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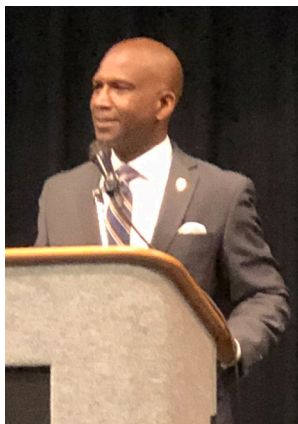
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*"Men simply copied the realities of their hearts when they built prisons."*

- Richard Wright



## Alabamian Family Pastor of Shooting Victim Jacob Blake

Jacob Blake, a 29-year-old black male, was shot seven times in the back in front of his three sons by Kenosha, Wis., policemen, said Alabama A&M University alumnus and Wisconsin Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes. Barnes added that the incident last week "felt like some sort of vendetta."

While the shooting set

off a series of protests that continued following a subsequent announcement that Blake was paralyzed from his waist down, family members, supporters and some national media have been receiving some spiritual guidance from Rev. James E. Ward, Jr., of Skokie, Ill., the family pastor and native of Tuscaloosa, Ala.



"There are three types of law that govern a nation: spiritual law, moral law and civil law ... When these spiritual and moral foundations are destroyed, societies implode; people hurt each other," said Ward at a family press conference. "The righteous, he concluded, must call their nation back to faith in God."

## Drake, JSU Partner

Drake State Community & Technical College and Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Ala., have partnered through an official Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow for seamless transfer of academic credits and ease of enrollment for the benefit of students.

The MOU serves as the official framework to ensure credit transfers between the two schools in conjunction with the Statewide Transfer and Articulating Reporting System (STARS). With the MOU in place, Drake State students have access to a wide variety of degree



programs at Jacksonville State. Students may also earn reverse transfer of credits - a process by which a student is awarded an associate degree after transferring and completing degree requirements at a four-year institution.

"This agreement is especially significant because it addresses many of the obstacles that would prevent a student from transferring," said Drake State President Dr. Patricia Sims. "By streamlining the transfer process, we're making it easier for students who want to continue their education beyond an associate degree."

## Low Mill Arts Schedules "Car" Concert

A drive-in concert series at Lowe Mill ARTS & Entertainment at 6 p.m. on September 11 offers a chance for audience members to support live music at their

own comfort level by tuning in on their FM dial or finding a spot to watch. Limited seating on the east lawn with sufficient space between attendee and fellow fans.

## Johnson High Grad on Alabama Power Board

Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, senior vice president of medicine and dean of University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Medicine, has been elected to the board of directors of Alabama Power.



"I am honored to welcome Dr. Vickers to our board," said Mark Crosswhite, Alabama Power chairman, president and CEO. "His knowledge and expertise will be tremendously valuable to our board, our company and our customers. We appreciate his willingness to serve."

Vickers is an internationally recognized pancreatic cancer surgeon, pancreatic cancer researcher and pioneer in the study of health disparities. As dean of the UAB School of Medicine, he leads the medical school's main campus in Birmingham as well as the regional campuses in Montgomery, Huntsville and Tuscaloosa.

Vickers serves as chair of UAB Medicine's Joint Operating Leadership Committee as well as the University of Alabama Health Services Foundation Board. He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine (Institute of Medicine) and the Johns Hopkins Society of Scholars.

Vickers has served on the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Board of Trustees and Johns Hopkins University Board of Trustees. He has served as president of the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract and of the Southern Surgical Association and is president-elect of the American Surgical Association.

The native of Demopolis, Ala., grew up in Tuscaloosa and Huntsville. He and his wife, Janice, have four children: Lauren, Adrienne, Lydia and Benjamin.

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## Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

## Mr. Eugene "Dick" Scruggs

Mr. Eugene "Dick" Scruggs, Sr., is a native of Madison County, Ala. He was reared in Meridianville. He is also a former member of the Negro League's baseball dynasty, where he served as a pitcher with a fastball that touched 90 miles per hour and a secondary pitch known around the Negro Leagues as "that funky curveball." Dick Scruggs played for the Kansas City Monarchs and the Detroit Stars. He is a 2002 inductee into the Huntsville-Madison County Athletic Hall of Fame.

Cemented firmly in the legacy of the Negro Leagues, Dick Scruggs is also a local celebrity. Trained by the late R.E. Nelms, Scruggs has been a licensed embalmer and

funeral director, since 1975, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Ala. With an impressive six decades of experience as a mortician, Mr. Scruggs has prepared thousands for burial.

