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2019 Honorees, pictured above from left to right: Civic/Community Award, Mrs. Sharon Olshefski; Corporate Award, Mrs. Leteria Moses Waters; Education Award, Dr. Delores R. Smothers; Government & Industry Award, Miss Linda D. Fowlkes; Government Relations Award, Ms. Jo Miley; Religion Award, Reverend Jeremiah Chester; Small Business Award, Dr. Teneshia Daniels



Huntsville Progressive Chapter, Inc. Outstanding Alumna of the Year, Ms. Rosa Goston  
Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc. Outstanding Alumnus of the Year, Attorney Michael Walker  
Outstanding Achievement Award, Dr. Patricia G. Sims  
William Hooper Council Distinguished Alumna Award, Mrs. Miranda Bouldin Frost

## HPAC to Hold Annual Leadership Banquet

The Huntsville Progressive Alumni Association, Inc., of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., will hold its 18th Annual Leadership Awards Gala on Saturday, June 1, in the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center at Alabama A&M University at 6 p.m.

Eleven men and women are scheduled to receive diverse honors based on their service to the community and to the chapter and/or association.

Among the distinguished 2019 honorees are (l-r): **Civic/Community Award**, Sharon Olshefski, director of Pride for

Parents at Second Mile Development; **Corporate Award**, Leteria Moses Waters, assistant vice president/retail manager of Synovus Bank/Westside Center Branch; **Education Award**, Dr. Delores R. Smothers, instructor and division chair of the business, computer science and engineering division at J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College; **Government & Industry Award**, Linda D. Fowlkes, chief of the procurement support division at Headquarters U.S. Army Contracting Command, Contracting Operations Directorate,

Redstone Arsenal; **Government Relations Award**, Jo Gail Miley, administrative assistant, Madison County Commission District 6; **Religion Award**, Reverend Jeremiah Chester, senior pastor, St. Mark Baptist Church; **Small Business Award**, Dr. Teneshia Daniels, CEO and dentist, Premiere Dental Spa; (Bottom row): **Huntsville Progressive Chapter, Inc. Outstanding Alumna of the Year**, Rosa Goston, retired supervisory human resources specialist, Civilian Human Resources Agency; **Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc. Outstanding Alumnus of**

**the Year**, Attorney Michael Walker; **Outstanding Achievement Award**, Dr. Patricia G. Sims, president, J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College; and the **William Hooper Council Distinguished Alumna Award**, Miranda Bouldin Frost, president/CEO, LogiCore Corporation.

Music will be provided by saxophonist Alex Banks and vocalist Monica Phipps Stewart.

Banquet tickets are \$50 per person. The contact for individual tickets and reserved tables is Carla Clift at carlaclift@gmail.com or (256) 520-8992.

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## Third Annual Bradford's Gala Set for VBC

The Third Annual Friends of the Bradford's Scholarship Event in Honor of the Dr. Henry Bradford Jr. and Mrs. Nell Lane Bradford Scholarship Foundation, Inc., will be held Friday, June 14, at

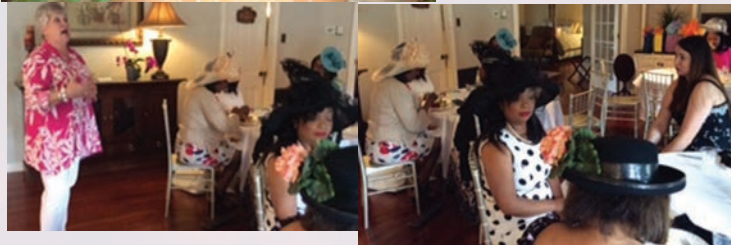
the Von Braun Center East Hall 2 at 6 p.m.

This year's event will feature the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter Delta Choir.

Individual tickets (dinner included) are \$50.



## From the Editor



### Greetings!

One year ago, Meghan Markle married Prince Harry. Lady Peggy Etheridge hosted a Royal Tea at her home in Madison. We dressed up, donned in some of our best, including hats, high heel shoes and pocketbooks. We enjoyed delectable food, special games and watched the royal wedding on television. It was a wonderful afternoon.

On last Sunday, we celebrated the birth of the royal baby at Our Harvest Home. It's a BOY and the Royal Baby Shower is a wrap! Thanks Lady Peggy Etheridge for another wonderful Sunday afternoon. This one was in honor of the birth of Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor. All gifts were donated to Terry Heights, a ministry of Second Mile Development, a local non-profit.

