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*"Democracy is not just the right to vote, it is the right to live in dignity."*

- Naomi Klein

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## Council's District 5 Runoff Set for October 6

The Huntsville City Council canvassed and certified the results of the August 25 municipal election and declared the following candidates re-elected for a term to begin on November 2, 2020:

Tommy Battle – Mayor  
Devyn Keith – District 1 City Council Member  
Michelle Watkins – District 1 School Board  
Carlos Matthews – District 5 School Board Member

In a separate action, having opened and counted provisional ballots with City Clerk-Treasurer Ken Benion, the Council declared a run-off election

for City Council District 5. Voters will choose between candidates Will Culver and John Meredith on October 6.

Meredith, son of the well-known civil rights icon James Meredith, has said that education and quality of life will be a priority. He is a retired owner of the Meredith Advocacy Group.

Culver was first elected to the Huntsville City Council in 2008 and served as President of the City Council for one year in 2015-2016. He previously served as Chief Magistrate.



## Festifall at the Garden Begins with Scarecrow Trail

Festifall at the Huntsville Botanical Garden showcases the annual Scarecrow Trail through October 5!

The Scarecrow Trail is a family tradition featuring fun, scarecrows created by local community members. The Scarecrow Trail is included with Garden admission. For more information, visit [hsvbg.org](http://hsvbg.org).

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## Alabama Colleges Get \$72M from CARES Act



Tuskegee University Main Entrance

Last Thursday, September 10, Alabama Governor Kay Ivey awarded over \$72 million in CARES Act funding to higher education institutions in the state.

The money will allow the schools to purchase additional technology and infrastructure related to providing remote instruction and distance learning, according to a press release.

"COVID-19 has exposed deficiencies in our remote learning capabilities, and I am pleased to award our institutions of higher education the critical funds to enhance their instructional experience," said Governor Ivey.

The funding supported higher learning institu-

tions in the three broad categories of state-funded two-year institutions (\$27.3 million), state-funded four-year institutions (\$25 million) and independent colleges (\$20 million).

Five private Alabama HBCUs received funding: Tuskegee University, \$1.9 million; Oakwood University, \$1.5 million; Miles

College, \$514,090; Selma University, \$210,521; and Talladega College, \$30,178.

Other Valley-area institutions receiving funding were: Alabama A&M University, \$2.96 million; AAMU-Miles Consortium, \$1 million; Athens State University, \$2 million; UAH, \$3.3 million; and UNA, \$2.7 million.

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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, Alabama, in 1953. She is the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Otto Philip Kohler.

Mrs. Damson 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. I Peter 4:10 states that, "As each has received a gift, employ it in serving one another, as good managers of the grace of God in its various forms."

As a volunteer in the community, she serves and has served as a Board member and

committee member for numerous organizations.

Some include: 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 Directors, 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, The Clean Community Program now called The Green Team, the Botanical Gardens' Welcome Center, The BMW Brunch, Burritt's Barnyard and



the Master Plan for Burritt City.

In recognition of her contributions to the community and service to humanity, she has received scores of awards and honors.

Mrs. Damson is married to Mr. Jerry L. Damson, and they are the proud parents of two (2), Deke and Susan Park, and they have six grandchildren.

**SEPTEMBER 18 - HOLLY ROBINSON PEETE - Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is most well known for her television roles on the crime series 21 Jump Street from 1987 to 1991, Hangin' with Mr. Cooper from 1992-1997.**

- BlackinTime.info



## Called 2 Preach

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

### "On Being Spiritually Ambidextrous"

**Matthew 26:43-46;  
Philippians 4:6-7**

Being ambidextrous means being able to use one's left and right hand with equal "dexterity."

That means one can write with both hands legibly or a baseball player can hit from the right or left side of the plate. The Bible is clear that living

the life of a growing believer involves struggles. There is no time when a believer's faith remains unchallenged, therefore, waiting on that season is a waste of time. However, Jesus and Paul have some holy hints in the above-mentioned texts that helps us to be *spiritually ambidextrous*, meaning, acknowledging the struggle



while at the same time trusting God. Without this understanding, a believer ends up in one of two places. Either they settle into a mindset of arrogant

self-righteousness or in a place of despondency and defeat. The struggle is both real and regular, but Jesus shows us from the Garden of Gethsemane, that the struggle is not an absence of faith.