As an elder statesman within the mortuary science profession, Dick Scruggs has trained countless apprentice embalmers and funeral directors, most notably, his grandson, G. Terrell Scruggs. Lauded by colleagues throughout the nation for his work as a mortician, he is affiliated with the Alabama Board of Funeral Service, and the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association.

A strong family man, Mr. Scruggs is not one to rest on his laurels. In 1970,



he founded Associated Contractors, Incorporated, a janitorial service to further provide for his family and to leave a legacy for future generations. Mr. Scruggs is married to Mrs. Ethel Scruggs, his bride of 60 years. Together, they are the proud parents of six children and 18 grandchildren.

SEPTEMBER 4 - RICHARD WRIGHT - The noted American author was born in Natchez, Miss. He is perhaps best known for his books, "Black Boy" and "Native Son."

- BlackinTime.info



## Called 2 Preach

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

## "The Danger of Insistent Indolence"

## Proverbs 10:4

The Bible is both thorough and thought-provoking. It has a unique power however that is different from all other literature. Therefore, when words like those of Proverbs 10:4 are read, they are more than just a slogan or soundbite from a secular source. Its cogency is contagious

for it points with laser-like penetration to the *danger of insistent indolence*.

Solomon spoke with sober sincerity about what insistent indolence leads to. This was not a warning against the occasional lapse into laziness common in every human being, this addressed the lingering mindset of slackness that *will, not might*,



lead to poverty.

The language suggests that this *danger* lies in the fact Solomon was addressing, a *lingering mindset* of laziness. This is a made-

up mind that obviously abhors a work ethic that is consistent with the divine sanctioning of work. It was one of the initial responsibilities given to Adam in the garden and nothing has changed.

This *lingering mindset* of laziness results in a *lacking mantra* of poverty. There is no way around that poverty other than adopting the opposite habit referred to in the verse as having diligent hands. The mind controls the hands in both instances, and it is up to every individual to

make the choice of what kind of mind will control their hands. How does one avoid this danger? Instead of *insistent indolence*,

there must be *insistent ingenuity* and a consistent conviction of the divine dignity of work.



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- Richard Wright

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## Washington in One Minute



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

1. The House and Senate are in recess.

2. White House chief of staff Mark Meadows said last week he is not optimistic about reaching a new coronavirus relief deal before the end of September. He predicted House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) will use the government funding cliff at the end

of next month as leverage to strike a deal on pandemic aid. The White House chief of staff said lawmakers from both parties have privately expressed to him a desire to make progress on a coronavirus relief package. Mr. Meadows said he suspects the holdup is that Ms. Pelosi is holding back her party's rank and file in order to secure more Democratic priorities in

any legislation. A spokesman for House Speaker stated that Democrats have compromised in these negotiations with the White House and Senate Republicans by offering to reduce their funding request by \$1 trillion if the White House would come up \$1 trillion. Senate Democrats are blaming Republicans for being unwilling to negotiate a comprehensive coronavirus relief package.

3. Last Saturday, President Trump traveled to Louisiana and Texas to view storm damage from Hurricane Laura. On Tuesday, he traveled to Kenosha, Wis., to meet with law enforcement and survey damage from recent protests. On Wednesday, he traveled to Wilmington, N.C., to meet with veterans, tour the Battleship North Carolina, and designate the city as the nation's first "American World War II Heritage City," per

legislation he signed in March 2019, which allows him to name at least one city per year.

4. Convention ratings: According to The New York Times, an average of 19.4 million people watched the Republican National Convention each night on live TV, which is fewer than the 21.6 million who watched the Democrats. Former VP Joe Biden's acceptance speech was viewed live by 24.6 million, besting the viewership of President Trump's speech at 23.8 million.

5. New Polls:

A Morning Consult poll of 4,035 likely voters released on Saturday showed that President Trump got a convention bounce with Former Vice President Joe Biden's lead falling from 52% to 42% before the start of the GOP convention to 50% to 44% after it. The poll has a margin of error of  $\pm 2\%$ .

An ABC News/IPSOS poll of 732 adults released on Sunday found that American's views did not shift much after the conventions. 31% of Americans feel favorable toward President Trump, un-

changed from last week (32%) and similar to his standing before both conventions (35%). The same is true for former VP Joe Biden: 46% feel favorable, virtually the same as last week (45%). The poll has a margin of error of  $\pm 3.9\%$ .

