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"There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you." - Maya Angelou

OU Prepares for Event-Heavy Homecoming

Homecoming Week 2022 at Oakwood University is packed with activities centered around the theme, "One Faith, One Future & One Oakwood." Here are just a few:

Friday April 15th:

- 7:00 am – 2:00 pm UNCF GOLF CLASSIC – In-Person Event. Hampton Cove Robert Trent Jones Golf Course To register today go to: give.oakwood.edu/uncf-golf/
- 8:00 am – 3:00 pm CST – ALUMNI HOMECOMING BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT 2022 AT ASHBY AUDITORIUM – In-Person Event. Look for the full schedule available by April 1st. Presented by the Oakwood Athletic Program. For more information email sjacob@oakwood.edu

- 10:00 am – 3:00 pm CST ALUMNI 360 - Zoom VIRTUAL DEPARTMENTAL Events. Some may be in-person – Alumni 360 is our initiative where Oakwood alumni circle back to their alma mater to network for their profession, and help current students through providing mentoring, internship opportunities, and jobs. Details to come
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Oakwood Farmer's Market with 20 vendors – In-Person Event.
- 11:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. CST ALUMNI HOMECOMING KICK OFF EVENT CELEBRATION at Oakwood Farms, Parking LOT facing the pavilion. (In-Person Event & Some parts Live Streaming on Oakwood University Facebook & YouTube Channels) Music, Spoken Word,

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- 6:15 pm CST - Friday Vesper Program at OUC In-Person Event & Live Streaming through Oakwood University Facebook & YouTube Channel) Speaker: Pastor Kenneth Manders – President of the Bermuda Conference

- 7:15 pm CST - Oakwood Honors Program at OUC In-Person Event & Live Streaming on Oakwood University Facebook & YouTube Channel. OUR HONOREES: Award winning singing group "Virtue", Mr. Harry Swinton, Sr., and part of our 125 YEARS Celebration we will honor ALL Oakwood Presidential Leadership through our University Presidents and

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Birmingham Mayor A&M Commencement Speaker

The mayor of Birmingham, Ala., will address the spring commencement ceremony at Alabama A&M University on Friday, May 6. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. at Louis Crews Stadium.

Atty. Randall Woodfin became the mayor of Birmingham, Ala., in October 2017 after winning a runoff against incumbent William A. Bell. He entered his second term as mayor on November 23, 2021. The Birmingham metropolitan area is home to over 1.1 million people. Woodfin had previously served as president of the Birmingham

City School Board from 2013-15 and as a city attorney for Birmingham from 2009-2017.

The mayor is a graduate of Morehouse College (Ga.), where he majored in political science and served as president of the Student Government Association (SGA). He later earned the Juris Doctor from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University (Ala.)

According to AAMU's Registrar's office, over 600 students have applied for graduation, including 475 undergraduates and 152 graduate students.



Huntsville to Host First 'Eggstravaganza'

The City of Huntsville and the Parks & Recreation Department will host an inaugural Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 16.

The free egg hunt for children ages 2-12 will take place from 9-11 a.m. at John Hunt Park, 2151 Airport Road SW, Huntsville.

In choosing the location, Huntsville Parks & Recreation Director James Gossett said John Hunt Park offers three advantages for this first-of-its-kind community event: open space, ample parking and flexibility if it rains. The site is also centrally

located.

"People can get to the park from all over the community," Gossett said.

City crews will hide 10,000 eggs, enough so everyone has a chance to go home happy. The egg hunt will also be organized by age group, allowing fami-

lies to enjoy this springtime tradition in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Toni Terrell, a longtime host at 94.1 WHRP, will serve as emcee, letting everyone know when it's time to start.

Visit facebook.com/huntsvilleparksandrecreation for updates.

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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 have started a 2-week Spring Recess and will reconvene on April 25. Last Thursday, by a vote of 53-47, the Senate confirmed Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson as the 116th Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, who will be the first Black woman, as well as the first public defender, on the court in its 233-year history. Justice Jackson replaces Justice Stephen Breyer, who is expected to remain on the court until the justices take their summer recess in late June or early July. Also last week, the Senate and House approved bills to revoke normal trade relations with Russia and ban oil imports from the country. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) said that when the Senate returns, it will take up a \$10 billion COVID relief bill, a bill to strengthen the U.S. semiconductor industry (the America COMPETES Act), and a House-passed bill to legalize and tax marijuana.

