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"To thine own self be true."

- William Shakespeare



### Alabamians Selected for White House Advisory

An Alabama woman and respected educator/activist join a 26-person advisory council recently announced by the White House. The White House announced the members of the Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

The Council will include Alabamians Catherine Coleman Flowers, a 2020 MacArthur "Genis Grant" recipient from rural, poor Lowndes County, and Dr. Robert Bullard, retired Texas Southern University "father of environmental justice." Bullard is also a graduate of Alabama A&M University. The advisory council will provide advice and recommendations to the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and the White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council.

The White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC) was established by President Biden's Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad to fulfill his and Vice President Harris's commitment to confronting longstanding environmental injustices and to ensuring that historically marginalized and polluted, overburdened communities have greater input on federal policies and decisions.



### Symposium to Focus on Racism

The Future & Beyond Diversity, Equity & Beyond Inclusion Symposium will be held as a free forum to confront racism, hate and divisiveness April 8. Reg-

ister now for this one-day Symposium, and reserve your spot today for free at: [https://whova.com/portal/registration/fabde\\_202104/](https://whova.com/portal/registration/fabde_202104/) and [www.diversityhsv.org](http://www.diversityhsv.org).

### New Burritt Exhibit Will Focus on Scottsboro Boys

One of the most shocking incidents in Alabama history will be captured in a two-month display at the Burritt Museum. "An Exhibit: The Scottsboro Boys and Old Town" will be featured April 20 - July 4 at the Burritt Mansion.

Additionally, "The Scottsboro Boys Remembered Lecture Series and Exhibit Tours" will take place on Burritt on the Mountain Mansion and Rosenwald School on Saturday, May 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Scottsboro Boys were nine African-American young men, ages 12 to 20, falsely accused in Alabama of raping two white women on a train in 1931. The landmark set of legal cases from this incident dealt with racism and the

right to a fair trial. The Scottsboro Boys spent the two years between their first trials and the second round of trials that begin in March 1933 in Decatur, Ala., in the deplorable conditions of Depression-Era Alabama prisons. It is commonly cited as an example of a gross miscarriage of justice in the United States legal system.

The Scottsboro Boy's case is recognized internationally as one of the most infamous in legal history. The U.S. Supreme Court twice heard arguments in the case, leading to two landmark civil rights precedents: the right to counsel and nondiscrimination in juror rolls.

Burritt on the Mountain, Morgan County Archives, and CEOTA (Celebrating

Early Old Town with Art) will commemorate the lives and legacy of nine young African American men who, in the 1930's, became international symbols of race-based injustice in the American South.

Visit the exhibit to see photos and artifacts from the trials. Also, see Tennessee River watercolor artwork detailing the Old Town community near Decatur that helped support



the boys during their trials.

Join others on Saturday, May 15, as they hear the stories of the Scottsboro Boys, community members, lawyers, the sheriff, and the judge who heard their cases in Decatur.

Organizers will also celebrate the people who have worked to ensure that their stories are remembered.

### CENSUS: Huntsville Now 2nd City

According to U.S. Census Bureau estimates, Huntsville is now the second-most populous city in Alabama, behind the Magic City--Birmingham.

According to Huntsvilleal.gov, Huntsville could surpass Birmingham within three years.

Huntsville's population expanded by more than 20,000 people between 2010 and 2019, and the City of Huntsville Planning Department estimates that the population of Huntsville on Census Day (April 1, 2020) was approximately 202,000.

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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 recess until next week. This week, the Senate parliamentarian is expected to rule on a query from Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) whether Senate Democrats may use the FY2021 Budget Resolution a second time to activate the budget reconciliation mechanism to expedite passage of the Biden Administration's recently-announced \$2 trillion "American Jobs Plan" infrastructure bill. Congress used the budget reconciliation process to pass the President's \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan quickly last month with-

out any GOP votes.