In His prayer He asked for the cup of suffering to pass from Him but added that adamant adverb of *nevertheless* to express a deeper desire for the Father's will rather than His own. Paul teaches that anxiousness is a sign of a predilection for a premeditated outcome rather than

trust in the Omniscience and Omnipotence of God.

Thank God for Jesus' example from the Garden

that lets us know that we can struggle and trust at the same time; we can be *spiritually ambidextrous*.



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*"Being a typical teenager isn't easy. When you have autism, it can be extra difficult. We need more public awareness about these hurdles as well as compassion towards these young people." - Holly Robinson Peete*

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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 session this week, although there will be no votes on Friday in observance of Rosh Hashanah. The House will consider 35 bills on the floor, including a bill to ban discrimination against pregnant workers, requiring that employers make reasonable accommodations ... The House will also vote on a resolution condemning anti-Asian prejudice pertaining to the COVID-19 disease. The Senate will continue approv-

ing federal judges and other Trump Administration nominees this week. Last week, the Senate failed to get 60 votes to bring its \$500 billion coronavirus relief bill #5 to the floor (on a mostly party line vote of 52-47), which would have provided additional unemployment benefits and a plus-up for the PPP loan program.

2. On Monday, President Trump traveled to McClellan Park, a former air base just outside of Sacramento, Calif., for a briefing with Gov. Gavin Newsom and emergency response officials on the Califor-

nia wildfires. He then went to Phoenix, Ariz., for a campaign event. On Tuesday, he hosted a ceremony at the White House, where the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Bahrain signed agreements to recognize the State ++of Israel. On Wednesday, the President spoke at a National Republican Congressional Committee fundraiser and on Thursday he hosted a credentialing ceremony for newly-appointed ambassadors.

3. According to The Hill newspaper, House Democrats are currently split on whether to accept a temporary FY2021 spending bill that goes into December 2020 (a timeline supported by Republicans) or push for a measure that would go into early next year, when they hope they will have more control of the government. The current federal fiscal year ends on September 30 and the stopgap bill will keep the federal government open. Neither the House nor the Senate is expected to turn to

the measure this week.

4. The House Subcommittee on Government Operations on Monday held a hearing on Postmaster General DeJoy's alleged conflicts of interest and his leadership's possible impacts on mail-in voting. On Tuesday, the House Civil Rights Subcommittee held a hearing on the infiltration of police departments by white supremacists.

5. According to The Washington Post, former New

York Mayor Mike Bloomberg has committed to spend at least \$100 million in Florida to help elect Joe Biden over the next 7 weeks. In other news, the Post also reported on Saturday that the Senate Homeland Security Committee will soon release a report criticizing Hunter Biden's role on the board of the Ukrainian company Burisma at the same time the firm was lobbying the Obama Administration's State Department.

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Strengthening Community College Training Grants (SCCTG) submission deadline is October 8, 2020. This new program provides a funding opportunity for workforce education.

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Matthew 6:33 says, *But seek ye first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

You know, it is amazing to me that depending on what "season" you are in as it pertains to your spiritual life, how this scripture will affect you.

In other words, you can read something one year and then the next year it seems to take on a different meaning. This year, this scripture speaks to me a message of "more than enough." When we seek God first in our lives, we will realize that we have more than enough.

Today, we seem to live in a time when there is never enough. There is always the need for more, never less. For example, many people's

jobs require more effort, more production, and more time. Even in the church, we need more members.

Let's face it--we live in a time of never enough. Many times when we wake up in the morning, we say, "I didn't get enough sleep," or, when we go to bed at night, we say, "I didn't get enough done in the day." It's always never enough. And then, so often we may have enough money, but not enough time to enjoy it, or we have time but not enough money. That's why Ecclesiastes says, *Whoever loves money never has enough, whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. So what is the answer?*

I believe that until we seek God first in our lives we will always feel like we don't have enough. There



by Preston Brown

will always be this insatiable appetite that cannot be filled. That's why we all need to be looking for that well that won't run dry, and we can only find it when we partner with Jesus and let him take control of our lives. Also, let him take control of your finances. We do it by asking God to supply us with the discerning wisdom to take control of what really matters, and that comes when we seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and his promise to us is that all other things, significant things, will be added to our lives ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and make sure you purchase a copy of "A Champion Game Plan For Life" at amazon.com, this book is a "life changer."

## 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.

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# A Visit to the H.C. Blake Art & History Center

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Calendar of Events

## September 15-17

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Pandemic  
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## September 18-19

Comedian Eddie Griffin  
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## October 8

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## September 19

Car Boot Sale  
Lowe Mill Art & Entertain-  
ment  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

5 &amp; 9 p.m.