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## Champion Game Plan for Life

### "HAVING A CLEAR VISION"

In Mark's gospel, Chapter 10:50-52, it says, *Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. 'What do you want me to do for you?' Jesus asked him. The blind man said, 'Rabbi, I want to see.' 'Go,' said Jesus, 'your faith has healed you.' Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.*

Do you have a vision for your life and can you explain your vision? Whatever your answer is, just remember that when we begin to "partner" with God, our vision will become clear. There is something that God wants to "stir up" in all of us and make the vision that we have come alive.

As we look at this scripture, blind Bartimaeus

realized that he was about to get the opportunity of a life time, because Jesus was coming by. So, he wasn't about to just sit there quietly. He decided to shout his request out loud. "Son of

David, have mercy on me" (Mark 10:48). Because of this, Jesus stopped for this one man and healed him. Jesus stopped because everyone else was trying to

push him aside. You see, it was his faith that Jesus was interested in. He wasn't interested in his perfection; he was interested in his participation. Participation is the thing that attracts the presence of God into our lives. It is our participation that helps us with the vision that we have for our lives.

Having a clear vision for your life begins with the question, "What do you want God to do for you?"

by Preston Brown

When we look at our scripture, we see that Bartimaeus just wanted to see. I believe that your vision for your life starts with seeing all the possibilities that God can do for you and through you. Up until this point in our lives, we have seen what we can do in our own strength, but now is the time to see what God can do for us. Ephesians 3:20 says, Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us. Just remember, when we let go and let God do what he can do for us, amazing things will begin to happen ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

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



**SERIOUS ABOUT THE CENSUS:** Local volunteers like Karen Stanley (2nd, left) and elected officials (e.g., Rep. Laura Hall, 3rd, left) are pushing for full participation in the Census 2020. All residents are urged to #StandUpAndBeCounted by calling (844) 330-2020 or visiting My2020Census.gov.

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Former AAMU Professor and Four-Time Fulbright Scholar Says ...

# African Americans Should Consider Careers in Cybersecurity



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overall shortage of workers in the cyber workforce. Too many organizations overlook the importance of women and people of color in cybersecurity, especially in the executive and management levels.

And, the failure to

produce enough Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, (STEM) graduates to support cybersecurity is detrimental to the national security of the United States.

The solution for addressing the shortages calls for organizations to explicitly target minorities, such as black women, and other students of color, starting in high school and throughout their careers.

At the moment, there are over half a million openings at various skill levels for cybersecurity. In Huntsville, Ala., there are over 3,800 openings. In larger metropolitan areas such as Chicago, Ill., there are approximately 16,000 openings.

In contrast, Baltimore and Washington, D.C., urban areas combined have an estimated total of 84,200 cybersecurity job openings as of August 2020. Salaries for these positions at the lower end are in the low

70s while at the higher end for positions such as Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) are over \$220,000 per year. The National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) has broken up job openings are broken up into six distinct categories.

These categories are the following: 1. Operate & Maintain, 2. Securely Provision, 3. Protect & Defend, 4. Analyze, 5. Oversee & Govern, and 6. Collect & Operate.

For African Americans, selecting a career field into cybersecurity appears to be a solid choice as there is a 0% unemployment rate.

By 2021 numerous organizations believe there will be 3.5 million unfilled cybersecurity jobs globally. This creates an opportunity for students to select



majors or those changing career fields. People wanting to enter this field should seek a degree from a National Security Agency (NSA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Center for Academic Excellence (CAE) in Cyber Defense Education (CDE).

Other things to aid in this transition would be to seek professional certifications from organizations such as International Information System Security Certification Consortium (ISC)2, Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA), Computing Technology Industry Association (Comp-

TIA), and others listed in the Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 8140.

For jobs in the federal government, these professional certifications are mandated for holding various cybersecurity positions. Other career fields that are exploding are data science, Business Intelligence (BI), and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

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## What World's Oldest People Have in Common

by BlackDoctor.org

Nearly all of the people who live to be 100 years old or more have all done this one hobby. Scientists are now just seeing how this hobby and their long lives are tied together.

Lifestyle is thought to play an important role in extreme longevity. With that, a 36-year study revealed that one hobby was most common in every person living to be 100 or more: In each community,

the oldest people garden well into their old age.

