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“... A knowledge of all of these other things matters not at all if you are unable to use that knowledge for your self-defense.”

- Amos N. Wilson

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**REVIVAL!** The Huntsville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., held its 6th Annual Interdenominational Spring Revival April 16-18 at First Missionary Baptist Church (Rev. Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, pastor). The guest evangelist was Rev. Willie Dwayne Francois, III, senior pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Pleasantville, N.J. The Singing Pearls of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter, also performed on Tuesday, April 17. (Photo by Chris Winston)



**I WISH ...** Grammy-nominated R&B singer-songwriter, Chicago-styled Carl Thomas was the featured entertainment for the 2018 Black Tie Scholarship Gala at Alabama A&M University. The packed event was held at the Von Braun Center's North Hall on Friday, April 20. (Photo by J. Saintjones)

## Valley University Prepares for Founder's Day 2018 Activities

A 1981 graduate of Alabama A&M University will be the keynote speaker for its Founder's Day Convocation on Friday, May 4, at 11 a.m. at the T.M Elmore Building on the AAMU campus.

Jamal Ali is an associate account director at Burrell Communications Group, a multicultural advertising agency headquartered in Chicago, Ill.

In his leadership role in the Washington D.C.-Baltimore market, he serves as the voice of the multicultural segment with

a specific emphasis on the African-American consumer.

In his 25 years of experience, he has worked on such brands as Procter & Gamble, Clorox, Burger King, General Mills, and McDonald's.

Ali also has a deep passion for protecting and saving the environment. He is an author of the book, "Black and Green: Black Insights for the Green Movement." He works to make sure the information flow, and the benefits of going green, reach the Black



community.

He has worked with the Toyota Green Initiative, a

project which promotes sustainability at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. He is proud to have worked with Alabama A&M in this effort.

Ali is a member of the AAMU class of 1981 with a Bachelor of Science degree in management. He earned his MBA in marketing from Indiana University. He is a life member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and was initiated at AAMU via Nu Epsilon chapter.

In 2015, under his leadership, Nu Epsilon chapter

became the first affinity group in the University's history, to endow a scholarship, donating \$100,000.

He and his wife Rosalind have two children, Arshad and Amirah. They reside in Alexandria, Va.

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# Washington in a Minute



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

1. The House and Senate are in session. On Monday, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted on the nomination of CIA Director Mike Pompeo to be Secretary of State. On Friday, Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE) announced that he would vote no, which likely means the committee will fail to approve the nomination with all Democrats and GOP Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) opposing him. Nevertheless, Pompeo is expected to ultimately be confirmed by the full Senate after Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) announced her support last week. On Wednesday, the House and Senate convened to host a joint meeting for an address by French President Emmanuel Macron. Later in the week, the House took up a 6-year reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration, which does not include the House GOP-backed privatization plan for the air traffic control system.

2. President and Mrs. Trump hosted a private dinner for French President Emmanuel Macron and his wife, Brigitte, at George Washington's home, Mount Vernon, which was followed by

the first state dinner of the Trump Presidency on Tuesday night for the Macrons at the White House with 150 guests. On Friday, he met with German Chancellor Angela Merkel at the White House, who was expected to urge President Trump not to pull out of the 6-nation Iran nuclear agreement.

3. On Wednesday, the Supreme Court, in its final oral argument of the 2017-18 term, took up Trump v. Hawaii, on the constitutionality of the travel ban that President Trump issued in September 2017, which limited travel to the U.S. by nationals from 8 countries: Libya, Iran, Somalia, Syria, Yemen, North Korea, Venezuela and Chad.

4. Foreign student enrollment in U.S. colleges is expected to drop by 6 percent this year, double last year's decline of 3 percent. Universities are attributing those numbers to the president's anti-immigrant rhetoric, especially his travel ban. Dozens of higher education groups penned an amicus brief on the ban's case before the Supreme Court this week, arguing "that since Trump signed the travel ban, international students have expressed concerns about coming to the U.S. to study, while faculty have turned

down jobs and foreign scholars have pulled out of American academic conferences.

