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Dr. Joseph Henderson

"Every day that we wake up is a good day." - Walter Mosley



Two AAMU Students Named White House HBCU Scholars

The U.S. Department of Education has announced the 2023 class of the White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence and Economic Opportunity through Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Scholars. Alabama A&M University students, Samarion Flowers and Morgan Marshall were named among undergraduate, graduate, and professional students from 29 different states and countries for their accomplishments in academics, leadership, and civic engagement.

A Detroit, Mich., native, Flowers is a senior urban and regional planning major and a Thurgood Marshall College Fund scholar. Marshall, a senior communications major from Mont-

gomery, Ala., is an Entertainment Industry College Outreach Program student currently part of the HBCU in LA initiative.

"Our 2023 HBCU Scholars are talented students who embody the culture of excellence and inclusion championed by our nation's HBCUs," said U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. "On behalf of the U.S. Department of Education and everyone across the Biden-Harris Administration, I congratulate each of our 2023 HBCU scholars on this prestigious recognition and thank them for their commitment to serving their communities."

Currently enrolled at 70 of HBCUs, this group of scholars were selected from a competitive pool of over 300 applicants.

NACEE Hosts 17th Annual Scholarship & Community Event

The North Alabama Center for Educational Excellence (NACEE) hosted its 17th Annual Scholarship and Community Service Awards Luncheon on Friday, July 14, at the Atrium at Redstone Federal Credit Union.

During the event, NACEE scholars were recognized for their achievements and community partners were acknowledged for their support of NACEE and its mission of preparing the under-represented for entry to, and completion of, a postsecondary degree.

NACEE Executive Director/President Dr. Earnest Davis welcomed scholars, parents and community leaders such as Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle and Mack McCutcheon, chairman of Madison County Commission.

The guest speaker, Dr.



Pictured (standing, l-r): Kolbie Bobo, Jeffar Ghalayini, Drew Groves, Kentrell Harris, Dominick Haynes, Victoria Kogo, Bailee Manning, Ceterra Ngwese, Cloe Sanders, Drake Shiverdecker and Xa-Quan Washington. Seated (l-r): Dr. Earnest Davis, Mayor Tommy Battle, Board Member Dr. Army Daniel Sr., Dr. Andrea Cummings and Chairman Mack McCutcheon.

Andrea Marie Cummings, brought the message of TRiO Programs to all who attended as she chronicled her own journey as a former TRiO scholar and educator.

Scholars from NACEE's pre-college programs were recognized, and the recipients of the NACEE Scholarship of 2023 were celebrated for their accomplishments.

Programs participating

were: Educational Talent Search – Huntsville (J. Ghalayini, C. Ngwese) and Jackson County (K. Bobo, B. Manning, C. Sanders), Upward Bound – Huntsville (K. Harris, D. Haynes,

V. Kogo) and Jackson County (D. Shiverdecker), Upward Bound Math Science – Huntsville (D. Groves, X. Washington).

- Submitted by Gary T. Whitley, Jr.

District 5 Town Hall Set for August 8

City Council President John Meredith has announced a District 5 Town Hall. Residents of the Capshaw, Harbin, Balch or Old Railroad Bed

communities should note the event has been moved to Tuesday, August 8, at 6 p.m. at Wall Highway Bapt. Church, 6597 Wall Triana Hwy.

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Washington
One Minute

by Ron Hamm

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

1. CONGRESS. The House and Senate are in session this week. The House will bring the first 2 of the 12 annual FY2024

appropriations bills to the floor: Military Construction/VA and Agriculture. Last week, the hard-right House Freedom Caucus exacted a pledge from the GOP Leadership to make further cuts to the FY2024

appropriations bills to bring domestic spending down to FY2022 levels (in a sharp contrast, the Senate Appropriations Committee is adding \$13.7 billion in spending to its versions of

the FY2024 bills). There is also a persistent rumor that that the House will take up resolutions to expunge the 2 impeachments of former President Trump (for soliciting Ukraine's interference in the 2020 U.S. presidential election and for inciting the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol), after Politico last week reported that House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) had promised former President Trump a vote on expungement before the 6-week August congressional recess, which starts this Friday. The Senate on Tuesday continued voting on its version of the \$886 billion FY2024 defense authorization bill.