That's no coincidence, as there's plenty of research to prove that gardening increases well-being and longevity. Getting dirt under your nails while digging in the ground can make you pretty happy.

In fact, inhaling *M. vaccae*, a healthy bacteria that lives in soil, can increase

levels of serotonin and reduce anxiety.

Turning the earth and digging up stones, for example, can be one of the most strenuous things you'll ever do.

At the other end of the spectrum, pruning roses bushes and planting seeds constitute may be mild exercise but they still keep you in contact with mother nature and take concentration.

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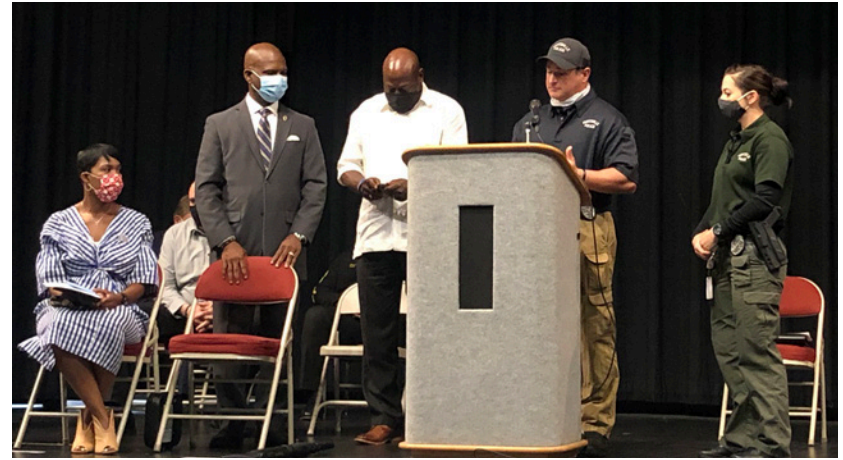
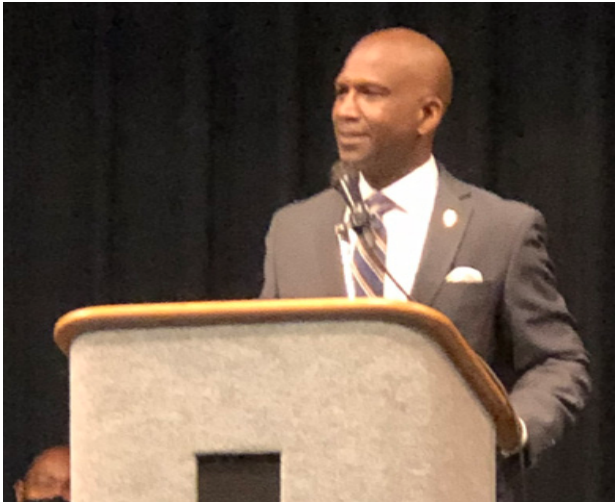
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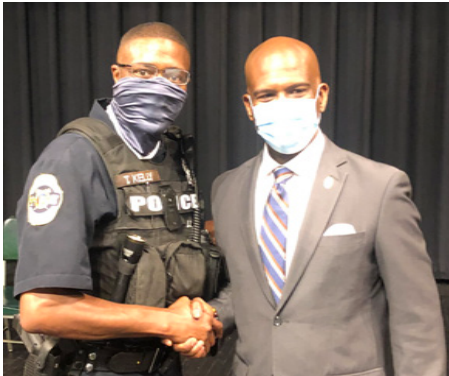
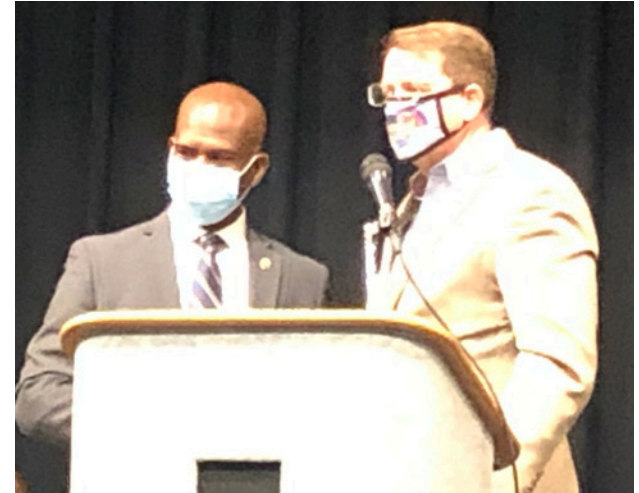
# Scenes from the Retirement Ceremony for Capt. JesHenry Malone