5. The Trump administration is planning to propose a delay of an Obama-era regulation aimed at prodding states to step up their oversight of online colleges. The Education Department has sent to the White House Office of Management and Budget a draft proposed rule that would delay the effective date of the agency's "state authorization" rule governing distance education programs.

6. According to the Washington Post, in a first for a leader of either party in Congress, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) introduced legislation last Friday which would allow states to decide whether to make marijuana available commercially, ending the limbo that marijuana sellers find themselves in after Attorney General Jeff Sessions rescinded Obama-era guidance that prevented federal law enforcement officials from interfering with the marijuana business in states where it had legal status.

7. On Saturday night, the White House Correspondents' Association will host its annual dinner at the Washington Hilton. For the 2nd time in a row, President Trump will not attend the dinner – but this year is sending White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders, who will sit at the head table.

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## Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

Matthew 5:11-12 says, *Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. It goes on to say Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.*

You know, today we live in a time when "current events" motivate us to be committed to a cause.

Things like "Black Lives Matter" was motivated by so many black people being killed by law enforcement in a "non-pro-

portional way"--therefore causing many people to become committed to that cause. Then there was the "Me Too" movement that addressed sexual harassment and assault of so many women. That also caused people to be committed to

a cause. Now at the time of Jesus, there was often one motivation for "commitment to a cause," and that was life or death. So

many Christians at the time were committed to Jesus--so much so that they were willing to die for Him. Today, are we willing to stand for

the things in life that really matter and can make a difference? Are we willing to stand for the things that Jesus represents, like love, peace, joy and humility? You see, whenever we stand for things that matter, we will always have opposition. But, whenever we commit to a cause that is long overdue, and stand firm on what we believe, our reward will be great. And the reward comes when lives are changed and people have a voice to say, "Not anymore". Remember: If we don't stand for something, we will fall for anything ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.



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**From the Editor**

**Beginning, Ending and Beginning Again!**

As a teacher and trainer, I caution students and trainees about using the word "I" too often. So, as a disclaimer up front, this is an "I" story. After graduating from Monroe County High School in May of 1975, I was 15 years old and actually turned 16 that summer in July. I had been forced to read and discuss "To Kill a Mockingbird" for the last time. Immediately after graduation, I left home to begin college at Alabama A&M. During the summer of 1975, with the help of my sister, Mary, and the late Mr. Edwin Hill, I was able to get a job at the Community Action Agency. I worked at one of the day care centers, while becoming acclimated to the city and preparing for Freshman Orientation. My mother and I cried the day I left because both of us were sure of one thing: I was ready to go to college, and I would return home only to visit. Monroeville was not a place I wanted to live and work. By age 15, I had lived too hard and had seen too many things.

On last Saturday, we had the opportunity to attend a bridal shower in honor of Mariah Janae "Honey" Wilkins, hosted by Mrs. Georgia S. Valrie. Mariah is the great-grand daughter of the late Dr. James I. Dawson and Mrs. Gloria Dawson. I was invited as a long-time friend of the Dawson Family. While I did not know Honey personally, I know many of the elders in her family. Although she is taking on a husband next month, her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Mark (Angela) Wilkins; grandfather and his wife, Mr. & Mrs. Larry (Dione) Hamilton; and her great-grandmother, Mrs. Gloria Dawson, have much to celebrate about her new beginning. Your late grandmother, Mrs. Delarise Hamilton, is smiling at your success and wise choices.