Again, we enjoyed wonderful food, fellowship and 'baby' games. Congratulations Meghan and Harry from Huntsville, AL. A good time was had by everyone who attended.

About the royal baby: Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor is the son of Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex. He is seventh in the line of succession to the British throne.

Ladies loving, giving, sharing and caring!! Until next week ...

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# Washington in One Minute



Here are the happenings in Washington, D.C., for the week.

1. The House and Senate are in session this week, leaving town on Thursday night for a one-week Memorial Day Recess. Once again, the Senate will try to get an agreement on the FY 2019 emergency supplemental appropriations bill, 2 versions of which – now totaling \$19.1 billion – have passed the full House. Key bills on the House floor this week include a bill to reverse the Trump Administration's efforts to dismantle the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and a bill to allow small businesses to band together to offer 401(k)s and to create a new tax credit of up to \$500 for companies that set up plans with automatic enrollment ...

2. President Trump met for Round 2 at the White House with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) for continued discussions on a bill to fund infrastructure construction around the nation, following last month's meeting where the two sides agreed to pursue a \$2 trillion infrastructure package ...

3. On Tuesday, Trump

Administration officials traveled to Capitol Hill to brief all House and Senate Members on the heightened tensions between the U.S. and Iran. In addition, House Democrats invited former CIA Director (and prominent Trump critic) John Brennan to discuss his views about the situation in Iran at their private weekly caucus meeting on Tuesday, according to The Washington Post. The Trump Administration recently sent an aircraft carrier and other military resources to the Persian Gulf region and withdrew nonessential personnel from Iraq, raising alarm among some members of Congress over the possibility of a confrontation with Iran.

4. On Thursday, the House Appropriations Committee continued its work on the FY2020 appropriations bills this week with expected subcommittee markups of the FY2020 Agriculture and Transportation/HUD Appropriations bills ...

5. The Hill newspaper reported on May 17 that acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney and acting OMB Director Russ Vought have been meeting with fiscal conservative groups to reassure them that President

Trump will not support a massive tax increase to pay for a national infrastructure bill ...

6. On Friday, President Trump agreed to withdraw tariffs of 25% and 10%, respectively, on imports of steel and aluminum from Canada and Mexico that he had imposed a year ago. In return, Canada and Mexico said they would lift retaliatory duties on many American goods, including politically sensitive farm products, such as pork (coincidentally, The Washington Post reported last Thursday that Chinese buyers canceled a major order for American pork). Also, on Friday, the President announced he is giving Japan and the European Union 180 days to agree to limit their auto shipments to the United States or face the threat of U.S. tariffs.

7. The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee has scheduled a hearing this week to discuss for-profit colleges. It will be held on Wednesday at 2 p.m. The witnesses will be Diane Auer Jones, the principal deputy under-secretary of education; a former student of the Illinois Institute of Art, a for-profit school; Christopher Madaio from the Maryland attorney general's office; and David Halperin, an attorney and longtime critic of for-profit schools.

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## Memorial Ceremony Set for Glenwood Cemetery

The Urban Emphasis Scout Leaders Council (UESLC) Greater Alabama Council will sponsor a Memorial Ceremony Saturday, May 25, 12 noon, honoring the memory of all deceased veterans, especially those whose final resting place is one of the historical black cemeteries in Huntsville and Madison County. Boy Scouts will place a flag at the gravesite of each veteran at Northside, Brandontown, and Glenwood Cemeteries.

The Memorial Ceremony will be held at Glenwood Cemetery 2300 Hall Ave NW (Corner of Hall & Cemetery Street). The program will include remarks by Col. (Ret.) Steven C. Froniaberger, playing of taps and a proper cannon military salute.

The public is invited to attend. Seating available for the physically challenged.



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## DLC Accepting Applications for 12th Cohort

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Applications are being accepted for Cohort XII of the Diversity Leadership Colloquium until August 27.

Classes will begin September 3 and end October 22, running 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday evening. Graduation

will be held on October 29.

Applications are available online at [www.diversityleadershipcolloquium.com](http://www.diversityleadershipcolloquium.com). Questions should be emailed to Mrs. Georgia Valrie at [gvalrie1971@gmail.com](mailto:gvalrie1971@gmail.com) or call (256) 656-4698.