2. THE WHITE HOUSE. On Tuesday, President Biden signed a proclamation to create the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument across 3 sites in Chicago and Mississippi, on what would

have been Mr. Till's 82nd birthday. On Thursday, the President welcomed Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni to the White House and on Thursday evening, the President is scheduled to deliver remarks at the Truman Civil Rights Symposium at the National Archives. On Friday, the President will travel to Maine. On Monday, First Lady Jill Biden was in Paris, where she participated in ceremonies to mark the U.S. rejoining the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), from which the Trump Administration withdrew in 2017.

3. FEDERAL RESERVE MEETING. The Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee met this Tuesday and Wednesday and was expected to raise rates by 25 basis points, which many in the financial world believe will be the last rate hike in this cycle. According to Reuters, the S&P 500 Index is up nearly 19% year-to-date and closed on Thursday at 4,534.87, only about 6% below an all-time high reached in January 2022.

4. HOMELAND SECURITY HEARING. On Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.,

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas testified before the House Judiciary Committee and was expected to face many questions on last week's action by the Biden Administration to order the State of Texas to remove the 1,000-foot chain of orange buoys in the Rio Grande River that it installed to deter illegal crossings near Eagle Pass, TX, because state officials did not obtain permits to place the barriers in the international waterway, where construction is regulated by border treaties between the U.S. and Mexico.

5. CLIENT WASHINGTON VISITS. Last week, Hamm Consulting Group welcomed clients Lansing Community College and the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) for meetings on Capitol Hill and with various federal agencies to advocate for higher education, workforce training and development, and the education and training for students to enter public service.

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Orion Event Will Celebrate
Hispanic Culture

Celebrate the start of Hispanic Heritage Month at The Orion Amphitheater on Sunday, September 17, from 12-6 p.m. with "Cultura Festiva," a FREE community festival

presented by Revel Events Agency and El Olmeca.

The six-hour Cultura Festival is an annual celebration of Hispanic culture, food and music in Huntsville. The event will consist of diverse Hispanic food trucks from Mexico, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Nicaragua and many other countries. Live musical performances by various Latin music genres will also be

featured, as well as a Latino-owned vendors village and a panel discussion with



Latin-owned business owners and community leaders in Huntsville.

This year, Cultura Festival expands its footprint by adding a 'Wellness Village' presented by Huntsville Hospital and consisting of resources and services in the health, financial, education and social sectors that lead to the success of a community. This is a free event, open to the public.

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Memorial service for MS. ADRIANA MCCANTS (b. 1992) will be on Saturday, August 19, at 11 a.m. at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral services for MS. BRITTANY HAMMONDS (b. 1991) was held Saturday, July 22, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Minister Vern Parrish officiating.

Funeral service for MS. INDIA L. "Tasha" WATKINS was held Friday, July 21, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with The Reverend Richmond Malone officiating.

Memorial service for MS. WANDA PALMER (b. 1964) was held Saturday, July 15, at First Missionary Baptist Church.

ROYAL FUNERAL HOME

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Funeral service for MRS. TINA LORRAINE MASON (b. 1968) will be 1 p.m., Saturday, July 29, at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church (2562 Bob Wade Lane, Harvest, Ala.) with Pastor Ricky L. Sykes officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. DARLENE HAYNES-BRIGGS (b. 1953) will be 1 p.m., Friday, July 28, at the Union Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (3126 Nevel Drive NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Reverend Dr. Edward Anderson officiating.

Funeral service for MR. GILBERT ARTHUR "Pete" MITCHELL (b. 1951) was held Sunday, July 23, at the Oakwood-Moseley Complex (7000 Adventist Blvd NW, Oakwood University, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Prentis Sorrells officiating.

Memorial service for MR. COREY JAMES COLEMAN (b. 2002) was held Sunday, July 23, at the First Seventh-day Adventist Church (1303 Evangel Drive NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Alexander Lampkin officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. ELEANOR VIRGINIA BURNETT (b. 1946) was held Saturday, July 22, at the Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church (229 Church Street NW, Huntsville, Ala.).

SERENITY FUNERAL HOME

2505 University Drive NW
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Funeral service for MR. JALAN COLEMAN (b. 1995) was held Monday, July 17, at Phillips CME Church, 2185 Winchester Road NW, Huntsville, Ala.).

Spiritual Game Plan

PRESTON BROWN'S



IF GOD BE FOR US

Genesis 29:31 says, "When the Lord saw that Leah was not loved (by Jacob), He enabled her to conceive, but Rachel remained childless."

The two foundations that drive most of our lives are approval and achievement. But we all need to remember that in God's eyes we are more than the "likes" that we get on Facebook.

We are more than the "views" that we get on YouTube. We are also more than the friends that we try to accumulate from various sources.