Mariah graduated from Hazel Green High School and the University of Alabama at Birmingham, continuing her maternal family's legacy of studying education. She graduated last May from UAB, and began her career as a kindergarten teacher with Madison County Schools. After the wedding on June 15th, she will join her husband in Connecticut, where he works at ESPN. The blessed groom is Jeremiah Johnson, also of Hazel Green. Mariah and Jeremiah met in Hazel Green. He matriculated at the University of Alabama and graduated with a degree in sports journalism and communication studies. The New Haven area will be fortunate to gain a young teacher from Alabama whose great-grandparents, maternal grandmother and mother were teachers. Jeremiah will be blessed to gain a new bride, and they will experience a new beginning of love, hope and family. We learned at the shower that she would like to have three children. Endings, beginning, opportunities, challenges and rewards. I thank God for my three children. *Whew.* Go for it!

Dr. Dawson started and led the Cooperative Extension Program at AAMU for many years. As an undergraduate student, he hired me as a student employee. Gosh. I learned so much from him. Gifts of the Dawsons are everlasting. When Bill and I moved to Huntsville, he was serving on the Huntsville City Schools Board of Education. Bill was employed as a teacher and retired as a principal. He enjoyed the encouragement and support of Dr. Dawson during his tenure, which ended too soon because of the latter's declining physical health. Although Dr. Dawson has passed on and Bill's professional career has ended, our association with this family is a gift that keeps on giving.

Congratulations, Mariah. You are a beloved daughter, granddaughter, and great-granddaughter. How many of your friends get to experience the love of a great-grandmother from day-to-day? Mrs. Gloria Dawson is an octogenarian, a phenomenal woman, and one who loves her family. She demonstrates her love and support each day. I am convinced that this is one highly favored family. As you begin again, know that it is not an end, but a new start toward a new life with whom appears to be a fine, young Christian man. Blessings to you ...



*Dorothy*

# Valley Deaths

## - Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MS. RUBY JEAN HUMPHREY LYNCH (b. 1949) will be Friday, April 27, at 12 noon at First Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

Memorial service for MRS. RACHAEL R. FLINT (b. 1953) was Thursday, April 26, at 12 noon at Blackburn Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America with Pastor Tremaine D. Snodgrass officiating.

Funeral service for MR. ALVIN JAMAR (b. 1974) was held Saturday, April 21, at Syler Tabernacle with Elder Dennis Green officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JERRY C. GARNER (b. 1955) was held on Saturday, April 21, at Saint Rebecca Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Perry Clark officiating.

Memorial service for MR. EARNEST DUREN (b. 1930) was held on Thursday, April 19, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for MRS. IRMALENE DAVIS was held on Sunday, April 15, at Oakwood University S.D.A. Mosley Complex with Pastor Carlton Byrd officiating.

## - Royal Funeral Home -

A memorial service for MR. CEDRIC TATE (b. 1955) was held Sunday, April 22, at the New Life Seventh Day Adventist Church with Pastor Michael Ross, Sr., officiating.

Graveside service for MR. ALGIE GAMBLE (b. 1958) was held Friday, April 20, at Huntsville Memory Garden, (6810 University Drive N.W. Huntsville, AL 35806), with Minister Chase Thompson officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JERRY L. MCKINNEY (b. 1957) was held Thursday, April 19, at Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor Willie J. Mangruem officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. DONZELLA RICHARDSON (b. 1953) was held Thursday, April 19, at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Oliver officiating.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, April 17, for MRS. SHIRLEY NESBITT (b. 1939) at the C.T. Richards Chapel in the Mosley Complex on the campus of Oakwood University (5500 Adventist Boulevard, Huntsville, AL 35896) with Pastor Bobby Mitchell officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. LOUISE PITTS (b. 1948) was held Sunday, April 15, at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor Mylon Burwell officiating.

## Rep. Daniels to Address Area Commencement

Alabama State Representative and House Minority Leader Anthony L. Daniels will address the Spring Commencement program at Alabama A&M University on Friday, May 4, at 6 p.m. at the Von Braun Center in downtown Huntsville, Ala.

Candidates will receive undergraduate diplomas, as well as master's and doctoral degrees.

Reared in rural Midway, Ala., educator Daniels earned bachelor's and



master's degrees from AAMU. He previously served his Alma Mater in a staff capacity in corporate relations.



