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## Space Center Holding 9/11 Event

The U.S. Space & Rocket Center will remember the life-changing events of September 11, 2001, with a "9/11 Honor Walk: Remember. Heal. Celebrate" scheduled for 2-5 p.m.

Sunday, September 11. Fifteen years ago, on September 11, 2001, two hijacked commercial airliners were flown into the World Trade Center in New York City. A third hi-

jacked airliner was crashed into the Pentagon in the Washington, D.C., metro, and a fourth went down in a field in Pennsylvania. The public is invited.

## OU Alum Closing Gender Wage Gap

A 2012 Oakwood University graduate is working to close the gender wage gap in a New England metropolis.

Kristina Desir currently works as the program manager for a partnership between the City of Boston and the American Association of University Women, to offer free salary negotiation workshops to every woman who lives or works in Boston.

The partnership hopes to help close the gender wage gap. She also serves as a Board Member and Chair of Fundraising for Emerge Massachusetts and Board Member/Finance Chair for Let's Bridge The Gap. Desir believes that



fundraising is a transferable skill.

"I want to challenge myself and use those skills to raise money for student scholarships for my alma mater, Oakwood University, and give back. I also want to continue raising funds to elect more African-Americans into public office - that's where my focus is right now," she said in an interview with Jessica Washington, at [www.capitolheel.org](http://www.capitolheel.org).



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## 2016 Jazz in the Park a September Highlight

The 2016 Jazz in the Park-Huntsville concert series presented by Lexus of Huntsville opened on Sunday, September 4, and will continue each Sunday

through September 25 at Big Spring Park East from 6-9 p.m.

The concerts are free and open to everyone. Jazz in the Park-Huntsville is a

collaboration between the City of Huntsville Office of Multicultural Affairs, Magic City Smooth Jazz, The City of Huntsville, Colsa Corporation, WZDX

TV, WJAB 90.9 FM, UAH Office of Diversity, Alabama State Council on the Arts and National Endowment for the Arts.

## Gov. Bentley Appoints Kier to Forestry Commission

Katrenia Pruitt Kier of Huntsville is one of the newest appointments by Governor Robert Bentley to a five-year term on the Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC).

"We welcome Ms. Kier to serve on the Alabama Forestry Commission, and we look forward to working with [her] as we continue to carry out the AFC's mission for the citizens of Alabama," said State Forester Greg Pate.

Bringing over 30 years of professional experience in business management, corporate training, and

customer service, Kier is the owner of a real estate brokerage firm in Huntsville, Kier Realestate, LLC. Her prior corporate experience includes human resource and information management positions in the defense industry at McDonnell Douglas and Boeing Corporation in Huntsville from 1987-93.

Earning a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Case Western University in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1976,

she also received a business management certificate in 1993 from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, as well as Graduate Realtor Institute certification from the National Association of Realtors.

Kier previously served six years on the State Forester's Outreach Advisory Council (for underserved and minority landowners). In addition to completing master forester classes and training on best manage-

ment practices for forestry, she has also attended forest industry conferences and coordinated workshops for North Alabama landowners, introducing them to the services offered by the Forestry Commission.

Kier has been a resident of Huntsville since 1985, although she was born in Chicago. She says she "came home" to Alabama about 34 years ago, where her roots were well established as both parents were natives of Madison County.

Kier is the mother of two.



## USDE Secretary to Visit Calhoun Program at Prison

Calhoun Community College's program at Limestone Correctional Facility will be among stops on Secretary of Education's Seventh Annual Back-to-School Bus Tour: "Opportunity Across America." According to Department of Education officials, the tour will kick off on Monday, September 12, in the nation's capital and end in Louisiana on Friday, September 16. Secretary John B. King's visit to Calhoun's program (Topic: "Criminal Justice Reform and Second Chance Pell") is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, at 8:30 a.m.

by Sherika Attipoe

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# Black Males Harmed by Handholding

An assistant professor of teacher education at Michigan State University conducted a study that determined that extra attention given to black males in urban high school classrooms could disadvantage them later in life.

Dr. Chezare A. Warren interviewed a group of black male graduates of a single-sex college preparatory high school in Chicago where all students in the graduating class went on to college.

What Dr. Warren found was that in order to avoid a failing grade in high school, the former students said they were given additional time to complete assignments, extra credit projects, and were given added opportunities to retake assignments, exams, and quizzes.