## Huntsville Police Department Police Academy

Friday, August 28, 2020



*Captain JesHenry Malone was celebrated by the City of Huntsville, family and friends on August 28 at the HPD Police Academy, located on the Johnson Legacy Campus. Malone is a U.S. Marine veteran, Desert Storm veteran and serves as current Madison County Commissioner for District 6. Citations and gifts were presented to Malone from the City of Huntsville, the Huntsville Police Department, and the West Precinct Staff.*



## Perspectives on EGO-holism

by tim allston

### (Part 1) Real Talk, Brothers: Can We Handle Overachieving, High-profiled Black Wives?

"Isn't there an acceptable woman among your relatives or among all our people?" . . . But Samson said to his father, "Get her for me. She's the right one for me." - Judges 14:3 NIV.

Here, Samson's parents questioned him as to why he needed to "cross the railroad tracks" to find a suitable wife.

They asked the same question that brothers are now asking surrounding Sisters Kamala Harris and Susan Rice: are we disqualified from marrying overachieving, high-profiled Black wives?



Biden picked Kamala Harris as his running mate, and short-listed Obama's UN ambassador Dr. Susan Rice - now, a shoo-in for Biden-Harris Secretary of State.

#### Samson, Kamala and Susan:

1. All were/are overachieving, Uber-qualified persons of color; and
2. All married, crossing the railroad tracks.

#### From the Locker Room to the Research

To gain a more global view, I spoke briefly for this two-part interview with Oakwood alum Dr. Emerson G. Miller (EGM), author of *Why Black Men Don't Attend Church*, and *How to Revive a Spirit in Them*.

(The Valley Weekly) What if anything makes Black men less attractive to such high-achieving Black women?

(EGM) There is nothing that makes Black men less attractive to high-achieving women. Black women are facing a shortage of eligible Black men because of (both) high incarceration rates and (their) untimely deaths, compared to white men.

African Americans are more accepting of "mixed-collar" marriages, where Black college-educated women are more comfortable marrying men without college degrees.

(TVW) Susan Rice met husband Ian Cameron while both were Stanford students. Are we brothers not frequenting the places where these types of sisters are?

(EGM) That we brothers are not well represented in higher education is well-known. We make up barely four percent of all undergraduate students, the same proportion as in 1976.

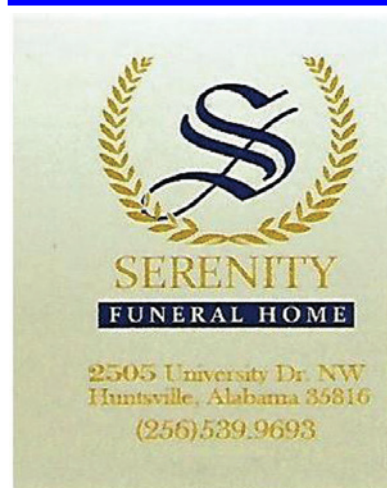
African American males come into college less prepared than their peers for the rigors of college-level academic work. Black men have the lowest completion rate of all major racial and ethnic groups in the U.S.

Part 2 will ask, answer: Is this even a real issue? Are Kamalas and Susans present anomalies, or the future?

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).



*"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why." - Mark Twain*



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## Huntsville Council Meetings

Huntsville City Council Regular Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th

Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m.,

Downtown Huntsville.

Watch the meetings live via HuntsvilleAL.gov/HSVTV or on the City of Huntsville Facebook page (@huntsvillecity).

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



*“But there are none so frightened, or so strange in their fear, as conquerors ...”*

*-N.K. Jemisin*

## 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.

## A&M Seeks 1971 Grads for Reunion

Calling all Alabama A&M University graduates of the CLASS OF 1971!

Plans are being made for the 50th year reunion to be held in May 2021. Your support and input are needed.

For details and updates contact the reunion class agents--Mrs. Agnes Holley Smith at aeholleysmith@gmail.com or Rev. Jonell Yarbrough Calloway at jonellcalloway@att.net.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC CITY OF HUNTSVILLE

The City of Huntsville's Community Development Department has completed its Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for FY19. A draft copy of this report may be viewed on line at [www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/housing/fair-housing/](http://www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/housing/fair-housing/) and at the Community Development Department Office located in the Yarbrough Office Center, 120 E. Holmes Avenue, and the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, located at 915 Monroe Street. Submit comments to Turkessa Coleman Lacey, City of Huntsville Department of Community Development, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804 or [turkessa.coleman@huntsvilleal.gov](mailto:turkessa.coleman@huntsvilleal.gov). Deadline for comments is September 18, 2020. For more information regarding this public notice or to request special accommodations, please call (256) 427-5400. Hearing or speech impaired residents are encouraged to use the TTY line at (256) 427-7092 for requests.

