

# The Valley Weekly

"Reserve your right to think, for even to think wrongly is better than not to think at all."

- Hypatia

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## Saved in the City Conference Set

Registration is now open for the 2019 Saved in the City Conference, scheduled September 5-7 at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville, Ala. It's considered "the ultimate weekend experience" for women.

It will include kick-off and block parties with live DJs on the 1's and 2's, to the official hair and fashion show-- not to mention, powerful and practical sessions on business, mental health, relationships, faith and so much more. Visit [savedinthecityconference.com](http://savedinthecityconference.com).

## Huntsville Site of India Festival

The India Festival - Ray of Hope event will be held Saturday, August 31, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Von Braun Center North Hall.

The India Festival is a cultural event to support a non-profit community-serving organization, Asha Kiran. The activity showcases the heritage, culture, fashions, arts, cuisine, handicrafts, and merchandise of India.

The cultural affair also aims to promote the cultural richness and diversity in the Tennessee Valley through a wide range of entertainment programs, educational activities and much more in this day-long event.

The festival will feature keynote speaker Arun M. Gandhi, grandson of the late Mahatma Gandhi, who was known for non-violence and peaceful resolution to political conflicts.

## Popular Medium Coming to The Ville

American TLC television personality and medium Theresa Caputo will appear at the Von Braun Center Sunday, September 22, at 3 p.m.

Caputo is best known for portraying a medium in the TLC reality TV series "Long Island Medium" since 2011. She is also the author of two books.

## Distinguished Professor at UA Will Discuss Black Alabamians at AAMU

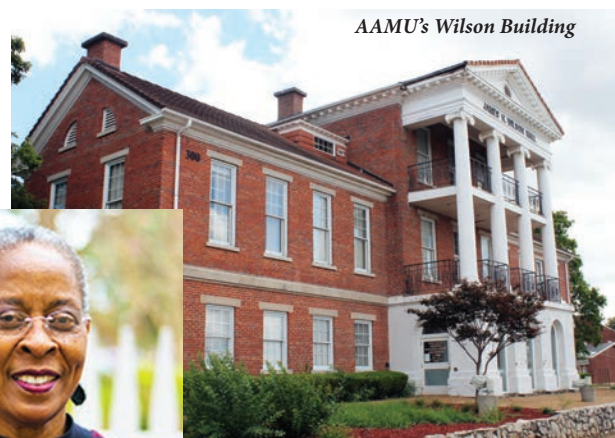
*Native Tuscaloosan is Alum of  
Druid High School and  
Stillman College*

Dr. Trudier Harris, University Distinguished Research Professor at the University of Alabama, will give a presentation on building community engagement with black stories in Alabama.

Harris will speak at the State Black Archives on the Alabama A&M University campus. Dr. Harris' presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, at Wilson Hall (State Black Archives) at 7 p.m.

She was the sixth of seven children born to Terrell Harris, Sr., and Unareed Burton Moore Harris. She is also a sister of Rev. Dr. Terrell Harris, Jr., senior pastor and founder of True Light Church of God In Christ in Huntsville, Ala.

Harris attended the all-black Druid High School, where she wrote the senior play for her graduating



AAMU's Wilson Building



class. Harris remembers that even within the black community, racial prejudices existed; she recalls being excluded from cheerleading because of her darker skin.

A 1969 graduate of Stillman College, a historically black college/university in Tuscaloosa, Ala., that remains affiliated with the Presbyterian church, Dr. Harris went on to earn the M.A. degree in English (1972) and the Ph.D. in American Literature and Folklore from The Ohio State University.

She is the author of 10 books, including "Saints, Sinners, Saviors: Strong

Black Women in African American Literature," which was published by St. Martin's Press in 2001, and "Fiction and Folklore: The Novels of Toni Morrison" (1991).

## Madkins Chapel to Hold Men's Day

The Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church Family, pastored by Reverend Endia J. Scruggs, will observe the Annual Men's Day Program on Sunday, September 8, at 9:30 a.m.

The Reverend Dr. Carlton P. Byrd, pastor of Oakwood University Church in Huntsville, Ala., will be the speaker for this program.