2. BIDEN 100 DAYS. On Monday, President Biden, in lieu of the annual White House Easter Egg Roll, made Easter remarks at the White House. On Tuesday, he travelled to Alexandria, Va., to visit a vaccination site. On Wednesday, he delivered remarks about his American Jobs Plan.

Postponed from last week, the Biden Administration is expected to send its initial Fiscal Year 2022 Budget to Congress this week, referred to in the press as the "skinny budget," with a more detailed budget to be delivered in May.

3. WORLD BANK SPRING MEETING. On Thursday, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell addressed the (virtual) Spring Meeting of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group, which runs from April 5-11.

4. STUDENT LOAN DEBT. On last Friday, President Biden's Chief of Staff, Ron Klain, said the president has not made a final decision on whether to use executive action to cancel some of the nation's \$1.5 trillion outstanding federal student loan debt owed by approximately 45 million borrowers. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and other Democrats have been urging President Biden to take swift action to forgive up to \$50,000 debt per borrower. The president has been publicly skeptical of that amount of relief and whether he has the authority to waive it. However, he has said he would support legislation in Congress to wipe out \$10,000 of debt per borrower.

5. OPENING DAY. The Washington Nationals baseball team began their season on Tuesday hosting the Atlanta Braves after Major League Baseball postponed

last Thursday's opener of a 3-game series against the New York Mets after a Nationals player tested positive for the coronavirus. Four Nationals players are now isolating after testing positive for COVID-19 over the past week. Seven other players and two staff members are under quarantine due to possible exposure.

In related news, Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred announced last Friday that the All Star Game, scheduled for July 13 at Truist Park in Atlanta, will not be played in Georgia this year to protest a newly-enacted Georgia

voter law that added new identification requirements for absentee voting, limited the use of drop boxes, granted more authority over elections to the legislature, and made it a misdemeanor for groups to offer food or water to voters waiting in line near polling places.

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**U.S. Department  
of Transportation****Virtual Public Involvement Session Notice**

An opportunity for you to talk directly with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in a virtual public meeting session concerning your views on the transportation planning process in the Huntsville area is scheduled for:

**Time:** 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
**Date:** April 13, 2021  
**Place:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87008344351>

These public meetings are part of a review that will assess compliance with Federal regulations pertaining to the transportation planning process conducted by the Huntsville Area MPO, the Alabama Department of Transportation, Huntsville Public Transit, and local units of government in the Huntsville area.

If you are not able to attend either meeting, please address your comments to:

Federal Highway Administration, Alabama Division

9500 Wynlakes Place

Montgomery, AL 36117

-or-

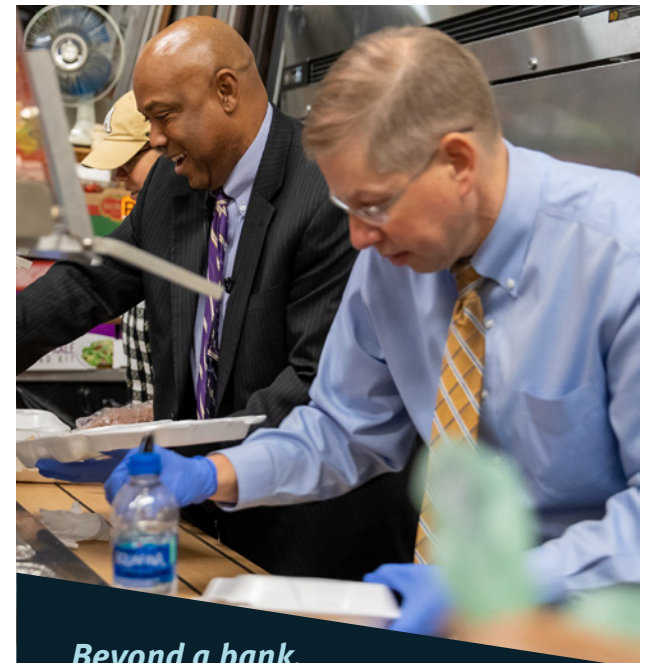
Federal Transit Administration, Region 4

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Atlanta, GA 30303

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# VALLEY DEATHS

## NELMS MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME

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Graveside service for MR. ROOSEVELT SIMS (b. 1960) was held on Monday, April 5, at Meadowlawn Garden of Peace with Pastor Endia J. Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. VELMA MONTAGUE (b. 1954) was held Saturday, April 3, at Zion Progress Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Hernandez Ford officiating.