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

## September 27

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

## October 26-30

City-Wide Revival  
First Missionary Baptist  
Church  
3509 Blue Spring Road, NW  
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## September 23

Alabama A&M University  
"Start and Go" Podcast  
Featuring William Barnes,  
President & CEO, Birming-  
ham Urban League

## Thru September 30

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

## November 15

Sunday Jazz Lunch Brunch  
at Stovehouse featuring Josh  
Couts & Friends  
Stovehouse  
12 p.m.

## September 25

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

## October 2-4

NASA Space Apps Challenge  
Hackathon-Greater Huntsville  
ed.pearson@aamu.edu

## November 22

Pre-Thanksgiving Service  
Rev. Tramaine Snodgrass  
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## September 26

Drive-up Voter Services  
The Kids of Rocket City  
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Funeral service for MR. TOMMY L. RICE (b. 1955) was held Saturday, September 12, at Hope Community Church with Bishop Dr. Charles Rodgers officiating.

Graveside service for MR. BILLY JOE MALONE (b. 1956) was held Saturday, September 12, at the Hatchett Cemetery (Tanner, Ala.).

Graveside service for MR. TIMOTHY LAMAR FLETCHER (b. 1984) was held Saturday, September 12, at Valley View Memorial Gardens.

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Funeral service for MS. MARION BARBEE (b. 1962) was held Saturday, September 12, at New Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church (11479 Dogwood Flat Road Tanner, Ala.).

Graveside service for MRS. MARGIE PEOPLES (b. 1951) was held Saturday, September 12, at the Meadowlawn Garden of Peace (450 Mount Lebanon Road Toney, Ala.) with Reverend Leon Grays officiating.

Graveside service for DEACON ROBERT LEE JEFFERSON (b. 1939) was held Saturday, September 12, at the Madison Memory Gardens (100 Hughes Road Madison, Ala.) with Pastor Jeffery Jefferson officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. ANNABELL MARSHALL (b. 1923) was held Saturday, September 12, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. James Strong officiating.

Graveside service for MRS. JACQUELINE HOLDEN WESLEY (b. 1964) was held Saturday, September 12, at Northside Cemetery (1715 Jordan Lane Huntsville, Ala.) with Superintendent Johnny Hughes officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JOSE PARENT (b. 1957) was held Saturday, September 12, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue, Huntsville, Ala.).

Graveside service for MRS. DORIS PARKER RATLIFF (b. 1948) was held Friday, September 11, at Hatchett Cemetery (15948 Goode Road Tanner, Ala.) with Pastor Charles Simmons officiating.

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Funeral services for MS. TONYA "T-LOVE" MINOR (b. 1964) was held Tuesday, September 8, at Serenity Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor T. C. Johnson, officiating.

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## Perspectives on EGO-holism

by tim allston

### Real Talk, M'brothas: Can We Handle Over-achieving High-Profiled Black Wives? (Part 2)

"Just as iron sharpens iron, a person sharpens the character of his friend" - Proverbs 27:17, Complete Jewish Bible

Here, King Solomon illustrates that both blades are more effective, as one blade sharpens the other; left alone, each remains duller and more useless.

In our September 4 column, <https://bit.ly/3hjVfNf> we looked briefly at uber-achieving and -profiled Senator Kamala Harris and Dr. Susan Rice, and their across-the-railroad-tracks marriages.

I then asked brothers: Can we handle overachieving, high-profiled Black Wives?

Here, Dr. Emerson Miller concludes our two-part interview:

#### Part 2

(The Valley Weekly) Are Kamala and Susan anomalies, or the trend of things to come?

(Miller) Kamala and Susan are more than likely anomalies, based on recent trends and statistics. For example, according to the United States Census Bureau, 4.6% of married Black American women and 10.8% of married Black American men had a non-Black spouse. 8.5% of married Black men and 3.9% of married Black women had a white spouse.

White men do not marry black women at a high rate. I will be happy to expound on that later.

(TVW) Is this even a real issue?

(Miller) Probably not an issue of much concern except when it comes to Kamala. The Democratic ticket will garner a tremendous number of votes; however, because of her white husband, she will not create the enthusiasm that President Obama had when he ran.



President Obama was a racially mixed man, but he was clear and emphatic about his Blackness. I once heard him say "I never doubted that I was Black; the only problem I had was with my name."