## HPS Scheduling Showcase

The Huntsville Photographic Society (HPS) will hold its 2018 Members' Showcase Reception on Thursday, May 17, from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Davidson Center for the Arts Lobby & Lowe Board Room. The exhibit will be displayed May 20-Aug. 5.

The showcase encompasses an annual juried selection of approximately 50 outstanding photographs by members of the Huntsville Photographic Society, founded in 1964, to promote the art and science of photography in Huntsville and surrounding areas. HPS offers informative programs, member contests, and special events.

This year's theme is "unexpected beauty." Organized by the Huntsville Museum of Art and HPS, the event is free to Museum members; \$5 after 5 p.m. Thursdays for non-members.

## Local Alum Performs Alongside Beyoncé

Last weekend, Beyoncé made history as the first African American woman to headline the Coachella music festival, a popular two-weekend gathering in Indio, California. Originally slated to perform last year, the "Single Ladies" singer dropped out after announcing that she was pregnant with twins.

Dubbed "Beychella" by fans, the ground-breaking performance has been compared to music pioneers Prince and Michael Jackson. And if you look close enough, you'll be able to catch Matthew Ashraf, an alumnus of Alabama A&M University in the mix. For her nearly two-hour set, the multi Grammy award-winner paid homage to HBCUs, illustrating the proud culture of institutions like Howard and Spelman. Complete with a marching band, baton twirlers and a step team, Beyoncé gave concert goers a taste of the black college experience while cruising through hits "Get Me Bodied", "Who Runs the World (Girls)" and "Sorry."

Ashraf attended A&M, where he played trombone in the Maroon and White marching band. Throughout the show, he could be seen onstage in the bleachers alongside a sea of band members decked out in yellow hoodie embossed with the Beta Delta Kappa crest, Bey's



fictional Greek-letter organization. Now based in Georgia, the musician writes, produces and performs under the name Mayday Muse.

Days leading up to opening night, sources reported that Beyoncé held 11-hour rehearsals with crew members who were asked to sign non-disclosure agreements. Ashraf wasn't able to comment about the specifics of the show until after Bey's second show. However, shortly after the performance, Muse posted a short message on social media.

"Well, what can I say but thank you for this experience," Ashraf posted on his Instagram. "I will never forget. Words can't explain ... I'm so humbled to be part of history." For those that haven't seen the historic production, Beyoncé's set from weekend on can be streamed online. However, those looking to see Bey close out the festival might be disappointed. Days before her final show, reps confirmed that the set will not be broadcast online.

by Reggie Allen

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- Sav-A-Lot
- Sneed's Cleaners
- Starbucks (Governors Drive, N. Parkway at Mastin Lake Road/University Drive)
- Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

## City Gets Funding for Flood Mitigation

The City of Huntsville has been awarded a grant from FEMA that will fund most of a \$15 million-plus flood mitigation project in the northeast quadrant from downtown.

The project will help reduce damages to 600 structures in a location susceptible to flooding, reducing on average some 36-42 inches of water during the most intensive storm events, according to Kathy Martin, Director of Engineering for the City of Huntsville.

The improvements are along the Dallas Branch and Pinhook Creek area. The path stretches from land just east of the Memorial Parkway-Interstate 565 overpasses to an area just north of Five Points.

The funding is part of a program initiated after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Because of residual damage done by the storm in Huntsville, the City applied then for assistance. Twice previously the application

was reviewed and denied by FEMA and the decision to appeal by the City of Huntsville led to the third-time-is-a-charm success.

"The city just never gave up," Martin said. "The team really believed in the project and knew it could help many property owners in those neighborhoods."

Here's the financial breakdown of what is officially labeled the "Hazard Mitigation Grant for the Dallas Branch and Pinhook Creek Flood Mitigation Project":

\$5,251,545 immediately to cover the beginning of Phase II of the three-phase project

\$14,954,105 is the FEMA commitment through the grant toward the project's completion

\$15,908,622 is the estimated cost for the entire project

The remainder would be covered by City funds.