You see, God is not concerned with our social status. God is concerned

with what's going on inside of us.

God is concerned with matters of the heart. Whenever we start comparing our lives to other people, we end up frustrated, incomplete, and miserable.

So for every person that has been in a relationship and knows the pain of being unwanted, God has a plan for you, because God selects what man rejects.

Remember, God's being here for us means more than the approvals and achievements of this world.

You see, God has a word for the people that, for whatever reason, have not been chosen in this world. God says to all of us: "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

(Hebrews 13:5). Therefore, when this world finds no interest in you, remember that God finds interest in you and He is interested in everything that you do. That's the kind of God that we serve.



May God grant you spiritual success in finding out just how much he loves and cares for you.

Question: Have you ever felt like you were not loved by someone? What did you do?

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and make sure you purchase a copy of my books, *Spiritual Game Plans For A Successful Life* and *A Champion Game Plan for Life* at amazon.com, Westbow Books or--if you have a PayPal account--email me at prestonbrown81@gmail.com, and I will send you an autographed copy.

Huntsville 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.



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- Aristotle

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HAPPENINGS, ACTIVITIES & MORE!

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North Alabama NSBE Professionals Golf Tournament
The Links at Redstone
Redstone Arsenal, Ala.
Registration: \$85/person;
\$325/four-person team
www.nsbe-northalabamaae.com
8 a.m.

July 29

Rocket City Moontime Market

The Camp

Huntsville, Ala. - 12-4 p.m.

July 30

The Annalisa Experience Presents
Educators' Brunch N' Vibe
3311 Bob Wallace Avenue
Southwest - #Suite 101A
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August 3-5

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August 5

Alabama Association for the Arts
2nd Annual Black Tie Gala
https://www.blacktiegalahsv.com/
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7-11 p.m.

August 10-12

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August 19

Shop Black Huntsville Fest
Butler Green @ Campus 805
Huntsville, Ala.

Shakespeare in the Garden
"A Midsummer Night's Dream"
Huntsville Botanical Garden
7:30 p.m.

August 27

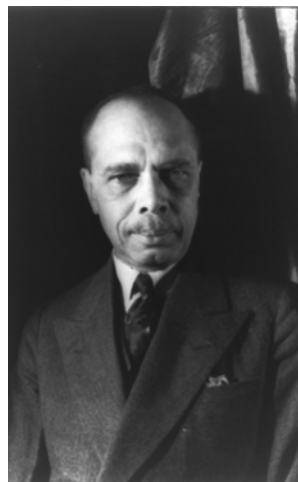
Learning Expo 2023
The Orion Amphitheater
MidCity
Huntsville, Ala.
1 p.m.

September 7

Steve Brown
Comedian
Stand Up Live Huntsville
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7 p.m.

October 7

Rocket City Scottish Festival and Highland Games
Sharon Johnston Park



ON THIS DAY

On July 28, 1917, James Weldon Johnson organized a "Silent Parade" of 10,000 African-Americans in New York City to protest against lynching.
- Britannica.com

"All poets,
all writers
are
political."

- Sonia Sanchez

NAAACC Meetings

The North Alabama African American Chamber of Commerce (Huntsville) meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 12 noon.

The meeting location varies. Call (256) 564-7574.

PowerShot

"Do remember that the grunt work comes before the great work."

J. T. Moore



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"Man cannot live without some knowledge of the purpose of life."
- Chester Himes

Did You Choose It Anyway? ...

Did you choose it away ...

Have you been making decisions, slipping your morals, values, and time away from things that you know aren't good for you? Did you let your mind beat you for what you know to be a good opportunity, focusing on superfluous things that don't matter? Do you feel your progress slipping away? Or do you understand you chose it away?

Be honest with yourself.

Each decision begets a

Millennial Moment

by Gloria B. Caldwell

response, reaction, or circumstance. These decisions ultimately belong to you. We are given the gift of choice. You can make wise decisions, considering outcomes that will work best for you. You can decide to make decisions and take risks that may or may not pan out. You can choose to opt out of opportunities

and do nothing. My point here is that it's all your decision. It would help if you took accountability for what you gain ... and lose.

Don't choose away the best livelihood you can provide yourself by being lazy, complacent, or afraid. Choose abundant life through faith and proper

action. The choice is yours!

Make the right decision. You can do it. I believe in you! Start believing in yourself.

God loves you, and so do I.

He has given you a gift; open it!