2. **THE WHITE HOUSE.**

On Tuesday, President Biden traveled to Des Moines and Menlo, Iowa, to tout the benefits of his infrastructure law for rural America.

On Thursday, he traveled to Greensboro, N.C., to highlight his administration's efforts to encourage American manufacturing and rebuild domestic supply chains. On Friday, he will travel to Camp David, Md., for Easter Weekend.

3. **NEW RESTAURANT AID BILL.** Last week, the House passed a \$55 billion package of aid to restaurants and other pandemic-impacted industries by a vote of 223-203, sending it to the Senate for negotiations with a rival bipartisan package that takes a different approach. The House bill will provide \$42 billion to replenish COVID aid programs for restaurants, food trucks, bars, caterers, brewpubs, and bakeries. The bill also provides another \$13 billion for small businesses that suffered revenue losses of at least 40 percent during the pandemic, without regard to what industries they operate in, with grants capped at \$1 million each. The Senate version of the legislation provides \$40 billion for restaurants, bars and other food service establishments and adds \$8

billion more specifically for gyms and fitness centers, live entertainment venues, motorcoach and ferry operators, minor league sports teams, and small businesses that were cut off from customers and suppliers due to border closures.

4. **FEDERAL VACCINE MANDATE.** Last Thursday the federal 5th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the Biden Administration's vaccine mandate for federal workers, ordering that a preliminary injunction issued against the requirement be eliminated, reversing an earlier ruling by U.S. District Judge Jeffrey Brown, a Trump appointee in Texas, who in January blocked the mandate for federal workers.

5. **SUPREME COURT.** The court has a conference this week, but no oral arguments until next week. Notable upcoming cases this month include: Kennedy v. Bremer-ton School District (April 25), whether a public school district violated the rights of a high school football coach when it restricted him from praying on the field after games; and Biden v. Texas (April 26), whether the Department of Homeland Security must continue to enforce Trump-era Migrant Protection Protocols (aka, the "Remain in Mexico" policy) that requires asylum seekers at the southern bor-

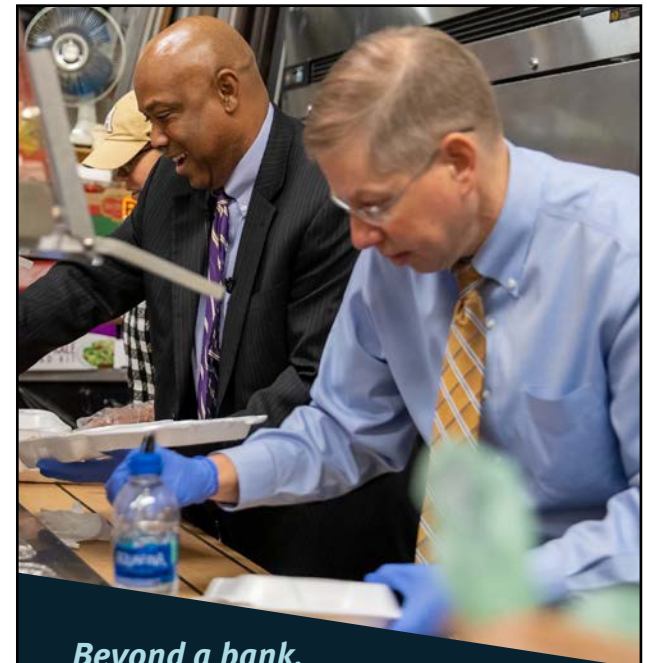
der to stay in Mexico while awaiting a hearing in U.S. immigration court.

6. **EDUCATION.** The Department of Education could delay its action on a Title IX proposal, which is expected to rewrite Trump-era rules on sexual misconduct and codify federal anti-discrimination protections for transgender students. In December, the Biden Administration had set April as its target date as part of a biannual government-wide regulatory agenda, a month earlier than initially expected. The administration chose to speed up its timeline amid

complaints by some advocacy groups that the administration was taking too long to reverse Trump administration policies that critics say deters the reporting of sexual misconduct. Meetings between the White House and outside groups to discuss the department's proposal are now scheduled to extend through at least mid-May.

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Funeral service for MR. ROBERT HENRY BONE, SR., (b. 1935) will be Saturday, April 16, 2022 at 12 p.m. at the Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Association Tabernacle with the Elder Dr. Maurice Childress officiating.