"The inclination in some secondary schools is that young men of color from urban environments need a lot of help, that they're behind,

so we give them all of this support that doesn't really challenge them to actually be better," commented Dr. Warren. "If you're offering the students supports without actually pushing them to meet high standards for college readiness, those supports are likely just weighing them down. To win a race, you must run faster, not slower."

- JBHE.com



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

1. The House and Senate reconvene today after being in recess since July 14.

§ House: Among other items this week, the House will take up two bills containing a number of provisions designed to improve access to capital for small- and medium-sized businesses by reducing regulatory burdens and streamlining the process - including allowing the businesses to raise up to \$500,000 from fewer than 36 investors without having to register the securities with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

§ Senate: The Senate will turn back to the FY2016 Military Construction/Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill that contains emergency funding for the Zika virus, which stalled in July due to language in the bill that would exclude Planned Parenthood from the list of providers that get new funding for contraception to combat spread of the virus. The Senate could

also take up the FY2017 Defense Authorization bill and the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) that authorizes project and programs for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

2. President Obama is in Asia this week, attending the G-20 Summit in China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and East Asia Summits in Laos, where he will be the first U.S. President to visit Laos. President Obama met with Russian President Vladimir Putin Monday to discuss Syria and cyberterrorism and cancelled a meeting scheduled for Tuesday with new Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte after Duterte harshly criticized President Obama for cautioning him about the 2,000 suspected drug dealers and users that have been murdered in the Philippines since Duterte started his "war on drugs" when he took office on June 30, 2016.

3. Last week, House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy

(R-CA) sent a memo to House Republicans outlining the House's schedule for September. In addition to bills addressing the recent \$400 million Iran payment and funding to combat Zika, the biggest battle that is shaping up for the fall is how long a Continuing Resolution (CR) to temporarily fund the government will last (a CR is needed because Congress has not approved any of the 12 annual appropriation bills for FY 2017 that begins on October 1) ...

4. Last Wednesday, the U.S. Supreme Court denied a request from North Carolina to allow provisions of its controversial voter ID law to go back into effect. In a 4-4 split, justices left undisturbed a lower court opinion that struck down the law, which tightened voter ID requirements, cut back on early voting and ended the preregistra-

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tion of 16-year-olds.

5. Amidst a wave of security breaches targeting U.S. political organizations, including the Democratic National Committee and the Arizona and Illinois' state election databases, last week Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid sent a letter to the FBI asking it to investigate the threat by Russia attempting to interfere with the presidential election.

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## From the Editor

*Ah ... It's September.*

The children are back in school; therefore, it takes me a few additional minutes to get to work. That's okay because school is important, and teachers are even more important. Teachers spend more 'awake' hours each week with our children than parents. So, if any one is wondering if teaching is an important profession, wonder no longer. Just as physicians, accountants and lawyers, teachers have professional credentials, licensing requirements, codes of conduct and compulsory continuing education. I will let you decide why they might be important, but undervalued and underpaid. Finally, why does everyone believe they know how to teach? Education has foundation, pedagogy, methods, styles--all on top of the young lives that teachers are responsible for about 35 hour per week. Like other professionals, most of them know what they are doing. This month I celebrate teachers! Join me in the celebration in your own way, if you care.

A faux pas is an interesting thing. Sometimes, we hear things and we advance stereotypes without fully understanding the original intent. Plus, sometimes the original intent was not even meant for how we are using those things today. So, Labor Day has passed and I shouldn't see you around town wearing that white cotton, multi-colored linen dresses, blouses and suits, right? I say to that long-held social blunder, let people wear what makes them comfortable, as long as they are well groomed--clean, pressed and fitted. There is one thing for sure as the weather changes to fall and winter: the bite in the air will make us want to leave those linen dresses in the closet, regardless of the color. Color has beat the faux pas hoax. Many of us have white, pink, powder blue and bright yellow jackets and coats. They are made of multiple fabrics of various weights. I plan to continue to enjoy my light pink coat this winter. I am wishing for you the same enjoyment. Let's ignore the old fashion faux pas and enjoy the many fashion choices we have. The temperature will dictate the fabric we wear, and we can decide on the colors.

You remember those complexion matches they used to do at the various cosmetic counters? We were matched with colors based on our complexion, our hair color, and the color of our eyes. Again, another pseudo-faux pas! There are some colors I just don't like, so I am my own color expert. Join me and become your own color expert. Wear the colors you enjoy.

We spend absolutely too much time trying to tell *other* people how to do their jobs and on top of that what they should be wearing. Let people wear what they want to wear and do the jobs they are qualified and trained to do. People who blaze their own trails tend to be happier and more satisfied with themselves. Enjoy life and forget the faux pas.