Also, Obama has a Black wife; had he married a white woman, he probably would not have been elected as President of The United States.

#### Well, whaddyathink?

- Is this a real issue?
- Would Obama have become president without a Black wife?
- Does Kamala hurt or help Biden's electoral chances without a Black husband?

Share with me your constructive feedback by Monday, Sept. 21, at [tim@GetEgoHelpNow.org](mailto:tim@GetEgoHelpNow.org). 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).

## 7 Signs of a Toxic Relationship

In most cases, how an individual approaches a romantic relationship is deeply rooted in how they were raised. It's grounded in what they grew up seeing, feeling, believing, or experiencing.

Some may take their positive experiences and hold on to them, while others may remember bad experiences and try to avoid making those same mistakes.

On the other hand, some people may take it to the extreme. For instance, if a person never received love and affection while young it may be something they crave and will do anything to get – which may be the start of a toxic relationship.

Think you've had some bad romances in your life? Check out these 7 signs of a toxic relationship:

**1. Control.** This sign might not be as obvious to some because it is often disguised as "caring." In reality, it is manipulation. Some examples include one person making all the decisions and telling their partner what to do, what to wear, or who to spend time with.

They are usually unrea-



sonably jealous and may try to isolate their partner from his or her friends and family.

**2. Hostility.** Now, this one may be a little bit more subtle at first. You may dismiss it, initially, but pay attention to the signs. Examples of this include picking fights or antagonizing their partner. This may lead to the victim changing their behavior in order to avoid upsetting the offender.

**3. Dishonesty.** Lying, stealing, or keeping information from the other comes along with a lot of other factors. Some examples of this could be drug abuse, infidelity, or illegal activity.

**4. Disrespect.** This can come in the form of one partner criticizing the opinions and interests of the other. Another example of this is destroying something that belongs to the victim.

**5. Dependence.** An

example of this includes a person expressing that they "cannot live without" their partner. They may even threaten to do something drastic to their partner or themselves if the relationship ends.

**6. Intimidation.** Intimidation in a relationship is when a person tries to control aspects of their partner's life by making the other partner fearful or timid.

One partner may attempt to keep his or her partner from friends and family or threaten violence or even a break-up.

**7. Physical/Sexual Violence.** Physical abuse in a relationship is when one uses force to get his or her way (such as hitting, slapping, grabbing, or shoving). They may also pressure or force their partner into sexual activity against their will or without consent.

If you feel you are in a toxic romantic relationship, it's important to know that you can end things on your terms with the help of others if needed.

by Tia Muhammad  
[BlackDoctor.org](http://BlackDoctor.org)



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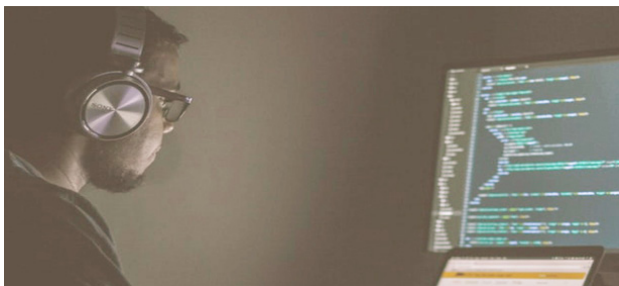
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## A&M Virtual Host of Regional Hackathon

Alabama A&M University has been selected to virtually host the 2020 NASA Space Apps Challenge Hackathon-Greater Huntsville Region event October 2-4, 2020.

NASA Space Apps Hackathon is an annual international hackathon led by NASA Headquarters in collaboration with universities, schools, and industries. The event is organized for coders, scientists, designers, storytellers, makers, builders, technologists, entrepreneurs, and others in cities around the world.