Private funeral service for MRS. ELIZABETH BONE NANCE (b. 1938) was held Friday, April 2, at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church with the Reverend Timothy Rainey officiating.

Memorial service for MR. TERRELL LEE JOINER (b. 1947) was held Friday, April 2, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

## ROYAL FUNERAL HOME

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Graveside service for MS. MALKIA CHITARA WILLIAMS (b. 1997) will be 11 a.m., Sunday, April 11, at Oakwood Memorial Gardens (1 H.L. Cleveland Way, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Furman Fordom, II officiating.

Graveside service for MR. DAVIS CLINTON (b. 1938) was held Saturday, April 3, at Thatch-Mann Cemetery (1801 West Hobbs Street Athens, Ala.) with Pastor Endia J. Scruggs officiating.

Graveside service for MR. AARON PATTON (b. 1944) was held Saturday, April 3, at Meadowlawn Garden of Peace (450 Mount Lebanon Road Toney, Ala.) with Elder Don Lowery officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. MALINDA STEWART DOUTHARD (b. 1926) was held Wednesday, March 31, the Royal Chapel of Memories with Elder Tiffany Stubbs officiating.

## SERENITY FUNERAL HOME

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

Funeral Service for MR. TERENCE JEROME TURNER, BABY A'JHANI MAE KIRKSEY, NOLAN LANGFORD, and STEPHANIE ANDERSON will be announced at a later date.

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# CHAMPION GAME PLAN

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### “MIXED EMOTIONS”

Matthew 28:8 says, “So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.”

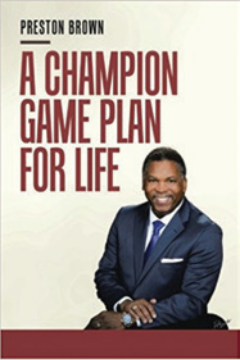
Have you ever had “mixed emotions” about something that you were not sure of? Perhaps it was a major decision that you had to make, like getting serious about a relationship that could lead to marriage.

Or, deciding whether or not to have children. Or, maybe you’re thinking about buying a new

house or car.

Anything that we are not sure of will cause us to have “mixed emotions” because the decision is very important.

On one hand, we are filled with joy and on the other hand, we are afraid. I believe that the reason we are afraid is because of the unknown. The unknown always makes us feel afraid.



In this scripture, we find that Mary and Mary (not the singing group) are filled with joy and are excited to tell the disciples that Jesus has risen from the dead. And yet the bible tells us that they were afraid.

They were afraid of the unknown, because they watched Jesus be placed in a tomb. But an “earthly


grave could not contain a “heavenly” body, so today we don’t have to be afraid, because we serve a risen savior and He’s in the world today.

The best news this world has ever heard, next to the birth of Jesus, was spoken by an angel on that first Easter morning. Matthew 28:6 says, “He is not here for He is risen.”

And, because He lives, we can all face our tomorrows without fear or mixed emotions ... Stay encouraged and be safe, my brothers and sisters.

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

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### 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](http://HuntsvilleAL.gov/HSVTV) or on the City of Huntsville Facebook page (@huntsvillecity).

For more information, call (256) 427-5011.



# AAMU Trustees Approve Agreements, Program Additions

The Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees held its regular meeting virtually on Friday, March 26, at 10 a.m.

"We are moving in a very positive direction and are getting a lot of things done," stated Board President Pro Tempore Jerome B. Williams.

