will encourage other older citizens, particularly African Americans--and African Americans in general--to get the vaccine as soon as it is made available.

This simple act, he believes, will be an example for others to be good stewards of their health.

by Robert Drake

PowerShot

"But first you must believe."

+Peter Pan



"Love makes your soul crawl out from its hiding place."

- Zora Neale Hurston

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“Remember These Stones”: Commemorating the U.S. COVID-19 Start

“... And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever.” - Joshua 4:7



Here, Joshua commanded a monument of stones be erected to honor Israel’s journey from 400-year Egyptian enslavement to God’s Promised Land, Canaan.

More importantly, it would remind future generations of the partnership between God’s blessings and human sacrifices.

The Israelites honored their journey with this 12-stone monument. You and I can likewise honor the 1st anniversary of the U.S. COVID-19 spread by our face mask-wearing, 20-second handwashing, and six-foot socially-distanced watching.

From the Pain to the Good News

While there’s still lots of pain for the coronavirus victims’ loved ones, the good news is that the U.S. has now an empathetic Comforter-in-Chief.

Having lost his first wife, first daughter, and the first son authenticates President Biden’s words of shared pain to a still-grieving nation. He spoke these words during his White House commemorative tribute on February 22nd:

“I promise you. I know it’s hard, I remember. That’s how you heal, you have to remember. It is also important to do that as a nation. To all those who have lost loved ones, this is what I know: They’re never truly gone. They will always be part of your heart.

“This seems unbelievable, but I promise you, the day will come when the memory of the loved one you lost will bring a smile to your lips before a tear to your eyes...I pray for you that day will come sooner rather than later.”

“Remember These Stones”

My recent book, *The U.S. Coronavirus Crisis*, retraces COVID-19’s earliest months. My commemoration is to offer you this eBook at the discounted price of \$.99 at www.timallston.com.

With vaccines here and with more coming, still, our best honoring of “these stones” remains mask-wearing, handwashing, and social distancing.

Practicing these safeguards will help to save more American lives. Perhaps, even your own.

tim allston is the author of *The U.S. Coronavirus Crisis* and *The Rise of the “Silver-Mettle” Leaders*, available now at www.timallston.com.



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March 7
Women’s Day (Virtual)
Guest Minister:
Ruling Elder Elona Street-Stewart, Co-Moderator of 224th General Assembly
Presbyterian Church USA
FellowshipPresbyterian Church - 10 a.m.

Faith Initiative Scholarship Available

FAITH Initiative, Incorporated, a 501c3 nonprofit established by Fellowship Presbyterian Church USA, announces the annual scholarships to be awarded *Spring 2021*.

The scholarships are open to deserving students from the Tennessee Valley who have been accepted to an accredited university or technical school and who demonstrate the potential to become a productive member of the community.

Recipients are not required to be enrolled or accepted in an institution of higher learning *in Alabama* to receive the scholarships. Applications and requirements have been mailed to

area high school counselors and local churches. Students selected from the Tennessee Valley will be informed by letter, and the formal announcement will be made at the Annual

Fundraising Event of the organization scheduled for *Spring 2021*. Due to the current COVID 19, this event may be virtual. Successful applicants are expected to participate.

Scholarship applications may be obtained from FAITH Initiative organization at faithinitiative nonprofit@gmail.com or call 256-714-9399. Applications must be received not later than *March 19, 2021*.



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Washington in One Minute



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

1. **ON THE FLOOR.** The House and Senate are in session this week. The House will take up 2 mammoth bills: [1] a voting rights/campaign reform/ethics reform package (For the People Act) and [2] a criminal justice reform bill that includes a provision to narrow civil qualified immunity for police officers (George Floyd Justice in Policing Act). On Tuesday and Wednesday, House Democrats convened a virtual Issues Retreat that featured guest speakers Vice President Harris and Secretary of State Blinken on Tuesday and President Biden on Wednesday. The Senate this week voted on Education Secretary-designate Miguel Cardona, Commerce Secretary-designate Gina Raimondo, and White House Council of Economic Advisers Chair-designate Cecilia Rouse. Last week, the Senate confirmed Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm, U.N. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, bringing the total to 10 of 23 Cabinet members that have been confirmed to date. The Senate was also scheduled to take up the COVID relief bill this week.