Graveside service for MR. JAYCEN ERVIN (b. 1974) was held Tuesday, April 12, in the New Hope #2 Cemetery with Minister Charlie Holley officiating.

Funeral service for MS. DEBBIE V. STEGER (b. 1955) was held Monday, April 11, at Northwest Church of Christ with Brother John Branch officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. MARY ALICE W. HURT (b. 1939) was held Sunday, April 10, at Saint Mark Baptist Church with Elder Jeremiah Chester officiating.

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Graveside service for MRS. SHIRLEY JEAN GARNER (b. 1946) will be 1 p.m., Saturday, April 16, in the Madison Memory Gardens (100 Hughes Road, Madison, Ala.) with Pastor Dr. Patrick S. Arrington officiating.

Funeral service for MR. NATHAN LEON BATTLE (b. 1954) was held Monday, April 11, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Pastor Sherry Birney officiating.

Funeral service for PASTOR WILLIAM C. BYRD (b. 1944) will be 1 p.m., Sunday, April 10, at the Oakwood University Church (5500 Adventist Blvd Huntsville, AL 35896) with Dr. Carlton P. Byrd officiating.

Funeral service for MR. GOLDEN WINDLE BERTRAM (b. 1941) was held Saturday, April 9, at the Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church (1919 Brandontown Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Reverend Marticia Banks-Booker as the eulogist and Pastor Dion Watkins officiating.

Graveside service for MR. PRINCE LEE DERRICK (b. 1980) was held Friday, April 8, at Meadowlawn Garden of Peace (450 Mount Lebanon Road, Toney, Ala.) with Dr. Floyd Rodgers officiating.

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Funeral service for MR. JOSHUA ADAMS SMITH (b. 1977) will be announced at a later date.

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April 27

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April 29

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CHAMPION GAME PLAN

PRESTON BROWN

"LEARNING TO SURVIVE"

In Genesis 50:20, Joseph tells his brothers, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."

When we look at this scripture, we need to understand that when we "survive" certain things in our lives, it's not just for us, but sometimes it can be for other people, as well. I remember 20 years ago I survived cancer and because of that I was able to be a blessing to others through my ministry as well as the relationships that I have made with others.

You see, I believe that God not only wants to do things for us, He wants to do things through us, as well. Now when we look at the life of Joseph, we can see that he knew a thing or two about survival. Remember, he had to

survive being sold into slavery, and being falsely accused of being with Potiphar's wife and thrown into prison. But you know what? He survived prison, as well. So, his road to success was not easy. And, we all need to remember that success does not

always come in a straight line. There will be setbacks along the way.

Sometimes we can't see what God has for our lives until we start experiencing life. Matter of fact, the best instruction that we will ever receive will come from actual life experiences, and let's face it--there will be failures along the way. But the good news is we are all wired for survival. Joseph was wired for survival and he teaches all of us a great lesson about perseverance.

Whatever it is that you really want out of life, you

will have to learn how to survive the trials and the tests that try to keep you from what God wants you to do. There will be times when you don't see any progress, but you still have to press on and survive. Then, there may be times when you feel that what you are doing is insignificant. But you have to press on and survive. The enemy will also try to intimidate you with thoughts that you are not good enough. But remember anything that the enemy tells you is a lie. So you have to press on and survive those attacks. And, finally I pray that God gives you the insightfulness to realize that trials come to make you more aware not angry, stronger not weaker, better not bitter ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!

Make sure you purchase a copy of my book, *A Champion Game Plan For Life*, at amazon.com.

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5 Ways to Make Preparing Your Taxes Easier

(BPT) - Doing your taxes is not on anyone's list of favorite activities, but the good news is, there are things you can do to prepare for tax day that can help make the process a little more efficient. Whether you're getting ready to do your own personal taxes or helping a family member to do theirs, here are some tips and tools you can use to help make preparing them go more smoothly.



1. Get comfortable. Nothing's worse than doing a potentially stressful activity when you're physically uncomfortable. Whether you're using a home office or the kitchen table, make sure to clear your work area of anything that's not tax related before getting started. Whatever space you're using, make sure the height of your chair is appropriate for working over an extended period of time. Use pillows or cushions if needed to make sure you're as comfortable as possible.