"We are the school of

choice for many for the community in which we serve; we've done a lot of things right, and we will continue to improve and do things even better," said Dr. Williams.

AAMU President Andrew Hugine, Jr., who will be retiring in December 2021, thanked the Board for its continued support



and praised his dedicated leadership team for working together to move the University forward. "We can all take pride in where we are as an institution," said Hugine. "We are

positioned for greatness."

The Audit and Investment Committee sought and received accep-

tance of the FY20 Audit Report, prepared by Banks, Finley and White.

The Academic Affairs subcommittee received approval for eight action items, four involving mem-

oranda of understanding. These included an MOU with the University of South Alabama involving further research and academic pursuits; the University of North Alabama (nursing program collaboration); the National Telecommunication Information Agency (collaboration to provide technical support to underserved

communities in the Black Belt); and a continuation of a partnership with J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College related to computer science. Other approved action items included additional tracks to the Bachelor of Arts degree in English (i.e., literature and writing; literacy and cultural studies; and professional/creative writing), and a distance education policies and procedures statement.

Faculty Senate President Jeanette Jones praised the University's efforts to make COVID-19 vaccinations available to students, faculty, staff and community.

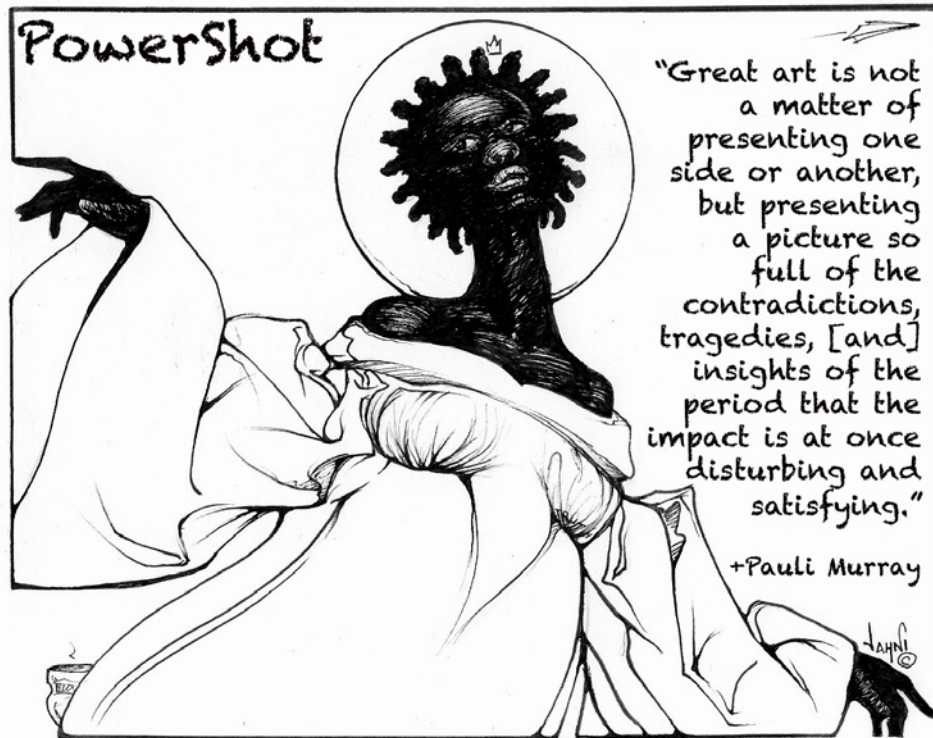
Jones noted that the first phase of AAMU's one-third salary adjustment for faculty was nearing the

three-year mark and urged the administration to revisit the plan. Dr. Jones also discussed the University's faculty mentoring program.

During earlier subcommittee meetings, Board members received an update on renovations (Morrison Fine Arts Building and the Felicia Wilson Dining Hall) and new construction (Event Center).