With all of that said, there are certain professions that have protocol, dress and grooming codes--as they should. You cannot advance in certain positions or sit on the front line of most businesses without understanding those codes. Some things are just plain, common sense. You know who you are and what you want to be when you grow up, so spare yourself the blunders and missteps. Know the codes that matter. I am still learning about codes. We are never too old or learned to understand important codes through what we see, hear or observe. In our community, there are many opportunities to learn.

So, we will see you in the park next Sunday, enjoying the music. If the weather is still in the 90s, we might be wearing a bright, linen shirt. Until next week ...



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*Dorothy*

# Young Innovator Redefines the Alphabet, Creates Custom Letters

If a picture says a thousand words, what does a picture on an actual letter say? That is the question for Chrissy Howell, a young entrepreneur in Huntsville. As the owner of Chrissy's Customs, she specializes in the art of creating custom letters with the likeness of famous characters like The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, The Avengers, Minions and many more. What started off as a present has quickly evolved into something that keeps her busy throughout the week. Luckily, the Valley Weekly got a chance to talk with Howell about her letters and what being in business has taught her.

**VW: How did your business kick off? What**

**inspired it?**

CH: Oh, my gosh, how it started? Well, my nephew was turning one at the time, and he was obsessed with [Teenage Mutant] Ninja Turtles. I went back and forth for weeks on what to get him. Nothing stood out to me or his mother had already bought it, so I got on Pinterest to search how to do a painting of the Ninja Turtles, and I saw some Mickey Mouse letters pop up. I was fascinated with them, so I went to Michael's Craft Store and made my own Ninja Turtle letters.

**VW: What was the ini-**

**tial reaction from your nephew?**

CH: It was nice. He looked surprised. He was just turning one, but it was my sister who made me tear up. She started crying.

**VW: That's wonderful! When did it hit you that**



**this could be a possible business venture?**

CH: Man, when I posted the picture the night I finished them, that post had over 200 comments asking for prices and what all themes I could do.

**VW: I imagine that at some point there have been requests that have challenged your creativity.**

CH: Honestly, yes. I'm on my first set now that has stumped me. They are so simple, I was confused. I usually have instant ideas

once someone tells me a theme.

**VW: What was it like transitioning from being a hobbyist to becoming strictly professional? How has it affected your personal life?**

CH: I was not prepared

mentally for the constant inboxes and constant posts. It came as a hobby, something that I was doing for family and birthday gifts. I'm doing at least three sets of letters a week and honestly, it does take a large toll out on my life; however,

my boyfriend does help me do things that I can't do, like draw. He was an arts major at [Alabama] A&M,

so it all works out. That is kind of our bonding time, and we sit around the table and just chill out, have our beers and sit around and just draw and paint.

**VW: In the short time that you have been creating**

**letters, what have you learned from operating a personal business?**

CH: I've learned to stand on my price. That's just really what it is. I have done three or four sets of letters where I've undercut my own self trying to give discounts and be nice to people when I shouldn't have. If you're going to buy my product, you're going to buy the things that I need and my time. A few times I have come out of pocket, which I was not happy about. You learn from it and learn to settle on your price and be firm with it and about the things they need you to do to make every set of letters personal to that person.

by Reginald Allen

Photo Courtesy Chrissy Howell

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and forgiving people when they do something that offends us. You see, there should be something different about the way we treat people or the way we talk

to people or the way we behave around people,



because we have the love of Jesus inside of us. Our responsibility to people is to love them and to never give up on them. This is one of God's most important commandments

.. Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.



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## ValleyScopes

by Melissa Wilson/Seloma

**Leo** Someone who happens to notice a special talent of yours may be prone to ask you to step up your game by taking part in a group presentation.

**Scorpio** A marital matter or a pledge of some sort is setting the basis for joyous social engagement at this time.

**Virgo** A business relationship is profiting from your newly implemented practices and communication techniques.

**Sagittarius** You will feel a weight lifting as you gain ground in resolving a matter

that concerns you in your life.

**Aquarius** You'll feel the irony from a light-bulb moment as you move closer to devising additional ways of healing yourself thoroughly.

**Taurus** Your nurturing ways have provided some much-needed comfort to those closest to you.

**Pisces** A vision that you and someone else have had is apt to inspire a coupling between a dependable product and an improved prototype.