## AVISO A LA CIUDAD PÚBLICA DE HUNTSVILLE

La ciudad del departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad de Huntsville ha terminado su informe anual consolidado del funcionamiento y de la evaluación (ALCAPARRA) para FY19. Un copy de bosquejo de este informe se puede repasar por el público en línea en [www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/housing/fair-housing/](http://www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/housing/fair-housing/) y en la oficina del departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad situada en el centro de la oficina de Yarbrough, 120 E. Avenida de Holmes, y la biblioteca pública del condado de Huntsville-Madison, situada en la calle de 915 Monroe. Submit comments to Turkessa Coleman Lacey, City of Huntsville Department of Community Development, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804 or [turkessa.coleman@huntsvilleal.gov](mailto:turkessa.coleman@huntsvilleal.gov). Deadline for comments is September 18, 2020. For more information regarding this public notice or to request special accommodations, please call (256) 427-5400. Hearing or speech impaired residents are encouraged to use the TTY line at (256) 427-7092 for requests.



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## City of Huntsville Amendment to the Consolidated/Action Plan

The City of Huntsville, Alabama proposes to amend its FY2020 Action Plan/2020-2025 Consolidated Plan. The following CDBG project is added:

\$10,000.00 CASA provides care for the elderly and homebound; provide accessibility by using volunteers to build, repair, and design wheelchair ramps for the aging and homebound; provide transportation to medical appointments for clients who are 60 years old and older; install safety features of grab bars and handrails for fall prevention; provide yard work, nutrition delivery and weatherization assistance.

A 30-day comment period ending on October 4, 2020 is required before amendments can be made to the Consolidated/Action Plan. Submit comments to Turkessa Coleman Lacey, City of Huntsville Department of Community Development, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804 or [turkessa.coleman@huntsvilleal.gov](mailto:turkessa.coleman@huntsvilleal.gov). For more information regarding this notice, please call (256) 427-5400. Hearing or speech impaired residents are encouraged to use the TTY line at (256) 427-7092.

## CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE ENMIENDA AL PLAN DE ACCIÓN CONSOLIDADO

La ville de Huntsville, en Alabama, propose de modifier son plan d'action pour l'exercice 2020/plan consolidé 2020-2025. Le projet CDBG suivant est ajouté :

\$10,000.00 CASA fournit des soins aux personnes âgées et à domicile; offrir l'accessibilité en faisant l'utilisation de bénévoles pour construire, réparer et concevoir des rampes pour fauteuil roulant pour le vieillissement et la maison; assurer le transport vers des rendez-vous médicaux pour les clients âgés de 60 ans et plus; installer les dispositifs de sécurité des barres d'appui et des mains courantes pour la prévention des chutes; fournir des travaux de jardin, de la prestation de la nutrition et de l'aide à la météorisation.

Une période de commentaires de 30 jours se terminant le 4 octobre 2020 est nécessaire avant que des modifications puissent être apportées au Plan d'action consolidé/action. Soumettre vos commentaires à Turkessa Coleman Lacey, ville de Huntsville Department of Community Development, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804 ou [turkessa.coleman@huntsvilleal.gov](mailto:turkessa.coleman@huntsvilleal.gov). Pour de plus amples renseignements sur cet avis, veuillez composer le (256) 427-5400. Les résidents malentendants ou atteints d'une déficience auditive sont encouragés à utiliser la ligne ATS au (256) 427-7092.



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# 140th Anniversary Celebration

(Rev. Dr. Don Darius Butler, Current Pastor, and Rev. Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, Former Pastor)  
Huntsville, Alabama



# AAMU and Sister HBCUs Celebrate Their 130-Year-Old Land-Grant Status

The 19 presidents and chancellors of the nation's 1890 Universities were part of a weeklong celebration from August 24 through August 31 of the 130th anniversary of the federal legislation that designated them as land-grant institutions.