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## A&M Founder's Weekend Awardees Announced

**1. THE ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Erica L. McClain, Huntsville-Madison County Alumni Chapter

**2. THE ELOISE STERRS AWARD**

Mary Williams Hurt, Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter

**3. THE PRICE, HOUSE, GIBBS CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Metro Atlanta Alumni Chapter

**4. AAMU AWARD OF MERIT**

Jeanette Jones, Ph.D. AAMU Professor

**5. THE THOMAS M. ELMORE AWARD**

Brandon Brown Metro Atlanta Alumni Chapter

**6. THE ARTHUR PILLAR AWARD**

Theromiles Flowers Huntsville-Madison County Alumni Chapter

**7. THE MAMIE LABON FOSTER AWARD**

Representative Anthony Daniels, Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter

## ALBlackCC Holding Forums for Women Business Owners

The Alabama State Black Chamber of Commerce is holding a series of forums throughout the state especially designed for women business owners. The first session of the series began in Tuscaloosa in March before launching in Gadsden in April.

The next Women Business Owners Forum will be held in Huntsville, Ala., on Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The session is only \$10 for persons affiliated with ALBlackCC or the North Alabama African American Chamber of Commerce. Guests and prospective members will pay \$20. The price includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Among the topics are SBA programs, work-family balance, asset protection, etc. For more information, call (256) 508-5034 or WeHelp@AL-BLACKCC.org.

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## LWV to Hold Comedic FUNdraiser

As part of its first fundraiser, the Tennessee Valley League of Women Voters (LWV) will participate in a FUNdraiser on Friday, June 8, in conjunction with Stand Up Live, the local comedy club, at 9:15 p.m.

Stand Up Live is located at 2012 Memorial Parkway, SW, Huntsville, Ala.

Dale Jones, part of the Clean Comedy Series, will be the featured comedian.

Tickets are \$15 each, and there is a two-item minimum for purchase of refreshments, which counts both food and drink. The menu also may

be viewed online.

Special tickets have been printed by the club for sale by LWV Members.

The age limit for entry "is 19 to laugh, 21 to drink alcoholic beverages."

Cate Hewitt (cate.hewitt@knology.net) and Wanda Shoultes (dancingfool1248@gmail.com) are leading the FUNdraiser, and they will report to the club each week with number of tickets sold.

Hewitt will handle the Madison area ticket sales and Shoultes will handle South Huntsville. There will be a Will Call at the door for those who pur-



chase tickets in advance, but have not received them until that night.

The members of the public are encouraged to purchase at least two (2) tickets for a good cause and then join LWV on June 8.

Kathy Jones serves as president of the TNV LWV Unit.

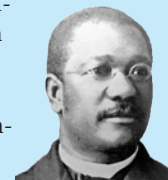
## WHCAA Announces Legacy Scholarship

The William Hooper Council Alumni Association announces the 2018 annual LEGACY Scholarship. All high school seniors who are candidates for graduation are eligible to apply for the \$1,000 scholarship to the post-secondary institution of their choice.

The application requires a letter of interest from the applicant; three recommendation letters, two from academic teachers and one from a community leader. An official copy of your scholastic transcript; and, evidence of admission to a post-secondary institution is also required. Descendants related to documented graduates and attendees of The Historic William Hooper Council High School will receive first consideration. Please include this reference in applicant's letter.

The deadline for receiving application is Tuesday, **May 1, 2018**. Scholarship Award will occur on or before May 30, 2018. Details will be announced later.

A recognition certificate will be awarded to the recipient and a check will be forwarded to the recipient's school of choice. Mail completed application materials, including letter signed by student and parent to: **WHCAA, P.O. Box 3853, Huntsville, AL 35810 - ATTN: Mrs. Evalyn Humphrey**. For additional information, contact Brenda Chunn, WHCAA president, at (256) 426-8625.