2. **COVID RELIEF.** At 2:01 a.m. last Saturday, the House approved President Biden's \$1.9 trillion corona-

virus relief bill – known as The American Rescue Plan – by a vote of 219-212. All but 2 Democrats—Reps. Jared Golden of Maine and Kurt Schrader of Oregon—voted in favor of the bill and Republicans unanimously opposed it.

The bill includes \$1,400 direct payments; a \$400-per-week federal unemployment benefit through August 29, 2021; \$350 billion in aid to states, cities, U.S. territories, and tribal governments; \$25 billion for emergency rental assistance; \$25 billion for a new grant program for bars and restaurants; \$128 billion in grants to help K-12 schools reopen; and \$39 billion for higher education institutions. The House bill also includes a phased-in increase in the federal minimum wage from the current \$7.25 to \$15 by 2025 – although this provision will not be allowed in the Senate version of the bill after the Senate Parliamentarian ruled last Thursday that it would violate the Byrd Rule, which prohibits extraneous measures unrelated to the budget or ones that would raise the federal deficit beyond a 10-year window in a Reconciliation Bill.

The Senate will take up its version of the COVID relief bill this week, with 20 hours of debate plus a slew of must-be-germane amendments followed by a marathon series of votes (referred to as a “vote-a-rama”).

3. **BIDEN 100 DAYS.** President Biden held a virtual meeting with Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador. On Tuesday, he joined Senate Democrats (virtually) at their weekly

party lunch. On Wednesday, the President met with House Democrats virtually.

Last Thursday at a ceremony to mark the 50 millionth COVID-19 vaccine shot, President Biden noted that close to 50% of people over the age of 65 have had at least one shot (people over 65 account for 80% of all the COVID deaths).

On Saturday, the Food and Drug Administration authorized Johnson & Johnson's single-shot COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use, beginning the rollout of millions of doses of a 3rd effective vaccine (which has 72% efficacy rate and has proved effective against virus variants) for which shipments began Monday. Last Friday, National Economic Council Director Brian Deese and National Climate Advisor Gina McCarthy convened and co-chaired the first meeting of the Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization to focus on identifying and delivering federal resources to revitalize the local economics of coal, oil and gas, and power plant communities, ensuring benefits and protections for workers in these communities.

4. **EARMARKS ARE BACK.** Last Friday, House Appropriations Committee Chair Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Patrick Leahy (D-VT) announced that, after a ban that has lasted 10 years, their committees would again be accepting requests from Members of Congress to fund individual projects in the 12 annual appropriations bills, once known as “earmarks” and now called “community project funding.” Each member

of the House will be limited to a total of 10 requests for the fiscal year 2022 appropriations cycle, while Senators may not have a limit.

5. **VOTING RIGHTS CASES.** On Tuesday (March 2), the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in 2 cases challenging two (2) Arizona voting provisions: a policy that requires an entire ballot to be thrown out if the ballot was cast at the wrong precinct and a state law that bans the collection of ballots by third parties, sometimes called “ballot harvesting.”

The challengers argue that both the policy and the law discriminate against racial minorities in Arizona. The cases are being closely tracked in case the justices weigh in on the proper test

for evaluating voting-rights claims like these, which could have a sweeping effect nationwide.

The cases are *Brnovich v. Democratic National Committee* and *Arizona Republican Party v. Democratic National Committee*, which have been consolidated for 1 hour of argument.

6. **HIGHER EDUCATION.** U.S. Department of Education Secretary Miguel Cardona faces critical issues including whether his department should eliminate large swaths of outstanding federal student loan debt through executive action.

The Biden administration has punted on this issue so far and recently announced a forthcoming legal review of whether it has the power to

cancel debt own its own and inviting Congress to pass legislation. However, Secretary Cardona will be pressed to take a position on the student loan debt issue since he will now control the \$1.5 trillion portfolio of student debt. He will also have the responsibility for fulfilling President Biden's campaign promises to reverse many of the policies implemented by former Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, including jettisoning her Title IX rules and reinstating tougher regulations on for-profit colleges.

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Leon Burnette's "The Proverbs Remix: 1000 Seeds of Wisdom ..."

It is often difficult to see ourselves and the situations we experience in the religious texts we are taught as we grow up. Whether things are lost in translation because of time and relevance or because of the environment one has grown up in, Leon Burnette's new release, *The Proverbs Remix: 1000 Seeds of Wisdom To Help You Make Better Decisions* [Media Arts Press, January 1, 2021], alongside his nonprofit, The Media Arts Institute of Alabama, was designed to give a voice to one's vulnerabilities and guide them on the spiritual journey they missed out on previously.