'No More Dirty' Good Music & Arts Fest Oct. 1

No More Dirty (NMD) announces its 3rd Annual No More Dirty Good Music & Arts Festival on October 1 at Big Spring Park East, 200 Church Street, in downtown Huntsville, Ala., from 3-8 p.m. The free event has been

dubbed "100% Kid & Family Friendly" and will include food, fun and games.

In addition to Denise Tichenor-Davis and comedian Small Fire, the guest artist roster features Chris Brunson & Anointed, Charles

& Tanya Harris, DBrealmuzik, Angela Bryant, Sky Jasper and the Huntsville Community Drumline. The DJ's House will include DJ Sam Smite, DJ Teef, DJ Siza Hanz and DJ Fanatic.

Among the activity's

co-sponsors are Redstone Federal Credit Union, Huntsville Music Office, Huntsville Utilities, Asha Kiran and the City of Huntsville. For additional information, contact host Fred Whitlow II at info@nomoredirty.org.

Huntsville Happenings

by Gary T. Whitley, Jr.

SACS Bar & Grill's 10th Anniversary White Party



There was a lot of fun and excitement at one of Huntsville's most popular spots, widely known as a tasty and reliable Rocket City destination for healthier soul food and good times. Located on Mastin Lake Road in the northwest quadrant, hardly a block from Jordan Lane, SACS draws visitors throughout the region. (Photos by Anthony Gibson)



Remembering the last John (Lewis) and the first John (the Baptist)

"Whenever he listened to him he was miserable with guilt—and yet he couldn't stay away. Something in John kept pulling him back" - Mark 6:20

Our First John

King Herod could not resist John the Baptist's words and life-calling. Despite imprisoning John for exposing Herod's affair with his sister-in-law Herodias, the king was drawn to the first John - Christianity's "O.G.!"

Our Last John

On July 30, when we said goodbye and thanks to the last John (Lewis), civil rights O.G. and longtime Georgia congressman, we commemorated our last John mimicking our first John. Both:

Caused "Good Trouble," John Lewis' slogan for justified civil disobedience;

Were imprisoned for speaking truth to power; but most importantly,

Paved the way for future human rights activism and political in-correctness.

Their Legacies

In baptizing his cousin, John launched Jesus' three-year ministry. Today 2000 years later, approximately 2.7 billion people - one of every three world citizens - claim to be followers of Jesus Christ.

Lewis was the early wunderkind of the Civil Rights Movement which spawned such 60's Good Trouble as the Anti-Vietnam War, Free Speech, Gay Rights, and Women's Liberation movements.

The youngest 1963 March on Washington speaker at age 23, our last John is dubbed by many as the "O.G." of today's Black Lives Matter movement, fueled by young people worldwide demanding racial justice and fairness.

What Good Trouble are you willing to live for? Die for?

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A&M Physicists Receive DOD Grant

As part of the FY2023 U.S. Department of Defense Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions (HBCU/MSI) Research and Education Program, the Alabama A&M University Department of Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics was recently awarded a grant for its project titled "Investigation of the Effect of Metallic Nanoparticles Plasmonics on Rare-Earth Luminescence."

Individual awards of up to \$800,000 will support research projects in defense priority areas at 50 institutions, including 12 HBCUs and 38 MSIs across 18 states and the District of Columbia.

Principal investigator

Dr. Rami Bommareddi and co-principal investigator Dr. Ashok K. Batra helped secure a \$620,000 award for AAMU out of 80 HBCU proposals.

"We extend heartfelt congratulations to both Dr. Reddy and Dr. Batra on this extraordinary achievement," said Associate Dean and Chairperson Dr. Padmaja Guggilla. "Dr. Reddy has truly emerged as a trailblazer within the Physics Department, and this grant serves as a testament to his outstanding contributions."

The awards are the result of a merit competition administered by the Army Research Office under policy and guidance from the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineer-

ing, with participation from the Office of Naval Research and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

"This prestigious grant not only recognizes the exceptional service of our faculty, but it provides valuable opportunities for both graduate and undergraduate students to participate in this groundbreaking research," said Guggilla.

The AAMU project seeks to pave the way for new discoveries and advancement in the field of rare-earth luminescence.

More on the DoD HBCU/MSI Program and Outreach: <https://bit.ly/AAMUDoD>

Couple's New Book Offers Insights on Living Flawlessly

Dr. Harry Hobbs and his wife Erica Hobbs have a new book, "A Flawed Man's Plans in God's Hands: Live a Better, Fuller Life with Fewer Flaws and More Joy."