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## Joe Namath Scores Greatest Victory (over Self)!

Read Psalm 51:1-19

### From Broadway Joe ...

Alabama's most controversial sports legend, Joe Namath:

- Quarterbacked Bear Bryant's Crimson Tide to its 1964 national championship;
- Guaranteed, delivered his 11-3 NY Jets (and the entire upstart American Football League) to upset the National Football League's 13-1 Baltimore Colts in 1969's Super Bowl III - forcing the NFL-AFL merger; and
- Championed the free-wheelin' 60's and 70's lifestyle of runaway addictions.



### ... To Freeway Joe

While some allege the "Broadway" to "Freeway" Joe branding applied exclusively to his being traded from NY Jets to the LA Rams in 1977, others interpret "free" as his 2003 liberation from alcohol addiction. But not without his public "lemon".

### Ego-holism Recovering Step #5: Turn your Lemons into Lemonade

God showcases our biggest icons (e.g., Cosby, Tiger, Starbucks, etc.); allows them to fall; to instruct us about idol worship. And recovering.

In his new autobiography, "All the Way: My Life in Four Quarters" this 1985 Hall of Famer admits that his greatest embarrassment led to his life-saving about-face.

A 2003 Monday Night Football sideline interview featured a drunk Namath asking to kiss the ESPN reporter. Twice.

Namath: "I had embarrassed my friends and family and could not escape that feeling. I haven't had a drink since. . . . That shame is where I found my strength to deal with the addiction. . . . I learned how fragile we humans can be."

### An 'Ol School "Super Bowl Quarterback" Speaks

After adulterating Bathsheba, scheming and murdering husband Uriah but later exposed artfully by Prophet Nathan, David who quarterbacked Goliath's upset penned his Namath-like Psalm 51:1-19: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me, . . ."

Q: Which of your personal lemons need God squeezing, sweetening into lemonade?

*tim allston is the author of the free book, 7 Steps to Manage Ego Problems: The How-to Guide for "Someone Else," free and downloadable now at [www.GetEgo-HelpNow.org](http://www.GetEgo-HelpNow.org).*

# Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

## “THE DANGER OF DRIFTING”

Hebrews 2:1 says, “We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.”

What does it mean to us as Christians to “not drift away.” The word *drift* means to be carried slowly by a current of air or water. In other words, it is a continuous movement from one place to another.

You know, I once read an article that said, “Far up the Niagara River some boaters would pay attention to warning signs, and they would notice the swift current that was taking them in a direction that they did not want to go. So whenever this would happen, they would steer

their boats in a different direction. A direction that was more safe. However, some boaters would not “heed” the warning signs, only to fall over the 167 foot drop.

Many Christians today find themselves headed into a direction that they don’t want to go. So in order for us to “steer” ourselves into a different direction, we need to first recognize the warning signs. I believe that these “warning signs” can come from a couple of things that causes us to drift away from our relationship with God.

I believe the first reason comes from neglect. We simply stop doing what we used to do--which was making time for God.

The second reason we drift is lack of discipline.

To become a better Christian requires spiritual discipline and staying in the word of God.

Remember, the world that we live in has “swift” currents and can take you places you don’t want to go. So, let us all learn to pay attention to the things in this world that cause us to “drift away” from the word of God.

And, when we do, we will be able to navigate through the storms of life, and we won’t “drift away” from the person that God has called us to be.

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!



# The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

**June 1**  
Eighteenth Annual Leadership Award Banquet  
Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc.  
Ernest L. Knight Reception Center  
AAMU Campus  
Tickets: carlaclift@gmail.com  
6 p.m.

**June 7**  
Huntsville Bible College 26th Vision Banquet  
“Celebrating Centennial Churches”  
Von Braun Center  
East Hall  
Huntsville, Ala.  
7 p.m.

**June 8**  
Family Fun Festival Expo  
Von Braun Center  
10 a.m.

**June 14**  
3rd Annual Bradford Gala  
Von Braun Center - East Hall 2  
(Tickets - \$50)  
6-8 p.m.

**June 15**  
13th Annual White Linen Brunch  
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# Millennial Thought

by Josh Alex Baker

“A Draft Deferred”  
Pour into your dream

today. Even if it terrifies you. Even if you don’t know exactly where to begin. Start somewhere. One of the most liberating artistic realizations I have ever made is that every creation does not immediately have to be a gem. As common knowledge as that might seem, it wasn’t always readily apparent to a young boy who expected his next work to be the one to change the entire world. We treat our lives as

if each next step will be the magnum opus.