The Morrill Act of 1890 established a land-grant university system of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in states where African

Higher education leaders, elected officials and policymakers, business and community leaders joined in an online celebration of the 1890 land-grant universities anniversary, culminating with a two-hour online forum held on Monday, August 31, from 1-3 p.m. EDT that explored the history and accomplishments of these institutions and the important role they play in the nation's future.

During the week of



or significant accomplishments for each of the 19

Heidi Anderson, President, University of Maryland Eastern Shore; Paul Jones, President Fort Valley State University; and Peter McPherson, President of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. The webinar also featured a second panel with private sector leaders such as Fred Humphries, Corporate Vice President of U.S. Government Affairs, Microsoft Corporation; Kellie Adesina, Director, Government Affairs, Bayer U.S. – Crop Science; and Karis Gutter of Corteva Agriscience.

The webinar also featured remarks from prominent dignitaries such as Scott Hutchins, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics; Representatives Alma Adams, Chair of the House Agriculture

Committee; David Scott, Lead Sponsor of the 1890 Scholarship Program; and Sanford Bishop, Chair of the House Appropriations Committee; Sherrod Brown, Co-Lead Sponsor of the 1890 Centers of Excellence.

After 130 years, 19 universities designated as 1890 land-grant universities continue to work together to provide essential research, education, and Extension/public outreach that both sustains U.S. food, fiber and renewable fuel production and addresses the challenges of the time at local, regional, national and global levels. The 1890 land-grant universities have a legacy helping to fill a crucial need of educating first-generation and economically disadvantaged college students; enhancing the resilience of limited-resource farmers, families, individuals, and underserved communities; and pioneering the most advanced and advanced education, research, and engagement programs to improve quality of life.

With very little investment, the 1890s educate nearly 100,000 students annually, contribute more than \$4.4 billion to the local economies, and provide pathways of opportunity

for thousands of Americans.

The land-grant philosophy is even more relevant today, given the dynamic complexity of the socioeconomic environment where an integrated, iterative systems approach provides the best likelihood of generating solutions that are responsive to the complex dynamism of our environment. The 1890 land-grant universities are a perfect platform for addressing the three interlocking disparities of education, health, and economic prosperity made more evident by the COVID-19 pandemic. Looking ahead, the 1890 institutions plan to focus on these disparities while continuing to play a foundational role in the higher education system and in providing access and enhancing opportunities for all citizens.

In addition to Alabama A&M University and Tuskegee University in Alabama, the remaining 1890 land-grant universities are: Alcorn State University, Central State University, Delaware State University, Florida A&M University, Fort Valley State University, Kentucky State University, Langston University, Lincoln University in Missouri, North Carolina A&T State University, Prairie View A&M University, South Carolina State University, Southern University and A&M College, Tennessee State University, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Virginia State University and West Virginia State University.



Americans were banned from accessing a public higher education.

"Alabama A&M University's designation as an 1890 land-grant institution in 1892 has indelibly impacted its mission of access and opportunity," commented President Andrew Hugine, Jr. "It firmly placed us in the forefront of producing graduates and leaders in the STEAM disciplines--science, technology, engineering, agricultural and related agricultural disciplines, and mathematics."

August 24, leaders and members of the 1890 university community, policymakers, business and community leaders used an array of platforms to reflect on and celebrate the legacy of these land-grant institutions, including on social media using #Celebrate1890s. They highlighted innovative programs at the 1890 land-grant universities and their role in developing solutions for local, regional, and global challenges. This week of activities also included points of pride and/

1890 land-grant universities.

The celebration ended with a virtual webinar on August 31, from 1-3 p.m. EDT. This would have been an in-person gathering were it not for the pandemic, but the 1890 land-grant universities were committed to having a very meaningful event honoring their history and celebrating their current work. The webinar featured have two panel discussions.

One panel featured Makola Abdullah, President, Virginia State University;



# Valley Deaths

## NELMS MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME -

2501 Carmichael Avenue NW - Huntsville, AL 35816 - (256) 539-8189

Graveside service for MR. WILLIAM LAWRENCE BURKS (b. 1971) was held Sunday, August 30, at Meadowlawn Garden of Peace.

Graveside service for MR. MICHAEL ALLEN WOODS (b. 1964) was held Sunday, August 23, at the Gurley Cemetery.

Graveside service for MRS. EVELYN BONE (b. 1938) was held Sunday, August 23, at Valhalla Memory Gardens with with Pastor Hernandez Ford officiating.