The Board gathering marked the last for Trustee Japhe Jelks, a senior and executive president of the Student Government Association, who updated fellow trustees on activities sponsored under his tenure during the reporting period.

The Board will meet again June 17-18.



*"Reconciliation is a part of the healing process, but how can there be healing when the wounds are still being inflicted?"*

- N. K. Jemisin

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## Publish the Vision - Again

*"Write what you see. Write it out in big bold letters so that it can be read on the run." - Habakkuk 2:2.*

Here, God commanded his servant-scribe Habakkuk to observe that days' politics and then write it in a God-inspired way. I've sought to follow that model.

My latest book, U.S. Politics The Rise of Silver-Mettle Leaders, is arguably the first post-2020 presidential election book written from a Biblical perspective. This eBook will be released on Thursday, April 29th.

Because April 29th will mark day #99 of the Biden-Harris administration's first 100 days, This 145-page eBook will commemorate that milestone by offering it for \$0.99, for a limited time.

Available now to pre-order on Amazon and other popular digital outlets, U.S. Politics uses Biblical best practices to answer the 2020 presidential election's biggest questions, for example:

Chapter 1 WHY did 2020 U.S. Voters Elect Joe Biden and Kamala Harris? Ask the Woman with the Issue of Blood (Mark 5:25-34), . . .

Chapter 2 WHY did Biden pick Kamala Harris? Ask Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at Jacob's Well (John 4), . . .

Chapter 3 WHO secured Biden's 2020 White House win? Ask Naaman the Incurable Leper and Joe Biden the Incurable Loser (2 Kings 5) - and who rescued them both, . . .

This presidential election was merely this book's backdrop to underscore a larger issue: the historic significance of number-two "leaders from the middle."

The 2020 White House victory was shaped, led, and conquered more by its silver-mettle leaders than by its top national leaders.

Perhaps even unconsciously, the book's featured #2 leaders (e.g., Biden, Harris, Congressmen Jim Clyburn and John Lewis, and Dr. Anthony Fauci) mimicked the servant leadership style of Jesus Christ by executing crisis management, teamwork, and grassroots empathy.

Hopefully, the examples in U.S. Politics and in last week's column, "2021: Already, The Year of the Successful #2 Persons," <https://bit.ly/3u6cTLe> will inspire you to apply their processes and enhance your lives.

*tim allston is the author of U.S. Politics The Rise of Silver-Mettle Leaders; pre-order now on Amazon.*



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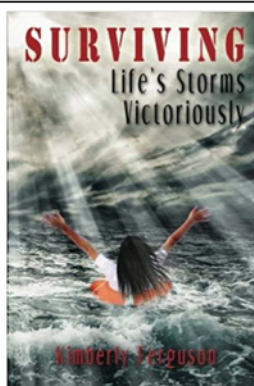
### LATEST COVID-19 INFORMATION

Alabama Department of Public Health  
[www.alabamapublichealth.gov](http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
[cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov)

### TAKEOUT/DELIVERY RESTAURANTS

<https://hsvchamber.org/restaurant-deliveries-take-out-food-service-providers/>



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## Huntsville Appoints New Directors

Huntsville Mayor

Tommy Battle recently announced the appointments of Bernita Reese (r)



as director of Huntsville Parks & Recreation and Quisha Riche as director of Parking & Public Transit.

The Mayor's recommendations were unanimously approved by the City



Council.

Reese fills the spot left vacant following Steve Ivey's recent retirement, while Riche (left) replaces Tommy Brown, who retires in June.

## Rocket City Join's List of "South's Best Cities on the Rise"

Southern Living magazine placed Huntsville, Ala., on its list of the best places in the Southeast to visit and live. In a recent piece on "The South's Best Cities on the Rise 2021," the magazine focused on the region's "up-and-coming" cities, narrowing its findings down to 10 destinations.