As if each next attempt is the last. And, while it is critically important to take pride in each stretch of our journey, we must leave enough breathing room for our fallibility. Enough breathing room for newly-informed inquiry. Enough breathing room to figure it out.

Months after I self-published my first poem chapbook, I found myself scrolling through my photo gallery. Whilst doing so, I ran across the preliminary illustration for my book cover. It was rough.

It was simple. But it was an idea. It provoked the thought of possibility. It began to give a previously intangible dream legs to walk. It was by no means perfect, yet it was so necessary to the process. I still run across that photo today and become re-inspired all over again.

What preliminary illustrations stare at you today? Which drafts are waiting to be formed? There is no limit to the beautiful things you are bound to create when you simply become bold enough to try. So, start that draft. Labor with it. Watch it grow, and watch you grow. Langston told us the possible course of a dream deferred.

Don’t let your draft fall to the same fate.



**BIRTHDAY - MAY 24 - PATTI LABELLE** - Born in Philadelphia, the R&B legend known for her many hits, including “Lady Marmalade” (with LaBelle), “New Attitude” and “On My Own” (with Michael McDonald.).

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# Valley Deaths

## - Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. JAMES ("PEEWEE") LANGFORD (b. 1949) was held Saturday, May 18, at Big Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Jeffery Jefferson officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JOHNNIE LEE FLOWERS (b. 1949) was held Saturday, May 18, at First Missionary Baptist Church (20 Cahaba Road - Uniontown, Ala.).

Funeral service for MRS. PENNY ANDERSON HURT was held Saturday, May 18, at Syler Tabernacle with the Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin officiating.

Funeral service for MR. ROOSEVELT LOVE (b. 1926) was held Tuesday, May 14, at First Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Emeritus Julius R. Scruggs as eulogist.

## - Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. CYNTHIA LOUISE JONES (b. 1957) will be 12 noon, Saturday, May 25, at Saint Bartley Primitive Baptist Church (3020 Belafonte Avenue, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Jaymes Mooney officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. OLLIE BEATRICE THOMPSON (b. 1947) was held Wednesday, May 22, at Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church (759-A Pine Grove Road Harvest, Ala.) with Pastor Jerry Foster officiating.

Funeral service for MS. ISA ALEXANDER (b. 1979) was held Wednesday, May 22, at the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. O. Wendell Davis officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. MARJIE K. "COOKIE" LANIER was held Tuesday, May 21, at Springhill United Methodist Church (1605 Zeirdt Road, Madison, Ala.) with Pastor David Young officiating.

Funeral service for MR. ANTHONY JAMAL SMITH (b. 1999) was held Saturday, May 11, at Syler Tabernacle Church (904 Oakwood Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Trevor Briggs officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. LELIA YVONNE WOODS (b. 1950) was held Saturday, May 11, at Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church (759-A Pine Grove Road, Harvest, Ala.) with Dr. C. Jermaine Turner officiating.

## - Serenity Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. DONALD TROUPE (b.1963) was held Sunday, May 19, at Round Island Creek Mission Center located at 13829 Lucas Ferry Road, Athens, AL with Pastor Donnie Malone officiating.

# Billionaire Wipes out Debt of Morehouse Grads

A billionaire technology investor and philanthropist says his family is providing grants to wipe out the student debt of the entire 2019 class at Morehouse College.

Robert F. Smith made the announcement Sunday morning in front of nearly 400 graduating seniors, eliciting the biggest cheers of the morning.

"My family is going to create a grant to eliminate your student loans," Smith said, according to a tweet from the school.

The total amount Smith is pledging to donate is \$40 million. The total debt the students have is still being calculated. Morehouse

President David Thomas had "no idea" the announcement was coming.

"People were stunned. If you look at any other film footage, you will see the students turning to each other. What did he say? Did he say what I think he said," Thomas told CBS News correspondent Mark Strassmann. "This will allow them to pursue their dreams ... As opposed to serving the debt."

Morehouse College is an all-male historically black college located in Atlanta. Smith is the founder and CEO of Vista Equity Partners, a private equity firm that invests in software, data, and technology-driv-

en companies.