Graveside service for MR. CLEAVON D. EASON (b. 1970) was held Saturday, August 22, at Valhalla Memory Gardens with The Reverend Riley Jones officiating.

## ROYAL FUNERAL HOME - 4315 Oakwood Avenue - Huntsville, AL 35810 - (256) 534-8481

Graveside service for MRS. GENEVA CRAWFORD O'NEAL (b. 1946) will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, September 4, at the Valhalla Memory Gardens (698 Winchester Road NE, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Endia J. Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. HELEN LOUISE POWELL (b. 1946) was held Sunday, August 30, at the New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church (3912 Pulaski Pike Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Nelson Stokes officiating.

Funeral service for MS. DOROTHY "DOT" JONES ROBINSON (b. 1945) was held Saturday, August 29, at Draper Memorial Church of God in Christ (313 Beirne Avenue NE, Huntsville, Ala.) with Elder Dave Draper officiating.

Graveside service for MR. ROBERT LEE HARRIS (b. 1938) was held Saturday, August 29, 2020 at Valhalla Memory Gardens (698 Winchester Road NE Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. O. Wendell Davis officiating.

Funeral service for MS. TARAYSA EVETTE JONES (b. 1951) was held Monday, August 24, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Pastor Tramaine Snodgrass officiating.

## SERENITY FUNERAL HOME - 2505 University Drive NW - Huntsville, AL 35816 - (256) 539-9693

Funeral service for MR. MCKINLEY DUNCAN (b. 1962) were incomplete at press time and will be announced at a later date.

# Tennessee Valley Calendar of Events

## September 4

Concerts in the Car  
Lowe Mill Arts & Entertainment - Huntsville, Ala.  
6 p.m.

## September 4-October 2

Alabama Autumn Skies  
U.S. Space and Rocket Center  
One Tranquility Base  
Huntsville, Ala.  
7 p.m.

## September 7-October 31

Festifall  
Huntsville Botanical Garden  
4747 Bob Wallace Avenue SW  
Huntsville, Ala.

## September 8

Basic Excel for Small Business  
Huntsville Madison County  
Chamber of Commerce  
Contact: Pammie Jimmar,  
(256) 535-2043  
10 a.m.-12 noon

## September 15

Free Game Night  
Straight to Ale Brands  
Campus 805  
5p.m.

## September 18-19

Comedian Eddie Griffin  
Stand Up Live Huntsville  
huntsville.standuplive.com

## September 19

Car Boot Sale  
Lowe Mill Art & Entertainment

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Escape To Margaritaville  
Von Braun Center  
Mark C. Smith Concert Hall  
Huntsville, Ala.  
8-10 p.m.

## September 25

Friday Night Art Walks  
Downtown Huntsville  
Courthouse Square and Adjacent Streets  
5-8 p.m.

## September 26

Drive-up Voter Services  
The Kids of Rocket City  
Register to Vote, Apply for  
Absentee Ballots, Absentee  
Ballot Witnesses  
(Please Bring Photo ID)  
Seminole Boys & Girls Club  
125 Earl Street SW  
Huntsville, Ala.

Black Jacket Symphony Presents  
Pink Floyd's The Wall  
Von Braun Center Mark C.  
Smith Concert Hall  
700 Monroe Street  
Huntsville, Ala.  
5 & 9 p.m.

## September 27

Docent-Led Tour: Art Deco  
Glass from the Huchthausen  
Collection - Closing Day  
Huntsville Museum of Art  
2 p.m.

Thru September 30

Purdy Butterfly House  
Adults, \$14; Students and  
Military Personnel, \$12;  
Children 3-18, \$9  
Huntsville Botanical Garden

## October 2-4

Sinbad  
Stand Up Live Huntsville  
huntsville.standuplive.com

## October 7

2020 SBDC: DCAA Incurred  
Cost Submissions  
Huntsville Madison County  
Chamber of Commerce  
Contact: Michelle Kloske,  
(256) 824-6880  
9-11 a.m.

## October 8

HodgeTwins Live  
YouTube Stars  
Stand Up Live Huntsville  
huntsville.standuplive.com

## October 22

Master Artist Workshop  
Lian Quan Zhen  
"East Meets West: Chinese &  
Watercolor Painting"  
Huntsville Museum of Art  
\$525 Non-members  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

## October 26-30

City-Wide Revival  
First Missionary Baptist  
Church  
3509 Blue Spring Road, NW  
Huntsville, Ala.

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