2. Get your docs in a row. By now you probably know what kinds of documents you'll need, including, but not limited to, W-2s and 1099s for employment, plus any papers related to things like home-ownership, medical expenses, your kids' college tuition or charitable donations, etc. Gather everything you think you'll need, then organize all your papers so you won't have to go sifting through the entire pile at every stage of tax preparation. Use stackable open trays or a vertical slot desktop paper organizer to assemble your paper documents by category, either alphabetically or in an order that makes sense to you - and label each tray or slot so you'll know where to find everything throughout the process. Make

sure to retain your records after tax season, either physically or electronically.

3. Use tools you know how to use. This may not be the best time to break out a new PC or laptop or to borrow someone else's to help you in connection with preparing your taxes - unless your old one is broken. Using a computer that you're already familiar with can help reduce your stress levels. Likewise, use the kind of calculator that's easiest for you, whether it's on your phone, your computer or an old-school stand-alone calculator.

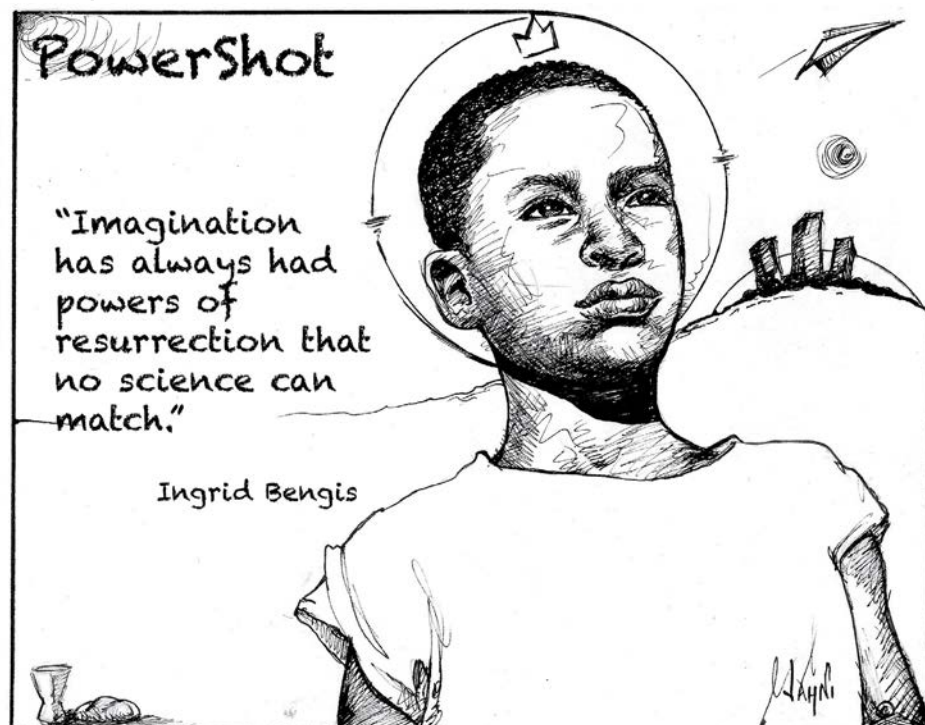
4. Get help if you need it. If you run into roadblocks while you're preparing, you can refer to your returns from previous years to help simplify things - a lot of the data may be the same. The IRS offers free online resources to help qualified individuals prepare their tax returns. The agency also has videos on YouTube to help taxpayers. Don't be afraid to ask for help and call an accountant when needed. Make sure to also be informed of any deadlines and work toward those.

5. Scan and store your documents digitally. One tool to help you organize your documents is a good scanner, like Canon's imageFORMULA R10 Personal Document

Scanner. It's easy to set up and connects to your compatible PC or Mac with a supplied USB cable. This smaller-sized scanner makes it easy to take with you from place to place so you can prepare your taxes wherever you want. But don't let its size fool you - the imageFORMULA R10 scanner produces high-quality images, and can scan letter-sized paper, receipts, business cards, plastic cards and legal-sized documents.

If you're doing someone else's taxes (or they're doing yours), you can easily scan paper documents into electronic files so that you can email them rather than having to carry papers back and forth, helping to put yourself at less risk for damage or loss of physical copies of documents. You can also use the scanner to scan documents so that you can save them to your PC, so that you can archive the statements and forms that go into putting your return together digitally, rather than saving paper files. That way you can store your documents electronically where you can find it if the need arises. Plus you'll have a new lightweight travel companion that can help you keep organized even after the stress of tax season is over!