The public is invited to share in this annual worship service.

For more information, contact Annie Harris at (256) 534-1192 or e-mail [madkinschapel@knology.net](mailto:madkinschapel@knology.net).

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# Washington in One Minute



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

1. House and Senate are in recess until September 9.

2. President and Mrs. Trump departed Washington on Friday night to attend the Group of Seven (G7) Summit in Biarritz, France, which ran through Monday. Also attending were the leaders of Britain, Germany, Italy, Japan, Canada, and France, with each of whom President Trump scheduled separate 1-on-1 meetings, except for Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conti, who resigned last week. On Aug. 31-Sept. 2, the President will visit Warsaw, Poland, for the 80th anniversary of the start of World War II. A planned visit to Denmark

on Sept. 2-3 was cancelled by President Trump after he was publicly rebuffed by Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen for his proposal to buy Greenland.

3. Last Friday, China announced it will impose tariffs of 5 to 10% on \$75 billion worth of U.S. goods in two batches, with the first going into effect next month and a second scheduled for December. The second batch of tariffs will reportedly include a 25% tariff on all U.S. automobiles. On Friday, in retaliation for China's actions, President Trump directed the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) to increase by 5% the tariffs on approximately \$550 billion worth of Chinese imports. For the 25% tariffs

on approximately \$250 billion worth of Chinese imports, USTR will begin the process of increasing the tariff rate to 30%, effective October 1, following a notice and comment period. For the 10% tariffs on approximately \$300 billion worth of Chinese imports that the President announced earlier this month, the tariffs will now be 15%, effective on the already scheduled dates for tariff increases on these imports. In related news, in a series of tweets over the weekend, the President called on American companies to cut ties with China and said that he is empowered by the International Emergency Economic Powers Act of 1977, which allows the president to declare a

national emergency if he decides that circumstances abroad have created "any unusual and extraordinary threat" to "the national security, foreign policy, or economy of the United States."

4. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD) stated late last week he planned to talk to House Appropriations Committee Chair Nita Lowey (D-NY) and Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Richard Shelby (R-AL) to urge them to do everything they can between now and September 30 to reach an agreement. Rep. Hoyer said he believes the two chambers

can get to an agreement on most of the bills before the September 30 deadline. He says if a stopgap is needed, it will be short term and no longer than 60 days.

5. The CNN Network will host a "Climate Crisis Town Hall" in New York City on the evening of September 4, 2019, featuring Democratic presidential candidates Biden, Booker, Buttigieg, Castro, Harris, Klobuchar, O'Rourke, Sanders, Warren, and Yang. CNN anchors Erin Burnett, Anderson Cooper, Chris Cuomo and Don Lemon will moderate individual candidate segments and CNN Chief Climate Corre-

spondent Bill Weir will join in the questioning throughout the event.

6. On Sunday, former one-term Congressman James Walsh (R-IL) announced on ABC's This Week that he would join the GOP presidential primary field with already-announced ex-Massachusetts Gov. William Weld running against President Trump for the Republican nomination.

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**A VICK PIC!** NFL legend Michael Vick (center) interacted with Alabama A&M University students as part of the school's Beyond Normal Lecture Series on August 22 at the Ernest L. Knight Center. Vick, interviewed by Janae McDowell, talked about the impact of decisions and the importance of remaining focused. (Photo by Jerome Saintjones)

## Leaving Your Job? What Happens to Your 401(k)?

Leaving Your Job? What Happens to Your 401(k)? It's quite possible you will change jobs at some point. When you do, what will happen to your 401(k)? You could simply cash it out, but if you're younger than 59 ½, you'll owe taxes, and probably a 10% penalty, too. And just as important, you'll be depleting money that should go to your retirement.

You might be able to keep your 401(k) with your old employer or move the money to your new employer's plan. In either case, you won't face an immediate tax hit, so your decision may depend on what sort of investment options are in your old and new plans.