**Aries** You will find a chance to exercise humor in a place where discord abounds.

**Gemini** An alliance may be created, inadvertently, with someone from your past when you help someone with a technological issue.

**Capricorn** Someone around you may let something slip and give away some information that you were seeking.

**Cancer** You'll find that your work ethic places you on a much higher level than would-be competitors, and people notice.

**Libra** You'll find that after working through the pressures from people around you who are not united; entertainment will alleviate some of your mental strain.

## Concerts on the Dock Underway

A series of 'Concerts on the Dock' will be held throughout September and October on Friday nights at Lowe Mill, located at

2211 Seminole Drive. Remaining concerts for September will run on the 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30. Three concerts are set for

October 7, 14 and 21. The concerts are free and open to the public. A parking donation of \$2 is requested.

## BB/BS Bowling Events Set

The Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Alabama organization will hold the 2016 Bowl for Kids' Sake events on September 11 and September 25 at two separate local bowling facilities.

The September 11 bowling event will be held at Madison Bowling Center at 12-2 p.m. or 2:30-4:30 p.m.

The activity on September 25 has been scheduled for Plamor Lanes at 12-2 p.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m.

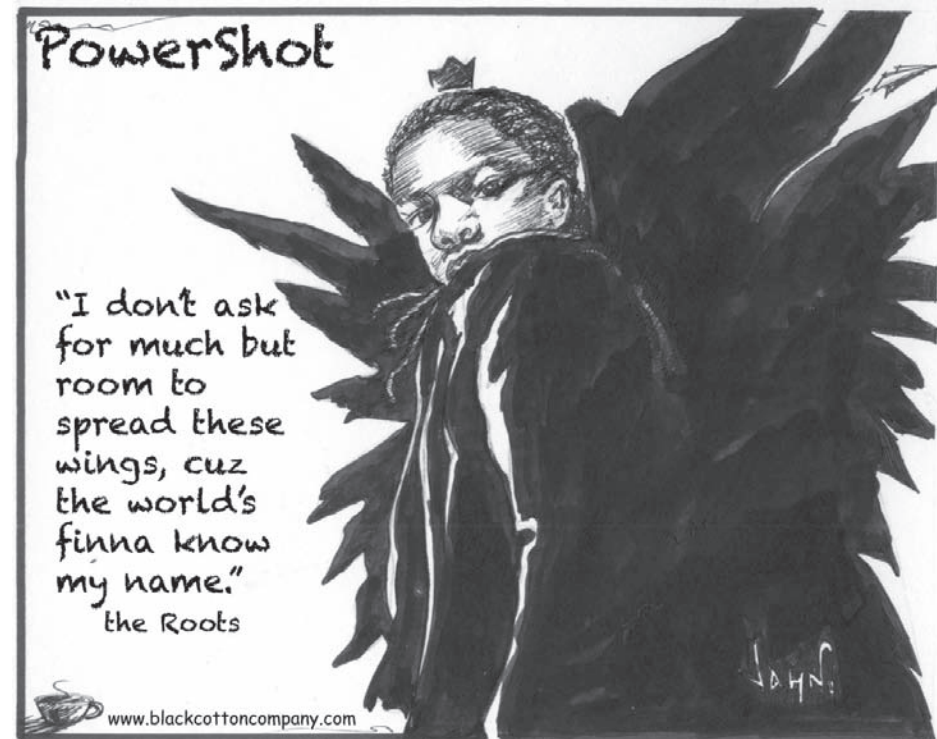
The minimum fundraising goal has been set at \$200 per team. The event will feature free food, shoe rental and prizes.

To register, contact BBBSNA.org/BFKS2016.



**PART-TIMERS:** Alabama A&M University students attend a recent Service Learning/Part-time Job Fair to secure volunteer and part-time opportunities set up through the Career Development Services unit at AAMU. The event was held in AAMU's Wellness Center.

**On This Day - Friday, September 9 - OTIS REDDING -** The popular rhythm and blues legend was born in Dawson, Ga. He is best known for his posthumous hit single "(Sittin' on) the Dock of the Bay." - [BlackinTime.info](http://BlackinTime.info)



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## Huntsville Holds Fourth Annual Adult-Only Prom



If you had the chance to relive one of high school's biggest nights, would you do it all over again? Presented by Day Capitol, Inc., the Von Braun Center will host the Fourth Annual Adult P.R.O.M. on Sept. 10. Adult P.R.O.M Co-host Wiley Day said the event is a way to combat the steadily increasing divorce rate in Huntsville, which at 77 percent, is one of the highest in the country.