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– J. California Cooper



The 1st Amazon Labor Union in the U.S.: David and Goliath 2.0?

If you had first read Malcolm Gladwell's best-selling book *David and Goliath*, then you could have predicted that the Amazon warehouse workers on Staten Island (or "Davids") would have bested their mega-employer (Goliath) and won their right to organize into a union.

Staten Island's Amazon Labor Union voted 2,654 to 2,131 to become

the first union-ized U.S. facility for America's largest e-commerce retailer.



"This is David and Goliath squared," remarked former U.S. Labor Secretary Robert Reich.

The Labor Department disclosed that in 2021 Amazon spent \$4.3 million hiring anti-union consultants, texting its 750,000 U.S. employees, and mandating they attend anti-union meetings.

But despite the strong-arm tactics Amazon, America's second-largest employer founded and headed by the world's second-richest man Jeff Bezos, failed to defeat the efforts of its subordinates.

But according to author Gladwell, maybe we shouldn't be so surprised at the results. "We think of underdog victories as improbable events: that's why the story of David and Goliath has resonated so strongly all these years," he said. "Underdogs win all the time . . . Why do we automatically assume that someone who is smaller or poorer or less skilled is necessarily at a disadvantage?"

And just like in the Bible's account of David slaying Goliath - where the hero was not a trained soldier but a shepherd boy named David - the unlikely hero was a fired Amazon worker-turned-union leader named Christian Smalls.

In his victory speech on April 1, Smalls summarized Amazon's failed discrediting campaign: "They called us a bunch of thugs. They tried to spread racist rumors, tried to demonize our character, but it didn't work."

In many ways, Smalls and the union proved Solomon's words of Proverbs 13:7: "Some pretend to be rich, yet have nothing; others pretend to be poor, yet have great wealth."

And now you, "David" (or DaVida!): Don't be deterred by those giants who, as Solomon said, pretend to have it all.

Instead, fight on and win. Just get the Amazon Labor Union to Prime-ship to you some courage!

- tim allston

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Rejected for Reassignment

Acts 13:50-52; 14:1

One of the blessed advantages of reading the word of God is that you get to view the stories from the proverbial thirty-thousand-foot level.

In other words, we get to see God in control. Even though that is always the case, seeing things from ground level does not allow the same view. Because God is always in control,



no one moment is ever the last. Psalm 139 says that every life has a story that God wrote before that life was birthed.

Therefore, what often looks like a shutdown is really a shift. Such was the case with Paul and Barnabas who we see were rejected in Antioch. However, they did what we all have to do who are servants of God. They shook the dust off their feet as a testimony against them and went on the Iconium where signs and wonders followed. Their rejection turned out to actually be a reassignment to an even greater work. That is what every servant of God needs to learn. The response of people can never become



the standard for how we serve God. Purpose always trumps people. Therefore, the next time you are rejected, start looking and listening immediately for

the reassignment.

Do not view things from "see-level," instead walk by faith which will give you a view from above. With this view, the

work will not suffer from frustration and faithlessness or debilitating disappointment. Our story is not over until we hear "Well done."

This Sunday's Lectionary



Sunday, April 17, 2022
Easter Sunday

(Track 2 - Year C)

Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18



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Rosetta James Foundation "Spotlight on Our Elders" ... Featuring

Dr. Marvin Carroll

Dr. Marvin P. Carroll, president and Chief Executive Officer of Tec-Masters, Inc., is a Servant Leader who embodies humility, service and generosity. An electrical engineering graduate of Howard University, he went on to earn a master's and the Ph.D. degree in public administration.

After retiring from the U.S. Army Missile Command, Dr. Carroll founded Tec-Masters in 1988 to provide technical support to the Department of Defense and commercial customers. The company provides a wide range of services, including: Training Systems Technology; Modeling & Simulation Technology; Multimedia Design Technology; Training and Doctrine Development; Weapons Systems Technology; Automotive Systems Technologies; Navigation and Telematics; Commercial/Manufacturing Technology; Aerospace Technology; Information Systems Technology; E-Teaching; and much more. He also had the unique experience of serving as a Legislative Fellow for three years for a U.S. Senator, advising him on Weapon System Acquisition policy.