Finally, you could move your 401(k) funds into an IRA. Your money can continue to grow tax-deferred, and you'll have a wide array of investment choices. You'll want to review all your choices and consult with your tax professional before making any decisions. Do whatever you can to preserve, and hopefully grow, your 401(k) assets. You'll need these resources to help fund the retirement lifestyle you want – and deserve.

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# Scenes from Senator Doug Jones' Visit to the Rocket City

Washington Update, Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, August 21, 2019



## When What Matters No Longer Matters

by Codie Global

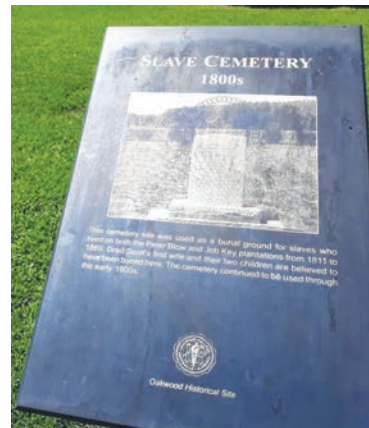
It's been a few weeks since I've had a chance to take a step back and type out a few thoughts from my moving around here and there. Across my digital news feed has been a variety of subjective content, ranging from the Amazonian rain forest state of emergency, to how the internet, specifically the black social media community, helped to save Popeye's \$24 million in advertising costs, and an unreported number in the increase of sales. I've watched as Jay-Z has taken a role with the NFL, dividing many in the community, with many siding with Colin Kaepernick, who himself settled with the NFL for an undisclosed amount of money.

With so much information being dispersed at one time, it's hard to truly comprehend what matters, what will have staying power in the hearts and minds of the people, but more importantly, what will be shared amongst the generations,

for the future's sake.

Residing within the walls of capitalism, who is a natural scorer, especially off the pick and roll of democracy, finding something to support, and construct the structure of generational wealth seems, at times, unattainable. In my opinion, each prior generation had a sector with access to capital. The missing link in my opinion is when what mattered to the first generation isn't important to the next. When the decades of building are destroyed. When the lack of what mattered is erased by those who have been passed the baton.

What pushed me to write this article was the surprising news of



hearing the once notorious Death-row Records, former record label home to Tupac Shakur, Dr. Dre, and Snoop Dogg had been acquired by toy giant Hasbro. Twenty-five years ago there is no way you could have told me

this, especially due to the magnitude of the record label, and how much they mattered to the culture of American music. Whether it's intellectual property or Grandma's house, the results of the hard work of generations before seems to get swept up in a hurry up and sale whirlwind. Money is certainly a key component to the generational wealth conversation, but until the generational debates conclude, and clear

concise generational collaboration is implemented, a common thread must be developed. The product of this development must be able to be delivered and shared amongst each future generation.

What has the weight to matter moving forward? Are there any new institutions being organized to live beyond the present day Facebook uproar over this week's publicized injustice or the battle over fast food spicy chicken sandwiches? The world we are building today may not have the same energy tomorrow but there must be a defined "what matters" that evokes communication across age demographics, and time exchange. This communication may not be as exciting as discussing real estate trends, bitcoins impressive impact, or who the next pseudo-celebrity is dating, but generational wealth is only accomplished when what matters today, also matters tomorrow.



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Mastin Lake Road/University Drive)

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## Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

# Mrs. Butch Damson

Mrs. Butch Kohler Damson was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., and moved to Huntsville, Ala., in 1953. She is the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Otto Philip Kohler. She attended Huntsville High School and graduated in 1957.

She pursued her college education at the University of Alabama, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1961.

In the Huntsville-Madison County community, she has been actively involved in volunteering her time and talent with various organizations for over 45 years.

The work that Mrs. Damson did in the community is truly an embodiment of that scripture. She worked untiringly to help her community and did so with a great deal of

humility and pride.

Mrs. Damson could easily be characterized as an organizer, inciter, motivator, or even "Wonder Woman", because she possessed a pleasant personality and always knew the right words to say to lure one to her team.