"We can't stop divorce," Day said. "We can't stop people from not wanting to be together anymore, but we want to share the importance of a good-filled evening with a significant other or a person that you are trying to pursue or anything like that."

Created in 2012, P.R.O.M. is actually an acronym for People Recreating Old Memories. The dance is just like any typical prom. There will be live music, dancing and, of course, a traditional crowning of prom King and Queen. However, this is also an adult event, so there is no need to spike the punch this time around. Throughout the night, there will be several giveaways, poetry readings and games to keep attendees entertained.

While targeted toward

the 21+ demographic, the event is meant to give people a chance to either relive one of the best nights of their life or replace it with a better experience.

"If you went to prom in high school and you loved it, you are able to recreate that memory and do it over again," Day explained.

"It could be that you were with that person in high school and went to prom with them and you want to do that 20 years later or it could be that you didn't like your high school memory, so here is an opportunity to recreate that as well."

While the event is sure to be a night to remember, it is also deep-rooted in philanthropy. Every year, Day Capitol, Inc. works with various charities in the Tennessee Valley. A portion of the proceeds from this year's prom will go to a Lupus outreach. A red carpet will take place at 6 p.m., and the main festivities will start at 7 p.m. Dress code is formal attire.

For ticket information, call 256-417-1710 or email [AdultPromHuntsville@Aol.com](mailto:AdultPromHuntsville@Aol.com). Tickets are no longer available to purchased online.

by Reggie Allen  
Photo Courtesy of  
Adult P.R.O.M.

## Valley Deaths

- Funeral service for Mrs. Pearlie W. Sales will be announced at a later date.

- Funeral service for **Mr. Jeffery W. McCaulley (b. 1964)** was held Saturday, September 3, at Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church with Pastor Endia J. Scruggs.

- Funeral service for **Mr. Every Erskine (b. 1933)** was held Friday, September 2, at Springhill United Methodist Church.

- Funeral service for **Mr. Marvin Gurley, Sr., (b. 1929)** was held Friday, September 2, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Warner Walker.

- Funeral service for **Mr. Adrian L. Alexander (b. 1985)** was held at the Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Association Tabernacle with Elder Christopher Collins officiating.

- Funeral service for **Ms. Deborah Foster (b. 1955)** was held at First Seventh-Day Adventist Church with Pastor Debleaire K. Snell officiating.

- Funeral service for **Master Erik Sanders (b. 2014)** was held at the Nelms Memorial Chapel with Minister Willard Baldwin officiating.

- Nelms Memorial  
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## iPhone 7 Launches September 16

According to Forbes, "the tech giant has sent invitations to selected media to join event on September 7th. The iPhone 7 is set to release on September 16th with pre-orders available September 9th." According to iPhone7 Buzz.com, "when you compare the two phones to the iPhone6, and 6 Plus, they will be slightly larger in size than their predecessors. The new iPhone7 is expected to launch with the latest iOS, such as the iOS 10.

The iPhone 7 will have improved 13 megapixel primary iSight camera with 8 megapixel secondary one. The new iPhone 7 Plus will have new, interesting features, new UI, smarter SIRI, ultra fast processor and improved camera for sharper pictures. The internal memory of the iPhone7 Plus comes in different variants

having 32 GB, 64 GB, 128 GB and 256 GB.

It is anticipated that the phone is expected to feature 20 megapixel primary camera with image Stabilisation technology for clearer video."



When reading these articles, I couldn't help but think how Apple has sold us once again. Many people will be headed to the stores to upgrade their devices. Apple is continuously improving upon their product, and we continuously support. They not only improve upon their product, but they improve upon their promotion. When I first started coordinating events, I was given the advice that "business 101: it is all about how you market your material. You can throw a great party, but if nobody knows about it, your party is empty. Whenever

you are building your budget, put a substantial amount in it for marketing." Marketing is one of the major keys to your company's success. Apple doesn't just throw their product in stores expecting you to come to them, even though they are already a well-known company. They put together a launch event leading up to the release of their products. During these events, they give us instructions and more information. We are given a live YouTube tutorial on the new improvements and features. Last year, I watched the event as well as wrote an article subtitled promoting the event. I will be tuning in again this year, especially since I'm considering upgrading to the iPhone7 and I wouldn't mind getting the sneak peak of what it can do! This exemplifies how crucial marketing is, and if it is done right it will yield profit.

by Amoi Savage

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## Calendar of Events

**September 10**  
North Alabama Health and Wellness Fair  
AAMU Wellness Center  
8 a.m.-2 p.m.

**September 11-December 11**  
Exhibition  
"Contemporary Art & Superhero Action"  
Huntsville Museum of Art

**September 16**  
Food Truck Street Festival  
*Sponsor:* Jerry Damson  
Honda Acura  
Downtown Huntsville  
Lumberyard Parking Lot  
108 Cleveland Avenue  
5-9 p.m.