Dr. Carroll has served diligently throughout the community, and he has previously been actively involved or is currently serving as a member of various industry organizations, such as the board of Huntsville Botanical Gardens, Huntsville-Madison County

Department of Health and Human Services, Board of Directors of Tuskegee University School of Engineering, the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), Huntsville-Madison County Space and Rocket Center, and many others.

Dr. Carroll has a keen interest in working with and involving youth in various aspects of business. He has committed himself to lending his personal expertise to college interns who are interested in learning business start-up and operations. As a Visiting Executive-in-Residence at Auburn University, he exhorted students to spend time understanding the market, customers, and their requirements.



He is especially committed to causes that nurture community growth and youth development. Some of these endeavors include: Youth Friendship Foundation, Young Business Leaders, AAMU Black-Tie Scholarship Fund, Coats-4-Kids Program (Eagles' Nest Ministries Church), American Heart Association, Army Emergency Relief Fund, Bob Jones High School Robotics Team, Union Chapel Christian Academy Scholarship Program, Harris Home for Children, HEALS of Huntsville, Morehouse College Technical Innovations Entrepreneurship Program, Alabama Shop-With-A Cop Program for Children and many others.

"Spotlight on Our Elders" is a weekly feature sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation to promote volunteerism and activism in our community among those who are 70-plus. The Foundation also provides scholarships. Learn more about us at www.rosettajamesfoundation.org. Know an outstanding elder (70+) that you would like to see featured? Send us a photo and 250-word write-up to info@valley-weeklyllc.com.



Members of the Rho Chi Omega Chapter at the Gala after Winning Awards.

Rho Chi Omega Chapter Awarded for Community Service Efforts

The 90th South Eastern Regional Conference of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® was held in Memphis, Tennessee, on March 3-6, 2022.

Over 4,500 from the states of Alabama, Tennessee, and Mississippi were in attendance under the leadership of Mitzi Dease Paige, Esquire, South Eastern Regional Director.

During the conference, Rho Chi Omega Chapter of Madison, Alabama, was recognized for achieving Silver Level status for Exemplifying Excellence through donations to the Educational Advancement Foundation (EAF) in 2021

and 2022. The chapter was also recognized among the Best of the Best Chapters for Membership in 2021 across the region.

Rho Chi Omega continues to be an award-winning chapter by excelling in program execution by winning chapter and individual awards in the large chapter category (151-300 members): Runner Up for Target 2, Women's Healthcare and Wellness; Runner Up for Target 3, Building Your Economic Legacy; Winner for Target 5, Global Impact; Runner Up for Overall Excellence Through Sustainable Service Excellence

Achievement; and Winner for the Delta Theta Omega President's Council.

Additionally, members of the chapter won the following individual awards: Lawanda Reynolds - Phi Iota Omega Silver Sister of Year; and Tiffany Richardson - Reva Allman Name that Sister (Sister of the Year).

Rho Chi Omega is elated to be recognized by her peers and to continue the tradition of the Founders of Alpha Kappa Alpha by providing service to all mankind.

Tonnesha M. Lewis serves as the chapter's president.





Organization Presents Awards to AAMU Students

The Greater Huntsville (AL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated recently presented "Class Act" scholarship awards to a group of Alabama A&M University students.

The Class Act Scholarship is a Southern Area Links initiative designed to provide sustainable financial support to deserving students attending historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs). AAMU is the HBCU partner selected for the chapter's Class Act Awards.

The chapter awarded five (5) Class Act Schol-

arship book awards to Taese Davenport, a senior; Jaretta Hernandez, senior; Soni Omontese, graduate student; Taniya Rainge, sophomore; Keith Rivers, sophomore; and Reau'na Williams, sophomore.

"We commend them for their academic achievements, extra-curricular activities and determination," said Nancy Adams Matthews, HBCU Scholarship Committee chair. Sharon H. Butler is chapter president.

CAPTION: CLASS ACT: Attending the scholarship

presentation of the Greater Huntsville (AL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated were (l-r): Dr. Jeanette Jones, former chapter president; Nancy Adams Matthews, HBCU Scholarship Committee Chair; awardee Keith Poitier Rivers; awardee Jaretta O'Neal Hernandez; (rear) Alabama A&M University President Daniel K. Wims; awardee Taniya Mary Amber Rainge; awardee Tease Davenport; Sharon Butler, chapter president; and Abbiegail Hugine, alumna member. Not Shown: Soni Omontese.