As a volunteer in the community, she served as a Board member and committee member for numerous organizations: chairman of the board, Burritt Museum; founding member, Greater Huntsville Humane Society's Advisory Council; member, Huntsville Hospital Foundation; president, Botanical Gardens, Board of Directors; Cancer Society; Board of Directors, The Land Trust; Board of Directors, City of Huntsville Beautification Board; and Board of Direc-



tors, Voluntary Action Center.

While serving as a member on many of the organizations' boards, she was the initiator of many programs and activities, such as the City of Huntsville Beautification Awards in 1975.

Damson married Mr. Jerry L. Damson, and they had two children, Deke and Susan Park, and six grandchildren.



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## Toni Morrison and Her 10-word Tutoring Session!

Read Habakkuk 2:2,3

Arguably, I'm able and enjoy sharing with you what God places weekly on my heart - i.e., articles that overlap Bible best-practices with current events and newsmakers - because of an unexpected, un-scripted personal tutoring session from Ms. Toni Morrison (1931 - August 5, 2019), from the early 1980's.

### My "Lady of the Eighties"

Soon after publishing her 1981 novel *Tar Baby*, Ms. Morrison came to lecture at then-Hampton Institute (now University), my alma mater where I then served as assistant PR director.

Then and there, this former English major had the dual pinch-myself luxury of arranging and hosting her series of pre-lecture media interviews.



In a break between two such interviews and before this twenty-something ego-holic had been "self-diagnosed" in his self-addiction, I opined to her my dis-belief in the necessary bother of re-writing article drafts, professing instead a one-and-done posture.

### Her 10 Words Changed My World

With a look akin to a loving mother seeking to aright a wayward self-righteous son, the future Nobel Literaturist and Pulitzer Prize writer offered, "tim: you've gotta do the re-writes, . . . you just have to."

Those 10 words spoken with loving care and expertise began to change me, both attitudinally and functionally.

"Then the Lord answered me and said: 'Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie'" Habakkuk 2:2,3.

### Then, 10 Years Later, . . .

Ten years later, when I became an adjunct instructor for freshman (English) composition courses at HU, I "Morrison-ized" my students on the importance of the re-drafting - why? - because Toni Morrison tutored me gently with just one simple un-scripted 10-word sentence of advice.

My sincere hope and prayer is that you are a beneficiary of the "Toni touch" on my writings and, more importantly, my life.

Ms.Toni Morrison: Rest in Peace. And thanks.

*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.GetEgoHelpNow.org](http://www.GetEgoHelpNow.org).*



## Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

“WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?”

1 John 3: 10 says, “This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God’s child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.”

Living in the state of Alabama, it is inevitable that you will be asked the question, “Whose side are you on?” In other words, do you pull for Alabama or do you pull for Auburn? And, the reason for the question is when these two teams play, it is one of the great rivalries of college football. So when these games are played there is a lot at stake. Things like bragging rights for a whole year. But

unfortunately there is much more at stake when it comes to the decision to follow Jesus or to follow the devil. Because it will decide where you will spend eternity. You see we all need to realize that we are being influenced by God or by the devil. Now the problem that we have when we decide to follow the devil is we end up with a lot of broken promises.

For example, the devil will promise us pleasure, but he brings us misery. He promises us fun but in the long run he brings us guilt and shame. He promises us life but he brings death. 1 John 3: 8 says the reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devils work. But we have to choose who’s side we are on.

Because God will not interfere with our free will. The



choice is ours. But once we make the decision to follow Jesus, he will strengthen us toward the direction that he wants us to take. Remember Jesus will always meet us where we are but He refuses to leave us that way. So when we chose to follow Christ, we will have all the “bragging rights” that we need because we can say with full confidence that we are children of God ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!

## Local Power Couple Uses Milestone Celebration For Philanthropy



Attorney David and Mrs. Lucrecia Points recently celebrated several milestones in their lives and used the opportunity to raise money for a local Huntsville non-profit organization. Surrounded by more than 100 of their family and closest friends at the prestigious Annabella at Cedar Glen, Attorney & Mrs. Points celebrated his retirement from federal service, her birthday and their 40th wedding anniversary. Committed to community service and philanthropy, instead of accepting gifts, they asked their guests to financially join them in supporting Big Brothers and Big Sisters of North Alabama. Executive Director, Michelle Lineville of BBBSNA, was present to accept the gifts and shared her gratitude to Attorney and Mrs. Points for selecting this non-profit to support in the celebration of their milestones.