Huntsville Symphony  
Orchestra  
"Faure Requiem"  
Mark C. Smith Concert Hall  
Von Braun Center  
**September 25**  
Valley Conservatory Jam Session, 5-8 p.m.

**September 30**  
Miss Alabama A&M University Coronation  
Elmore Building, 6 p.m.

**October 3-5**  
Association of the United States Army  
Annual Meeting & Exposition  
Huntsville, AL - AUSA.org

**October 8**  
Alabama A&M University Homecoming Day

**October 23**  
Valley Conservatory Jam Session, 5-8 p.m.

**November 3-4**  
2016 WEDC Leadership Conference  
U S Space and Rocket Center  
www.wedchsv.org

## DLC Alum Chosen for Advisory Group

Diversity Leadership Colloquium alumnus of Cohort IV, Janice Capshaw, vice president for human resources at Huntsville Utilities, has been appointed to the American Public Power Association's (APPA) Diversity Advisory Group, which is part of their Workforce Initiative. This group will focus on two main issues:

- 1) Ensuring that staff at public power utilities across the country is representative of the communities they serve. This includes outreach to children in schools to get them interested in the energy field and attracting new hires from a diverse population in the community overall; and
- 2) Ensuring that women and minorities are actively involved in APPA and



providing opportunities for these groups to make connections and network with others through APPA, such as at meetings, via Linked In groups, etc.

The diversity advisory group will help to identify the needs and opportunities to effectively address the issue of diversity within public power and APPA. The advisory group will likely meet via conference call quarterly and possibly in person at one of APPA's conferences at some point throughout the year.

## Health Fair September 10

The 16th Annual Health and Wellness Fair will be held Saturday, September 10, at the Alabama A&M University Student Health and Wellness Center from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

The free event is being hosted by Alabama A&M Student Health & Wellness Center, AshaKiran, 100 Black Men of America's Greater Huntsville Chapter, North Alabama Coalition for the Homeless, Madison County Commission District 6 and North Alabama Medical Reserve Corps.

Huntsville area residents, regardless of race, nationality or socio-economic background, are in-

vited to the North Alabama Health & Wellness Fair in two weeks.

The fair will also include free flu shots, free medical screenings, health information and more, according to a news release. The city will provide public transportation from selected locations, and Spanish interpreters will be available. Want to help out at the Health Fair as an AshaKiran volunteer interpreter? Check out all of the available volunteer times and sign up.

For more information, contact Earnest Starks at (256) 975-5519 or e-mail elstarks@att.net.

## Mocha Moms of Madison County: Session Two

The Mocha Moms of Madison County will present part two of its session on "Working Mom vs. Stay at Home Mom: Being Comfortable with Your Decision" on Sunday, September 25, 2-4 p.m. in Madison Public Library, 130 Plaza Boulevard, in Madison, Ala.

Benita Hampel of Rocketcitymoms.com will be the facilitator. Light refreshments will be served. Mocha Moms, Inc. is the premier voice for mothers of color. Through chapters and online, Mocha Moms, Inc. provides support for women of color as they journey through all phases of motherhood while advo-



cating for them nationally. Mocha Moms, Inc. also encourages the spirit of community activism and service among its members.

Mocha Moms, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

To RSVP or for more information about the local event, e-mail rcmochamoms@gmail.com.

## Alabama A&M University Bulldog Football 2016 Season

Sept 3 @ Middle Tennessee - Murfreesboro, TN  
Sept 10 @ Mississippi Valley State - Itta Bena, MS  
**Sept 17 vs. PRAIRIE VIEW (Louis Crews Classic)**  
**Sept 24 vs. SOUTHERN**

Oct 1 @ Texas Southern - Houston, TX  
**Oct 8 vs. ALCORN STATE (Homecoming)**  
Oct 15 @ Arkansas Pine Bluff - Pine Bluff, AR  
Oct 29 vs. Alabama State (Magic City Classic)

**Nov 5 vs. GRAMBLING**  
Nov 12 @ Jackson State - Jackson, MS  
Nov 19 @ Auburn - Auburn, AL

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