The book went live on Amazon (paperback and Kindle), almost aligned with Dr. Hobbs' 63rd birthday.

"My prayer is that this book that I wrote along with my wife of 42 years, Erica, will allow others that may read it and have had or are going through similar challenges in life, to realize that God forgives even if people won't," Hobbs said.

"Also, what God has for you no man or system can take it from you," he continued. "No one is



people to remember to "be kind to others and others will be kind to you in your weakest moments in life."

He said no one succeeds alone, and success is empty without family and friends to

celebrate it.

"People see a picture of someone successful and don't understand the pain and sacrifices it took to get to that picture," stated Dr. Hobbs. "God is alive and God is Real!"

For more information on the book, visit amazon.com or <https://lnkd.in/g/eezkgk>.

perfect and life is messy. But through faith in Jesus Christ, along with perseverance and repentance, you still can be successful in life, in business and in your community."

Hobbs encourages

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This Sunday's Lectionary



Sunday, July 30, 2023

Ninth Sunday

After Pentecost

(Track 2, Year A)

First Lesson:

1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalm 119:129-136

Second Lesson:

Romans 8:26-39

GOSPEL:

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



Rosetta James Foundation "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, Tennessee. He served his country in the U.S. Army as a military policeman for two years, becoming the first African-American to receive "MP of the Month" at Camp Casey, Korea.

In 1975, Coach Henderson entered the ranks of college coaching at Alabama A&M University. His first assigned duties were as an instructor in physical education, ath-



letic counsel, assistant basketball coach and head track coach. He was given one (1) shoe to start his track program. From one shoe at AAMU, 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 16 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 Medal-

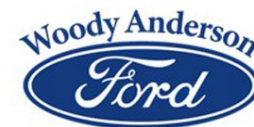
ist); Sharol Henry (First AAMU National T&F Champion); and a host of NCAA national champions, All Americans and SIAC champions. His peers voted him Regional (NCAA) Coach of the Year seven (7) or more times and National NCAA Coach of the Year three (3) times. During the early years of his college career Coach Henderson served as commissioner of the Alabama AIAW, which included all of the major colleges and universities in Alabama and athletic director at AAMU from 1977-1979. When he was appointed as athletic director in 1977, the athletic program consisted of four male sports. During his two years and under his supervision, the athletic program grew from four men sports to seven (7) men sports and six (6) women sports. Under his administration, the only national soccer championship was won by Coach Salah Yousif.

He is married to Mildred B. Henderson, and they have two sons, Titus O. Henderson and Joseph D. Henderson, and two grandchildren.



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JULY 28 - SOULJA BOY - DeAndre Cortez Way, aka Soulja Boy Tell 'Em or simply Soulja Boy, is an American rapper, record producer, actor, and entrepreneur. In September 2007, his debut single "Crank That (Soulja Boy)" peaked at number one on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100. The single was self-published to the internet and later became a number-one hit in the United States for seven non-consecutive weeks starting in September 2007. On August 17, Way was listed at number 18 on the Forbes list of Hip-Hop Cash Kings of 2010 for earning \$7 million that year.



- BlackCelebrityBirthdays.org

State Reps. Hall and Daniels Hold Town Hall Meeting on Redistricting, Updates

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Alabama State Representatives Anthony Daniels and Laura Hall held a town hall meeting that focused on redistricting as well as provided key legislative updates on the 2023 regular session.

The meeting was held Monday, July 17, at Mae Jemison High School. The following is a listing of the House bills passed during the regular session:

HB217—Anthony Daniels (Madison): Exempts from state income tax any overtime hours for hourly waged workers (overtime hours = hours above 40 per week).

HB289 – Juandalynn Givan (Jefferson): Requires the disclosure or release of recordings made by body-worn cameras or dashboard cameras used by law enforcement agencies, upon request by the subject of the recording or a family member of the subject.

HJR243 – Penni McClammy (Montgomery): Establishes the Joint Study Commission on Grocery Taxation, to complete the full removal of the sales tax on grocery items.

HB13 – Chris England (Tuscaloosa): Authorizes municipal law enforcement officers to issue a summons and complaint in lieu of a custodial arrest for certain nonviolent criminal offenses.

HB133 – Neil Rafferty (Jefferson): Relating to state income tax; to establish the Preceptor Tax Incentive Program to provide income tax credit incentives for certain medical students who train in rural and underserved counties in the state.