Burnette, known affectionately as "Mr. B the Guru," translates the Bible book of Proverbs into an accessible and easy-to-read devotional guide designed specifically for a generation of young men who grew up with or were born in an era captivated by hip-hop. Burnette is a civil rights activist, author, educator, youth mentor, and the founder of The Media Arts Institute of Alabama, which seeks to provide guidance for young Black men, especially those who may be disoriented, unfocused, fatherless, homeless, incarcerated, or struggling in poverty-driven circumstances.

With a wealth of experience earned and cultivated from hardships such as gang violence, drug and alcohol abuse, and a massive heart attack, among other difficulties, Burnette provides wise and hopeful guidance to anyone who may need it. Burnette's passion for mentoring young Black men in particular stems from his family; having 3 sons, 5 grandsons, and 6 great grandsons, all of which he sees himself in, Burnette is driven to help each and every one of them be the best they can be, and has since extended that to create a community of support for African American youth. Woven together by music, *The Proverbs Remix*

provides guidance for anyone seeking a fresh perspective on decision-making and the ways in which we pull ourselves up by the bootstraps. Burnette assures us that, no matter where we come from, we can move forward with confidence and begin to heal. Insightful and profound,

The Proverbs Remix is a comforting look at the practice of religion in order to improve our everyday lives. Burnette is available for interviews, Q&As and bylined articles around *The Proverbs Remix* to discuss/write on topics including but not limited to:

- How a wise young man can make the world a

- better place
- The importance of activism, especially when it comes to mentorship
- What it means to reach one's full potential
- How spirituality and community support can help us out of any difficult situation

Oakwood Opens Entrepreneur Center

ENTREPRENEURS: Oakwood University is supporting job innovation by opening a new entrepreneur center. While other employment support centers for entrepreneurs focus on developing a business plan or legal structure, Oakwood's center is focused on ideation. It also includes space for podcasting and e-sports. (Photo: huntsville.gov)



Church Schedules Virtual Women's Day

The Fellowship Presbyterian Women invite the public to the Annual Women's Day Celebration (Virtually) on Sunday, March 7, at 10 a.m.

The event theme is "Celebrate the Gifts of Women: Women on a Mission: Changing Our Communities Through Matthew 25 Vision."

The scheduled guest min-



ister is Ruling Elder Elona Street-Stewart, Co-Moderator of 224th General Assembly, Presbyterian Church USA.

Mary Mitchell serves as moderator of Presbyterian Women. Reverend Gregory J. Bentley is pastor and co-moderator of the 224th General Assembly, Fellowship Presbyterian Church USA.

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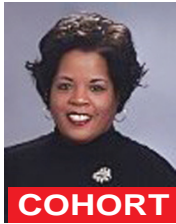
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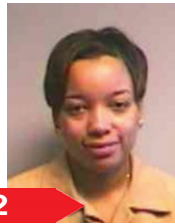


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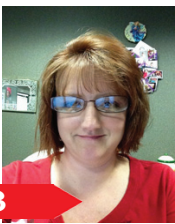
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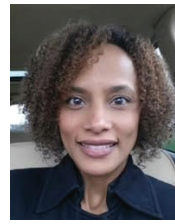
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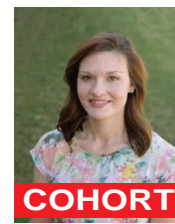
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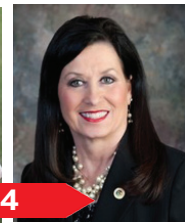


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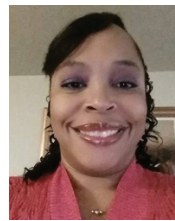
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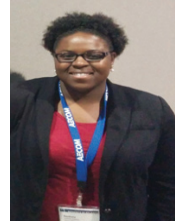
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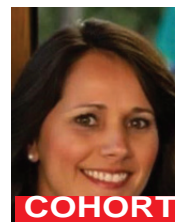
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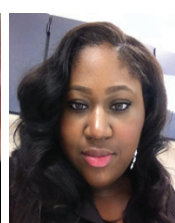
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