## Huntsville City Council Meetings



Huntsville City Council's regular meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. Council work sessions are also held in the Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

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

## The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

### April 27-29

Panoply Festival of the Arts  
Big Spring Park Huntsville  
Tickets are \$10/day and children 12 and under Free  
[www.artshuntsville.org](http://www.artshuntsville.org)

### April 28

Drug Takeback Locations:  
Huntsville Police Department  
CVS Pharmacy - Winchester  
Alabama A&M University  
Madison Police Department  
CVS - Hwy. 231-431N  
9 a.m.-12 noon

Diverse Educational Life  
Training Activities, Inc.  
Changing Lives Award  
Huntsville Marriott  
10 a.m.

### April 29

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TwistedFork 2018 Vegan and  
Vegetarian Festival

### May 4

Spring Commencement  
Alabama A&M University  
Speaker: Rep. Anthony

Daniels  
Von Braun Center Arena  
6 p.m.

### May 4-5

Whistle Stop BBQ Festival  
Huntsville Depot Roundhouse  
<https://whistlestopweekend.com>

### May 6

UAH Spring Commencement  
Von Braun Center  
Propst Arena  
2 p.m.

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Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

# Dr. Joseph Henderson

Coach Joe Henderson was born in Hale County, Alabama. He received his high school education from U.S. Jones High School in Demopolis, Ala. He later earned both the Bachelor of Science degree in history and physical education and the master's degree in counseling and guidance from Alabama State University in Montgomery. Continuing his educational pursuits, Coach Henderson earned his educational specialist degree from Georgia State University in Atlanta,



Georgia, in psychological counseling. He received the Doctor of Education degree in human development counseling from George Peabody College at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. Coach Henderson produced seven (7) Olympians, over 100 All Americans, three NCAA Division II Women's Outdoor Championships and one Indoor NCAA Division II Women's Championship. His women's team won 6 consecutive SIAC outdoor track and field championships and 12 consecutive

SIAC cross country championships. Some of his most successful athletes were: Grace Jackson Small (Olympic Silver Medalist), Jearl Miles Clark (Olympic Gold Medalist); Dannette Young Stone (Olympic Gold Medalist); Sharol Henry and a host of NCAA national champions, All Americans and SIAC champions. His peers voted him Regional (NCAA) Coach of the Year seven (7) or more times and National NCAA Coach of the Year three (3) times. He is married to Mildred B. Henderson. They have two sons, Titus Henderson and Joseph D. Henderson, and two grandchildren.

# TOWN HALL MEETING

## "Legislative Update"

Rep. Anthony Daniels

House District 53 &



Rep. Laura Hall

House District 19



April 30, 2018

Huntsville-Madison County  
Public Library Auditorium  
915 Monroe Street  
Huntsville, Ala.  
6-8 p.m.

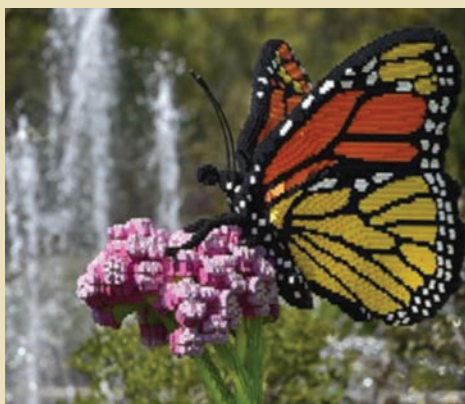
### FIT Huntsville Ph.D. Info Briefing Set