During his commencement speech, Smith referenced Martin Luther King Jr. and spoke of a 21st century tech-based economy being a "Fourth Industrial Revolution."

"When Dr. King said that the 'arc of the moral universe bends toward justice,' he wasn't saying it bends on its own accord. It bends because we choose to put our shoulders into it together and push," Smith said. "Technology is creat-



ing a whole new set of on ramps to the 21st century economy, and together we well help assure that African Americans will acquire the tech skills and be the beneficiaries in sectors that are being automated."

Smith received an honorary doctorate from Morehouse during the ceremony. He had already announced a \$1.5 million gift to the school.

## Called 2 Preach

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

### The "In" an "End" of Waiting for God

Psalm 40:1-3

"He brought me "up" also "out" of a horrible pit...and "set" my feet upon a rock...And He has put a new song in my heart." This was David's testimony of the experiences he had as he was "waiting for God." He opened this Psalm by declaring that he "waited patiently" for the LORD. These two words are actually translated from the same Hebrew word that carries the meaning of not only a time of waiting but also the mindset during that time. The word patiently means "to bind together." David was literally saying that while he was waiting

ence did "end" at some point and because David said that he was brought "up and out," it is obvious that God was present "in" the pit with him. David has left for us in perpetuity, proof that in every pit experience, there is an "in" and an "end." Our elders put it this way; "I'm wrapped up and tied



up with Jesus." Providential pits are often God's way of helping us to prepare testimonies that have what courtroom language refers to as having probative value; that which tends to prove the argument presented. When our pit experiences "end," that's proof that God was "in" there with us.

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# The Red Zone

by Danny Shepherd

*As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.*  
-John 15:9

Fall is hardly here, much less summer, but I can't stop thinking about the sights and sounds of college football. Here in the south, college sports are a pretty big deal, especially football. I've been thinking about all the preparations that even now are being made for opening weekend. All of the time spent in practice, strength building, game planning, and studying opponents.

It would be an understatement to say college football is less than a big business and that there are plenty of things that we read about it that shows us a negative side, one of deception, abuse, hate, violence and many other

things that happen with fans, players, coaches and academic institutions. You might say, that's the world we live in, but we love it! Regardless, we just can't help watching every game in hopes our team can make it to the red zone and score the winning touchdown, no matter what it takes.

But there's another red zone—the transforming power of the blood of Jesus Christ. In John 15, on the eve of His crucifixion, Jesus spoke two powerful paragraphs—one about love and one about hate. In John 15:9-17, He said His followers should be known for their love. He told them

to abide in His love and to love one another. In the next paragraph—John 15:18-25—Jesus warned them about the hatred of the world. The same world that hated Him would hate us.

How interesting. The distinguishing mark of Christians should be their love. Let's never let the

world seep into our bloodstreams. Abide in His love and serve someone today in His Name.

*We are to live out our horizontal relationships with one another in light of our vertical relationship with Christ.* - Tony Evans

Caption: University of Notre Dame's famous "Touchdown Jesus"



## Sickle Cell Walk Scheduled

*Put on your walking shoes, come out and walk with us! With us walking together, we can make a difference!*

The North Alabama Sickle Cell Foundation is asking that you put on your walking shoes and come out and walk with us to make a difference for SICKLE CELL AWARENESS, EDUCATION and RESEARCH.

The North Alabama Sickle Cell Foundation, Inc., (NASCF) in Huntsville, Ala., is hosting its

ANNUAL Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, June 1, 2019. This Walk-A-Thon is the



annual fund raiser for the clients served in the ten (10) counties of North Alabama.

The Walk-A-Thon is a fun way for the communities we serve to improve the quality of life for people

who are living with sickle cell conditions.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Big Spring Park, downtown Huntsville. The Walk-A-Thon is from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The WALK route is along the Old Town District. It starts at Big Spring Park and ends at Big Spring Park.

For additional information, contact the Sickle Cell office at (256) 536-2723 or e-mail [pthompson@sicklecellna.org](mailto:pthompson@sicklecellna.org)

### Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

## Rev. Ethel Y. Delaney

The Reverend Ethel Y. Delaney--"Sweetpea"--was born in Nashville, Tenn., attended Fisk University and continued her studies at Newark State College and Riverton Medical Technology School in Newark, N.J. She was professionally trained as a medical technologist/hematology specialist.