HB45 – Jeremy Gray (Lee, Russell): In relation to public K-12 sports; Education for students, parents, and schools about cardiac health and sudden cardiac arrest. Establishes penalties and protections for public K-12 coaches who do not take training for sudden cardiac arrest or who do not follow safety procedures.

HB154 – Napoleon Bracy (Mobile): Provides a 2% cost of living wage increase for Alabama state employees.

HB3 – Rolanda Hollis (Jefferson): Bans smoking/vaping in a motor



Reps. Laura Hall and Anthony Daniels (top left) provided redistricting and other legislative updates at Mae Jemison High School during a town hall meeting held on Monday, July 17. Among those pictured above are Dr. Patricia Sims, president, Drake State Community and Technical College, Alice Sams, Kevin Gaston and David Person. (Photos by Anthony Gibson)

vehicle when a child under the age of 14 is present.

HB4 – Prince Chestnut (Dallas, Perry): Blocks employers from mandating employees to be microchipped as a mandatory condition of employment. Employers that would require employees to have implanted microchips would be charged with Class D Felony.

HB247 – Anthony Daniels (Madison): Changes the name of the Innovation Corporation to “Innovate Alabama” and revises the residency requirements for recipients of STTR/SBIR grants (for technology accelerators and underrepresented businesses); reestablishes the technology accelerator tax credit program within Innovate Alabama (was formerly within Department of Commerce). Part of the historic “Game Plan” economic development package.

HB253 – Adline Clarke (Mobile): Renews the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit for renovation of historic properties and provides further for criteria for those properties.

HB304 – Neil Rafferty (Jefferson): Authorizes alcoholic beverage sales by food and beverage trucks within established entertainment districts by extending the license to municipalities in all classes.

HB486 – Laura Hall (Madison): Exempts the Alabama Women’s Tribute Statue Commission from

the public works competitive bid law in cases involving works or statues directly related to Rosa Parks and Helen Keller on the grounds of the Capitol.

HB155 – Laura Hall (Madison): Secured \$169, 633 to be appropriated from the State General Fund to the Coalition Against Domestic Violence for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2024.

HB55 – Juandalynn Givan (Jefferson): The Department of Health would establish a Certificate of Nonviable Birth to issue to parents, upon request, for certain nonviable births.

HB127 – Peblin W. Warren (Macon, Lee): Enables funding for the Children’s Health Insurance Program and programs for tobacco control among children with the purpose being to reduce the consumption of all tobacco products by children.

HB107 – Juandalynn Givan (Jefferson): Relating to Jefferson County; prohibiting certain forms of street racing and exhibition driving on both public and private property without consent of the property owner.

HB108 – Juandalynn Givan (Jefferson): Relating to Jefferson County; amending section 45-37-30, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide funding of the Jefferson County Cemetery Board as well as making nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

HB205 – Neil Rafferty (Jefferson): Relating to the Alabama



Sunset Law, the Alabama Athletic Commission continued until October 1, 2027.

HB206 – Neil Rafferty (Jefferson): Relating to the Alabama Sunset Law; to continue the existence and functioning of the Alabama Athlete Agents Commission until October 1, 2027.

HB207 – Neil Rafferty (Jefferson): Relating to the Alabama Sunset Law, the existence and functioning of the Alabama Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects until October 1, 2027.

HB322 – Tashina Morris (Montgomery): Relating to Montgomery County; to further provide for the salary of the members of the Montgomery County Commission.

HB326 – Artis “A.J.” McCampbell (Sumter, Marengo, Pickens, Tuscaloosa): Abolishes the office of constable in Marengo County.

HB332 – Barbara Boyd (Calhoun, Talladega): Relating to Talladega County; to abolish the office of constable effective at the conclusion of the current term.

HB336 – Rolanda Hollis (Jefferson): Amends Sections

9-14C-2 and 9-14C-8, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for the Red Mountain Greenway and Recreational Area Commission to be renamed the Jefferson County Greenways Commission.

HB381 – Kelvin Lawrence (Lowndes, Autauga, Montgomery, Wilcox): Amends Section 11-54A-7, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the qualifications for directors of redevelopment authorities.

HB449 – Peblin W. Warren (Macon, Lee): (not signed by Governor) Establishing Macon County Economic Development Authority.

HB463 – Artis “A.J.” McCampbell (Sumter, Marengo, Pickens, Tuscaloosa): Amends manner in which deputies, clerical staff, and jail personnel in Marengo County receive compensation.

HB510 – Artis “A.J.” McCampbell (Sumter, Marengo, Pickens, Tuscaloosa): Abolishes the office of the constable in Sumter County.

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