The list includes Baton Rouge, La.; Fayetteville, Ark.; Greenville, S.C.; **Huntsville, Ala.**; Lexington, Ky.; Norfolk, Va.; Tulsa, Okla.; Waco, Tex.; Wilmington, N.C.; and Winston-Salem, N.C. "With repurposing at its center, Huntsville is flourishing as a hot spot for culture and nightlife," the magazine reported.





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## YOU Have Left

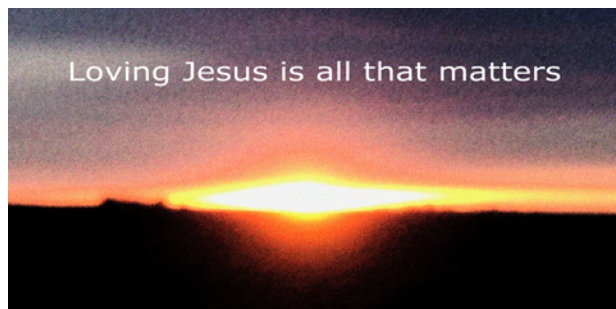
Revelation 2:4-5

My boyhood days are filled with the memories of a time when the military draft was still a reality. I recall the very first time that I went to register for the draft. The forms were at the post office. On the sidewalk in front of that post office right next to the newsstands that housed our local paper and the



other the Montgomery Advertiser, was this huge picture of a man that was supposed to be "Uncle Sam" dressed in red, white, and blue, pointing his finger straight at YOU. The caption read, "I want YOU for U.S. Army." The picture was designed in such a way that when you looked at it, both the eyes and the finger of the caricature appeared to be literally looking and pointing right at you. That was intentional no doubt.

That was just a caricature, however, the passage in Revelation is Jesus Christ and as I read those words, "You have left your



first love," the Spirit took me back to that post office sign. It was if Jesus Himself

was pointing His Finger directly at me saying, "YOU have left." That is always the

case when a believer's life is off-centered. It is never Jesus who leaves for He has vowed, "never to leave or forsake."

The Spirit gave John this alliterative alternative for this state of heart: Remember, repent, return, and repeat the first works, or be removed. Nope, don't want that! I repent!

### Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

## Richard Knight

Born March 1948 in Mobile, Ala., Richard Knight was the second child of a single parent born. His mother was a firm disciplinarian to Richard and his sister, expertly and lovingly raising them without their father. His mother worked as a "domestic" worker until she was called home to be with the Lord just two weeks after Knight turned 14 years old. Her loss became the pivotal moment in his life. To this day, Knight will tell you that his mother's firm hand made him the man that he became. His aunt took custody of Richard and his sister after their mother's death.

At a very young age, Knight worked long hours doing community service and odd jobs "to earn money." That also included doing farm work. He learned barbering, another skill he could use to earn money. Before the age of 15 years of age, Knight struck out on his own to become a self-made man. The values and work ethic his mother instilled in him from an early age is what got him through very hard and difficult times. He became acquainted with "poverty" conditions early

in life and decided he would work hard to change his circumstances in an effort to avoid poverty for the rest of his life. Though very young, he was very wise for his age and began to make solid and responsible choices. To this day, he lives with those values his mother poured into him.

In 1966, Knight graduated from Union High School in Monroe County, Ala. He loved building things with his hands. He continued his education at J.F. Drake State Technical College, Huntsville, Ala. He took up bricklaying and masonry trades and was an honor student throughout his attendance and graduated in 1968. He had only worked for a short time after his graduation when he was drafted into the U.S. Army; but he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Knight trained hard as a young recruit and was sent to Vietnam in May 1968. He served one tour of duty as an Infantry (0331) Machine Gunner M60. When he completed his time in the Marine Corps and returned home to the United States, along with his fellow comrades, they were not well received. To their amaze-



ment, after putting their lives on the line and experiencing some of the most horrific emotional encounters that nearly cost them their sanity and their lives, much to their dismay, they were met with angry protestors and not a "Welcome Home Parade." But he received an honorable discharge and stepped into the real world "as a man," who took on a wife and started a family of his own. As of August 2019, he has been married for 45 years. They have four (4) children, two (2) grandsons and one (1) granddaughter. Knight worked for a manufacturing firm as a refractory supervisor and Installer. After 34 years of service, he retired in 2003. In 34 years of service, Knight only used 30 days of leave in 34 years.