- Gary T. Whitley, Jr.

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### September 1

14th Annual Caribbean Day at the Park  
Stoner Field Park  
3715 Bragg Street NW  
Huntsville, Ala.  
11 a.m.-7 p.m.  
(256) 361-9745

### Football

AAMU Bulldogs vs. Morehouse College  
Canton, Ohio

### September 2

Labor Day

### September 4

People Powered Fair Maps  
Tele Town Hall Meeting  
2 p.m. and 5 p.m.  
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/9102504223989902859>

### September 11

“Building Community Engagement with Black Stories in Alabama”

*Presenter:* Dr. Trudier Harris, University Distinguished Research Professor, University of Alabama Wilson Hall (State Black Archives)  
Alabama A&M University  
7 p.m.

### September 13

256 Day Celebration

### September 17

Retirement Life Style Expo  
Von Braun Center  
Huntsville, Ala.

### October 6

Asha Kiran  
“Human Chain”



# Valley Deaths

## - Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MS. JANET E. KING (b. 1958) will be Saturday, August 31, at 11:00 a.m. at Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church with The Reverend Joe Stevenson officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. MINNIE MILLER (b. 1925) was held Saturday, August 24, at the Saint Paul United Methodist Church Triana, Ala.) with The Reverend Dr. Tiwirai Kufarimai officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. EDNA B. FLETCHER (b. 1936) was held Saturday, August 24, at Phillips Tabernacle Primitive Baptist Church (930 Balch Road ~ Madison, Ala.).

Funeral service for MR. JOHN L. ("CHICKEN") LESLIE (b. 1955) was held Saturday, August 24, at Syler Tabernacle with The Reverend Phil Ford officiating.

## - Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MS. KAREN LYNNE DAVIS (b. 1965) will be 12:00 noon, Friday, August 30, at the Northwest Church of Christ (5008 Pulaski Pike NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Brother Timmy T. Smith officiating.

Memorial service for DR. ANNAS AYTCH (b. 1943) was held Sunday, August 25, at the Restoration 4 Square Church (5810 Wall Triana Highway Madison, AL 35758).

Funeral service for MR. VINCENT DAVID FINLEY (b. 1957) was held Sunday, August 25, at the New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church (3912 Pulaski Pike NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Nelson Stokes officiating and Elder Derrick Fulford eulogist.

Funeral service for MR. RAPHAEL "RALPH" LAMAR PARHAM (b. 1990) was held Saturday, August 24, at Blackburn Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (507 Plummer Road Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Theodis Acklin officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. ROSA ELLIS SUMLIN (b. 1932) was held Friday, August 23, at the Fellowship of Faith (3703 North Memorial Parkway Huntsville, AL 35810) with Pastor Troy Garner officiating.

## - Serenity Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. ROBERT "RAW HIDE" MATTHEWS (b. 1948) was held on Saturday, August 24, at St. James P.B. Church located at 1093 Fairbanks Street, Huntsville, Ala., with Pastor Richard Malone officiating.



## Kairos Outside Presentation

On Sunday, September 8, 2019, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the Lakeside United Methodist Women Social Justice Ministry will host a presentation by Kairos Outside.

The Kairos Outside program offers spiritual support to women who have been impacted by incarceration and are dealing with issues of isolation, rejection, financial hardship and loneliness.

The primary goal of this event is to increase awareness about the Kairos Outside program among all communities in Madison County.

Additionally, Council 25001 of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) will interpret the presentation for attendees whose primary language is Spanish.

To learn about ways to support families and friends of people who are incarcerated, come to Lakeside United Methodist Church at 3738 Meridian Street to hear the Kairos Outside presentation.

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# Called Preach

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

## Falling off a Horse and Led by the Hand

Acts 9:3-8;  
James 4:6

The radical turn of events that halted the persecutor and transformed him into a preacher happened on what is known as The Road to Damascus.