This year's theme is "Take Action," a critical re-

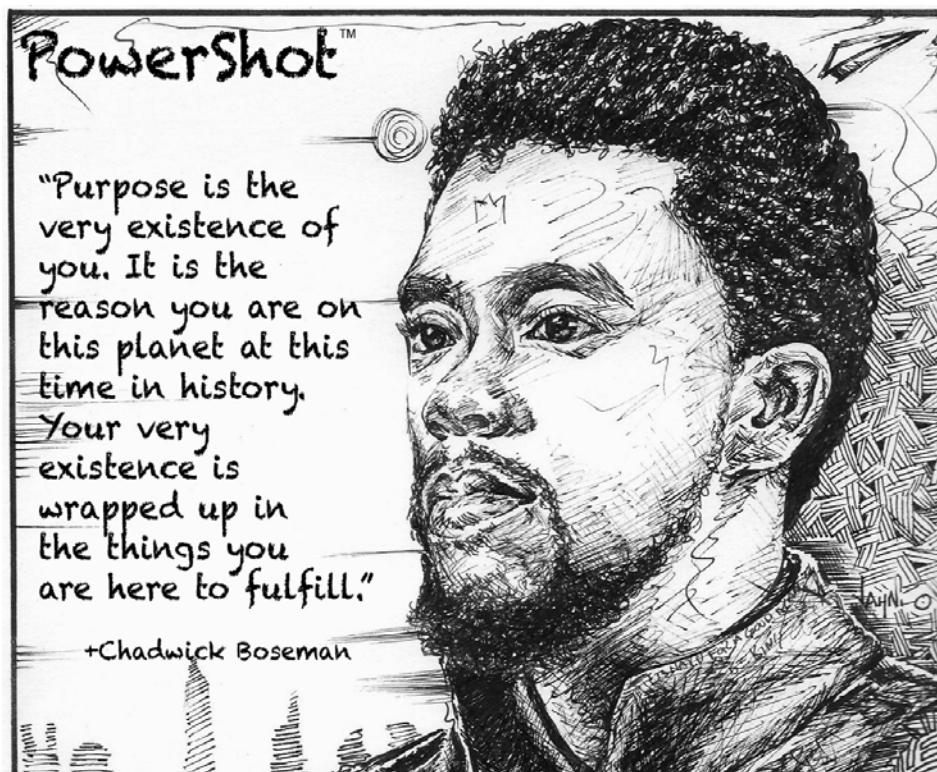


minder to participants that they can make a difference, even from the comfort and safety of their homes.

Teams engage with NASA's free and open data to creatively address real-world problems on Earth and in space. The 2019 Space Apps included over 29,000 participants at 225 events in 71 countries.

The 2020 Space Apps event will be held online via the NASA virtual site, and registration is open now! All graduate, undergraduate and high school students are welcome to participate!

Registration and more info can be received from Dr. Ed Pearson at [ed.pearson@aamu.edu](mailto:ed.pearson@aamu.edu).



*Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters.*

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## AAMU President Addresses Summit on Significance of Voting

The President of Alabama A&M University (AAMU) on Thursday, September 10, powerfully addressed a national voting summit virtually designed to boost student voter participation among America's historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

Hosted by the AAMU and The Andrew Goodman Foundation (AGF), the National HBCU Voting Summit also aims to increase student access to the ballot box, working in partnership with the Fair Elections Center's Campus Vote Project and Students Learn Students Vote (SLSV) Coalition. The two-hour opening activity, which began online at 6 p.m. September 10, marked the first time HBCUs from around the country were brought together to prepare students to vote in 2020 and in the future.

Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., was joined by Summit hosts Monica Clarke, service and learning coordinator for AAMU's Freshman Academy; Austin Smith, Andrew Goodman Vote Everywhere Team Leader, AAMU; and Amaya Rearden, Andrew Good-

man Vote Everywhere Ambassador, AAMU. The University's role in the two-day project, which concluded Friday with a



larger virtual session from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (Central), can also be attributed to the ongoing work of AAMU's Civic Engagement Task Force and its efforts to ensure that all students are registered and engaged to vote.

"We should vote because, in a democracy, it is voting that is the distinguishing characteristic that makes us different from any other country," stated Dr. Hugine in his brief address to the Summit. "That is, the people have a way to logically, without violence, to express their will by voting and electing those persons that espouse their

policies and views that they support."

Hugine went on to thoroughly explain the oft-dismal history of voting in America and its limited citizen participation by a "narrow subset of society," along with the other institutional barriers leading up to the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Even after that landmark act, there have been attempts to curtail voter participation as recently as 2013, Hugine said, adding that the U.S. has the lowest youth voter turnout rate in the world.

The Summit is funded by a grant through the SLSV Coalition and underwritten by Facebook. It is an extension of Foundation's commitment to supporting students of color and creating infrastructure to support HBCUs and their students. For more information, visit <https://andrewgoodman.org/summit/national-hbcu-voting-summit/> To see the informative, eight-minute Hugine address on the importance and significance of voting, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKvw6-42Ick&feature=youtu.be>

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