Dean Ted Richardson and fellow alumni will present an informational social hour on Florida Institute of Technology's doctor of business administration program April 26 at 6 p.m. at 6767 Old Madison Pike Progress Center, Bldg. 7, Suite 720, in Huntsville. RSVP by April 12 at tweaver@fit.edu or 971-9353. Students can earn a doctorate in less than three years. Harry Hobbs, DBA Site Director and Asst. Prof. of Business, FIT, Redstone/Huntsville, 6767 Old Madison Pike Building 7, Suite 720, Huntsville, AL 35806 - Cell 256-783-1793 <http://web2.fit.edu/huntsville/>

## Butterfly Season at Huntsville Botanical Garden

The Purdy Butterfly House is scheduled to open on May 1 at Huntsville Botanical Garden. HBG is located at 4747 Bob Wallace Avenue in Huntsville, Ala. This beautiful, soaring 9,000 square foot, natural stone and steel beam structure overlooking the entrance pond is home to thousands of native butterflies, tadpoles, frogs, button quail, turtles and other critters. The Purdy Butterfly House will remain open

through September 30.  
**Time:**  
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Thursday 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM, Sunday 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
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- Voltaire



**JOB ADVOCATES:** Members of J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College and North Huntsville Community United for Action hosted the Advanced Manufacturing Jobs event on Saturday, April 21, at Mae Jemison High School. (Photo credit: Dr. Clarence Johnson)

## A Message to Warriors

This week's article is primarily for men.

We have been called to be warriors. It's in our DNA. That's why we are so competitive. God has fearfully and wonderfully equipped us with "the stuff" that we need to carry out our purposes as men.

David is an excellent example of a wounded warrior. His most celebrated story is his encounter with Goliath. The battlefield is not only a place where we can be wounded but, because of previous battles, we may go onto the battlefield already wounded from previous battles, as was David.

In his dialogue with Goliath, he told him about his conquest over the lion and the bear. David did not come out of that unscathed, but he came out nonetheless.

Those wounds were visible; but what about the invisible ones? From what we know about family dynamics, there are times we can be wounded in ways that are not so visible.

David's father overlooked him when told by Samuel to bring in all of his sons for

the anointing of Israel's next king. David's older brother was jealous of him for not being picked and ridiculed him in front of the entire army.

However, when Goliath came on the scene with his blasphemous boasting, it

was David who was battle-ready and not a single other man in the army, including king Saul. Why was David ready? He had an authentic and assuring relationship with God. That is the key to being an effective wounded warrior.



### Worship Services

#### SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Faith Institute |  
9:15 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Worship

#### WEDNESDAY

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Bible Study

Pastor - Teacher  
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## 2018 Alabama A&M University Bulldog Football

Date	Opponent	Site	Venue	Time
Sept. 1	Miles College	HOME	Louis Crews Stadium (Crews Classic)	TBA
Sept. 8	University of North Alabama	HOME	Louis Crews Stadium	TBA
Sept. 15	U. of Cincinnati	AWAY	Cincinnati, Ohio	TBA
Sept. 22	Southern University	Neutral	Mobile, Ala. (Gulf Coast Challenge)	TBA
Sept. 29	Jackson State University	AWAY	Jackson, Miss.	TBA
Oct. 6	Texas Southern University	AWAY	Houston, Tex.	TBA
Oct. 13	Alcorn State University	HOME	Louis Crews Stadium (HOMECOMING)	TBA
Oct. 20		<b>OPEN</b>		
Oct. 27	Alabama State University	Neutral	Birmingham, Ala. (Magic City Classic)	TBA
Nov. 3	U. of Ark. Pine Bluff	AWAY	Pine Bluff, Ark.	TBA
Nov. 10	Grambling State University	HOME	Louis Crews Stadium	TBA
Nov. 17	Mississippi Valley St. U.	AWAY	Itta Bena, Miss.	TBA

## UAH Women's Lacrosse Team Overpowers Shorter, 25-5

The University of Alabama in Huntsville women's lacrosse team cruised to a 25-5 Gulf South Conference victory over Shorter on April 18 afternoon at Charger Park.

UAH improved to 12-3 (6-1 GSC), while SU dips to 0-10 (0-8 GSC).



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