**APRIL 9 - KEISHA KNIGHT PULLIAM is an American actress best known for her childhood role as Rudy Huxtable, the youngest daughter of Cliff and Clair Huxtable from the ages of 5 to 13, on the NBC sitcom "The Cosby Show" and as Miranda Lucas-Payne on the TBS comedy-drama Tyler Perry's House of Payne.**  
- Wikipedia.org



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## State HBCUs Part of Funded Initiative on Global Opportunities

Global Diplomacy Alumni Jacquelyn Shipe, chief executive officer of Global Ties Alabama and Ryanna Miller, co-founder of Diplomatic Perspective, received a grant from the U.S. Department of State's Citizen Diplomacy Action Fund to sponsor the virtual REACH HBCU Global Institute, a 3-day conference, April 6-8, 2021, that will serve as a global institute for Alabama's HBCU students.

Participants have the option to hear from over 30 speakers from various international careers and backgrounds. Each session will be informative, interactive, and give students a chance to explore and access many global opportunities. The overall goal is to foster U.S. exchange alumni network development and the international relations development of Alabama's HBCU students. In September 2020, the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs invited U.S. citizen alumni of all U.S. government-sponsored exchange

programs, including the Fulbright Program, the Gilman Scholarship, and Cultural and Sports Envoys, to apply for small grants of up to \$10,000 as part of the Citizen Diplomacy Action Fund Rapid Response funding opportunity. Exchange alumni from across the United States submitted proposals for public service projects that addressed the themes of media literacy education, building community resilience, and fostering alumni network development.

Jacquelyn Shipe, chief executive officer of Global Ties Alabama and co-sponsor of YLA's 2017-2020 Women's Conference in Guyana, and Ryanna Miller, 2020 Gilman Scholarship Alumni Ambassador, are partnering to sponsor the REACH HBCU.

Since the close of the competition in November, the U.S. Department of State has funded 38 projects that address issues faced by communities across the United States and around the world with international partners

in countries such as Mongolia, Nepal, North Macedonia, and the Philippines.

Exchange alumni are contributing to their communities in meaningful ways by sharing media literacy best practices that help mitigate the spread of disinformation, increasing access to virtual and at-home education for youth and their families, protecting the environment, bringing exchange alumni together to create stronger networks, and responding to other community needs. Winners this year include projects supporting mental health training in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, media literacy education in China, and food literacy in Indiana.

"Congratulations to our exchange alumni who have received awards from the Citizen Diplomacy Action Fund to lead public service projects in their communities," said Matthew Lussenhop, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs at

the U.S. Department of State. "These alumni will serve diverse communities in the United States and abroad through programs adapted to the realities of COVID-19. We are proud of these citizen diplomats."

The Citizen Diplomacy Action Fund is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and implemented in partnership with the Partners of the Americas. For more information visit <https://alumni.state.gov>. For questions on ECA exchange programs, contact [ECA-Press@state.gov](mailto:ECA-Press@state.gov).

### UAH Professor Named to List

Dr. Sharifa Love-Rutledge, an assistant professor in the chemistry department at The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH), a part of The University of Alabama System, has been named to a list of "1,000 Inspiring Black Scientists."



The list was compiled by Cell Mentor, an organization that strives to "help hardworking scientists answer the questions that will propel them through satisfying, challenging, diverse careers in the life sciences." The list is made up of postdoctoral fellows, instructors and more.