She has always loved music! Some of her life's music experiences include the following: guest soloist at a master class recital given by the famous Dutch Baritone Max Von Egmond at the Swelnic Conservatory in Amsterdam, Holland, and guest soloist for the Haitian Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Conference in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. She has been

a member of the Masterwork Chorus of Morristown, N.J.; a soloist with the Newark Choral Society; member of the Nashville Symphony Orchestra Chorus; and soloist with the Nashville Pro-Musica Chorus.

Reverend Delaney has sung for churches, colleges, community and civic organizations in numerous cities. She played a major role in Langston Hughes' Off-Broadway production of "Jerico-Jim Crow" at the Greenwich Mews Theatre in New York City (Hughes was frequently in the audience). She also starred in the Texas Theatre Art Guild's production of "Carousel." In 1992, while conducting a spiritual retreat for a Baptist



church in Savannah, Ga., sponsored by "Mission in Action," she was stirred by the Holy Spirit and convinced of her calling into Ministry. This was the unfolding of her new lifelong service in God's Word, especially as administered through music.

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## Young Violinist Featured by Youth Orchestra

Emma Boyd, 15-year-old violinist, beginning in Intermezzo, has been a member of the Huntsville Youth Orchestra since 2008. Since then, she has advanced to the first violin of the Huntsville Youth Symphony, and has participated in Valley Conservatory's Lyceum Orchestra, the Madison City Community Orchestra, and the Alabama Allstate Festival Orchestra.

In 2015, she was one of four winners for the Alabama Music Teachers Association Violin Competition, earning honorable mention the following year. In 2018, she was a recipient of the Gerhart Scholarship for attendance to the Tennessee Valley Music Festival and a winner in the

string division of the Huntsville Music Organization Scholarship competition.

In the 2018-2019 season of the Omega Psi Phi Talent Hunt Competition, she received first place in the local, second place in the state round, and the Grand Prize in the regional round. In 2019, she was the Assistant Concertmaster for the Alabama Allstate Festival Orchestra. She was also a member of the National Youth Orchestra 2 with Carnegie Hall during the 2018



summer season. Recently, she performed the Vieuxtemps Violin Concerto No.5 with the Huntsville Youth Symphony at the Spring Huntsville Youth Orchestra Concert, Sunday, May 19, at Trinity United Methodist Church. Emma attends Bob Jones High School. Her parents are pharmacist Gloria Boyd, and meteorologist Robert Boyd.

Article-Carmelita Gandy; Photo from the Valley Conservatory News and Notes November 2018

## Group Honors Contributions of AAMU First Lady

In 2009, Alabama A&M University First Lady Abbiegail Hugine formed the Bulldog Pride Committee (BPC) to instill campus pride and develop a core group committed to campus beautification.

The role of the committee expanded to take on such ambitious areas as fundraising for scholarships, community engagement and numerous other projects.

On Saturday, May 18, BPC members sponsored a celebratory brunch in honor of Mrs. Hugine's devotion to the campus community. Paying tribute were several elected



officials, as well as representatives from the President's office, the faculty, staff, alumni and students, and community organizations. Above, First Lady Abbiegail Hugine (r) watches as Alabama A&M University Bulldog Pride Committee members (l-r)

Felicia Wilson and Landon Conaway unveil photo portrait of the former at the Tenth Anniversary Celebration Brunch of the Bulldog Pride Committee at the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center on Saturday, May 18. (Photo by Jerome Saintjones)

## How to Help Kids Learn All Summer

(BPT) - Did you know 96% of teachers say that each fall, students appear to have forgotten or lost some of the knowledge or skills they learned the previous school year?

But don't worry, the good news is that 89% of parents plan to continue some form of educational activities with their chil-

dren during the summer. And 92% of teachers agree that students will be more successful overall if they keep learning during the summer months.

Here are five ideas to keep your kids' minds and bodies active all summer, so they'll be eager to pick up where they left off when the new school year begins.

1. Plan fun field trips.
2. Visit your public library.
3. Invest in daily learning activities, utilizing such aids as Carson Dellosa Education's Summer Bridge Activities and items.
4. Find summer camps.
5. Involve the whole family. Summer is all about fun and relaxation, but it's easy to include learning.

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