Given the papers and power to arrest Christians, he was himself arrested and made a Christian. His name was Saul, later Paul.

He entered upon the landscape of the early church as the one who was the watcher of the clothes for those who stoned Deacon Stephen.

The watcher of the clothes became a watchman for the kingdom. As his horse proudly pranced toward Damascus, we are told that a light from heaven suddenly surrounded him and a voice

was heard querying him about his mission, which unbeknownst to him was literally a kicking against the pricks of providence.

It was Jesus letting him know that he was being arrested, arraigned and appointed as the chosen vessel to proclaim Christ to the Gentiles.

It took this kind of radical turn around to help Paul realize who he was up against. How often has this scenario been repeated, where someone had to be knocked off their high horse, in order for God to get their attention?

God is not bereft of creative ways to curb and

curve activities of those who would seek to stop the spread of the kingdom.

It is better to hear and heed James: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

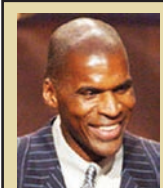
Let the church say Amen.

**NEXT WEEK:**  
"Obstreperous Opposition"



*But sometimes it's necessary to go back before you can go forward, really forward.*

- Paule Marshall



**BIRTHDAY - AUGUST 30 - ROBERT PARISH -** Born in Shreveport, La., Parish was a four-time NBA champion (3 times with the Boston Celtics and once with the Chicago Bulls) He was named one of the NBA'S 50 Greatest Players and elected to the Hall of Fame. - BlackinTime.info



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## Two Bulldogs Join First BCFHOF List for 2019

The Black College Football Hall of Fame (BCFHOF) has announced the 2019 Watch List for the Black College Football Player of the Year Award.

Alabama A&M quarterback Aqeel Glass and running back Jordan Bentley were on the season's first watch list.

The Award is presented annually to the most outstanding football player from a Historically Black College & University. Former North Carolina A&T, and current Chicago Bears running back Tarik Cohen was selected as the inaugural recipient of the Award in 2016; Bowie State quarterback Amir Hall was the 2017 and 2018 recipient.

Glass, a 6-foot-5 and 215-pound junior from St.

Louis, emerged last season as one of the top quarterbacks in the Southwestern Athletic Conference, leading the league in passing with 2,421 yards and 20 touchdowns. Glass was a second-team selection



**Glass**

on the SWAC's Preseason All-Conference team, and he was a second-team selection on the Phil Steele Preseason All-SWAC team.

Bentley, a 6-1 and 195-pound senior from Guntersville, Ala., rushed for 509 yards and seven touchdowns last season, averaging 6.9 yards per carry. He was a second-team selection on the Phil Steele

Pre-season All-SWAC team.

The winner of the 2019 Black College Football Player of the Year Award will be honored with the Deacon Jones Trophy during the Black College Football Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on February 15, 2020 in Atlanta. Four finalists will be unveiled on December 3, 2019.

Alabama A&M opens the season with Morehouse on Sept. 1 in the Black College Football Hall of Fame Classic at Tom Benson Pro Football Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio.



**Bentley**

## UAH Cross Country Team 2nd in Coaches' Preseason Poll

The Gulf South Conference (GSC) released last week its 2019 Men's Cross Country Preseason Poll. The University of Alabama in Huntsville Chargers were voted second by the league's head coaches with one first place tally.

Reigning GSC Champion Lee led the way in the preseason prognostications with 10 first place votes, followed by UAH in second, Mississippi College in third, Montevallo in fourth



and West Alabama in fifth.

Union, Auburn Montgomery, and West Florida rounded out the sixth through eighth slots in the voting, while Valdosta State, Christian Brothers, West Georgia and Shorter finished off the top 12.

The Chargers – who finished third at the 2018

GSC Championships – return a pair of First Team All-GSC honorees for the 2019 campaign, including junior Jay Day and senior Benji Knox.

UAH will open the 2019 campaign with the Falcon Classic in Montevallo, Ala., on September 7. Photo: Chuck Edgeworth

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