Dr. Love-Rutledge is one of 18 Black scientists and researchers recognized with this honor from the state of Alabama. She is also the first Black woman to earn a Ph.D. from The University of Alabama Department of Chemistry. Her area of special research at UAH includes diabetes and insulin resistance, as well as cognitive decline and aging. As the Principal Investigator in the Love-Rutledge Lab, her efforts are focused on applying biochemistry and molecular biology to understanding and preventing diabetes in adults, such as Type 1 Latent Autoimmune Diabetes of adults and Type 2 diabetes.

- [UAH.edu/news](http://UAH.edu/news)

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## CITY OF HUNTSVILLE

### AMENDMENT TO THE CONSOLIDATED ACTION PLAN

The City of Huntsville (COH), Alabama proposes a substantial amendment to its FY2020 Action Plan to include the use of U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant-Corona Virus third round (CDBG-CV3) funds.

The COH's FY 2020 CDBG-CV3 available allocations are as follows: \$1,189,764

A 5-day comment period ending on April 13, 2021 is required before amendments can be made to the Consolidated/Action Plan. Submit public comments to Community Development at <https://huntsvilleal.seamlessdocs.com/f/CommunityDevelopment> or mail to the City of Huntsville, Department of Community Development, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804. For more information, please contact Turkessa Coleman Lacey at (256) 427-5400/TTY: 256-427-7092.

## CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE

### ENMIENDA AL PLAN DE ACCIÓN CONSOLIDADO

La ville de Huntsville (COH), Alabama propose une modification substantielle à son plan d'action pour l'année 2020 pour inclure l'utilisation du département américain du Logement et du Développement urbain (HUD) Bloc de développement communautaire Grant-Corona Virus troisième ronde (CDBG-CV3) fonds.

Les allocations disponibles pour l'ANNÉE 2020 du CDBG-CV3 du CDH sont les suivantes : 1 189 764 \$

Une période de commentaires de cinq jours se terminant le 13 avril 2021 est nécessaire avant que des modifications puissent être apportées au Plan consolidé et d'action. Soumettre des commentaires publics au Développement communautaire à <https://huntsvilleal.seamlessdocs.com/f/CommunityDevelopment> ou envoyer un courrier à la Ville de Huntsville, ministère du Développement communautaire, P.O. Encadré 308, Huntsville, AL 35804. Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec Turkessa Coleman Lacey au (256) 427-5400/ATS: 256-427-7092.



## THE VALLEY WEEKLY

# VALLEY EVENTS

HAPPENINGS, ACTIVITIES & MORE!

### Thru May 23

"Encounters"

Althea Murphy Price  
Huntsville Museum of Art  
[hsvmuseum.org](http://hsvmuseum.org)

Alabama A&M University  
vs. Alabama State University  
Legion Field  
Birmingham, Ala.  
6:30 p.m.

### April 30 - May 1

Comedian Rickey Smiley  
Stand Up Live  
Huntsville, Ala.

### April 7

Ribbon Cutting for the  
North Huntsville Public  
Library and the Dr. Robert  
Shurney Legacy Center  
3011-A Sparkman Drive  
Huntsville, Ala. - 1 p.m.

### April 20 - July 4

Exhibit  
"Tell Their Story: Remembering the Scottsboro Boys"  
Sponsors: Burritt on the  
Mountain, Francis Tate with  
CEOTA, John Allison and  
the Morgan County Archives, and The Scottsboro  
Boys Museum  
Scottsboro, Ala.  
The Burritt  
Museum

### May 8

Opening Day  
2021 Gala Art Exhibition  
Huntsville Museum of Art  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

### May 13

Opening Reception Huntsville  
Photographic Society  
2021 Members' Showcase

### April 13

Virtual Public Meeting  
Session on the Transportation  
Planning Processing  
Huntsville  
Zoom ID: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87008344351>  
5-7 p.m.

### April 15

Spring Plant Sale  
Huntsville Botanical Garden - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

### April 17

Magic City Classic

### April 30

Spring 2021  
Commencement  
Alabama  
A&M University  
10 a.m.-12 noon

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