OU Ready for Event-Heavy Homecoming

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Oakwood Student Leadership from our USM Presidents. Especially, the 5 living University Presidents & the 10 USM Presidents from the Last Decade. Note: This year, the USM is celebrating 75 Years of amazing leadership.

Sabbath April 16th:

- 9:30 am CST - Alumni Homecoming 2022 Sabbath School at the VBC In-person Event & Live Streaming on Oakwood University Facebook & YouTube Channels.
- o Oakwood Legacy picture studio in front lobby through Divine Worship Service.

- 10:45 am CST - Alumni Homecoming 2021 Information & Inspiration at the VBC In-Person Event & Live Streaming on Oakwood University Facebook & YouTube Channels.

- 11:00 am CST - Alumni Homecoming 2021 Divine Worship Service at the VBC In-Person Event & Live Streaming on Oakwood University Facebook & YouTube Channels. Speaker: Dr. G. Alexander Bryant, NAD President. Music by The Aeolians, and others with our theme "One Faith, One Future, One Oakwood"

- o Oakwood Legacy picture studio in VBC front lobby.
- o Reunion Honor Class Pictures taken immediately following service on and near stage

- 5:30 pm CST - Reunion Honor Class Memories Program viewing at OUC In-person & Live streaming on Oakwood University Facebook & YouTube Channels.

- 6:00 pm CST - Sabbath Vesper Program at OUC In-Person Event & Live Streaming on Oakwood University

Facebook & YouTube Channels. Speaker: Pastor Darnisha Thomas '12 grad.

- 7:00 pm CST Airtime - The Aeolians Concert Under the Direction of Dr. Jason Ferdinand In-Person Event & Live Streaming on Oakwood University Facebook & YouTube Channels.

ALUMNI HOMECOMING 2022 SATURDAY NIGHT FUN:

- 8:00 pm - 12:00 am Midnight CST - ALUMNI HOMECOMING BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT 2022 AT ASHBY AUDITORIUM - In-Person Event. Look for the full schedule available by April 1st. Presented by the Oakwood Athletic Program. For more information email sjacob@oakwood.edu

- 8:30 pm - 11:00 pm - ZOOM Reunion Honor Classes GET-TOGETHERS Check OU APP or alumni.oakwood.edu for updates and more details.
- 9:45 pm - 10:15 pm - 125 YEAR CELEBRATION FIREWORKS DISPLAY near the silos In-person Event & Live Streaming on Oakwood University Facebook & YouTube Channels.

Sunday April 17th:

- 8:00 am - 10:00 am - Ride WitUs Huntsville in collaboration with the Office of Alumni Relations this is a free CYCLING ride during Oakwood Alumni Homecoming 2022. For all our Oakwood Cyclists and those who simply want to ride, bring your own bike or rent one in the city. Kellie Hart is the coordinator. Location: TBD

- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm CST - ALUMNI HOMECOMING BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT 2022 AT ASHBY AUDITORIUM & MAYBE

OAA - In-Person Event. Look for the full schedule available by April 1st. Presented by the Oakwood Athletic Program. For more information email sjacob@oakwood.edu

- 10:00 am - 1:00 pm CST VIRTUAL DEPARTMENTAL ALUMNI 360 Events - Zoom Events but some may be in-person. Alumni 360 our initiative where Oakwood alumni circle back to their alma mater to network for their profession, and help current students through providing mentoring, internship opportunities, and jobs. For updates & more details go to alumni.oakwood.edu

- 11:00 am - 1:00 pm 125th OAKWOOD CAMPUS TOURS - In-person event - Corner of Wade Hall & Edwards Hall at the Morning Star Connection Historical Marker. This is a walking tour approx. 1.5 hours. Some riding carts may be available for our seniors citizens.

- 10:00 am - 5:00 CST - OAKWOOD ALUMNI HOMECOMING VENDOR VILLAGE EXTRAVAGANZA - In-person event at Oakwood Farms surrounding area with 125th Celebration Apparel & items Giveaways, Music, Spoken Word, VIP VENDOR REGISTRATION go to alumni.oakwood.edu.

- o Oakwood Legacy picture studio

- 3:00 pm - 3:30 CST - OAKWOOD ALUMNI HOMECOMING PARADE 2022 - In-Person Event. Parade will start on University Way near Wade Hall. Parade participants are asked to stage at the Unity Pond, The Parade path is from Wade Hall on University Way through the main gate and ending at Wynn Drive.

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