

"Authors do not supply imaginations." - Nella Larson

Annual Women's Conference Saturday

"Navigating the Journey of Life: Identifying the Tools Needed for Mind, Body and Spirit" is the theme of the Second Annual Conference for Women.

The event will be held Saturday, November 5, in

the new room of Trinity United Methodist Church, located at 607 Airport Road SW, Huntsville, Ala., from 10 a.m.-12 noon.

Get tickets at http:// www.interfaithmissionservice.org/women2022.

AHA Grant Deadline Nears

Preliminary applications are due November 15 for major grants offering up to \$10,000 in funding. Those who apply will get feedback on their proposals before submitting final applications by December 15.

For more information, read the 2022 Grant

Guidelines for Alabama Public Humanities Grants. Questions? Schedule a call with Graydon Rust, AHA's grants director to learn about grant offerings, the grant application process and the type of humanities projects AHA funds.



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AAMU Trustees Hold Annual Meeting in Birmingham

The Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees elected Dr. Roderick De-Wayne Watts to take on the helm of leadership during its fall meeting on Friday, October 28, in Birmingham, Ala.

Trustee Watts of Gadsden, Ala., will now hold the reins following the end of a long board tenure by former President Pro Tempore Jerome B. Williams of Birmingham. Watts, who served as the board's vice president pro tem, is a naturopathic doctor and a 1986 graduate of Tuskegee University with degrees in biology and chemistry. He is a Certified Natural Health Professional (CNHP) and graduate of the Trinity School of Natural Health and the Loomis Institute of Digestive Health in Madison, Wis.

"I'd like to thank the board for having confidence in me," commented Watts following a unanimous vote. He also thanked his wife Gloria for her consistent support. Trustees also elected alum Kevin Ball of Mobile as Vice President Pro Tem, edging out alum Trustee Nichelle Gainey of

Birmingham, 6-5. Trustee Tiffany Johnson Cole of Tuskegee was elected unanimously to resume her role as Secretary to the Board.

The new president pro tem has served on several boards. Among his list of memberships and affiliations are Etowah County Department of Human Resources - board member; Gadsden City Board of Education - board member; Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.; Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (The Boule'); Kappa Kappa Psi Honorary Band Fraternity; and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Associations. Moreover, Watts is an author, a licensed pilot, inspirational speaker, and lecturer on numerous topics, with a concentration on health and wellness.

The board elected former Trustee Williams as Pro Tem in 2017. Throughout his leadership period, Williams was a strong proponent of initiatives related to affordability, capital improvement, employee compensation, easing deferred maintenance, strategic planning and expanding curriculum.

Along with his board responsibilities, Williams

maintained involvement with a number of organizations, many in leadership roles. Some of the affiliations include: Alabama Veterinary Professionals Wellness Program, Magic City Boys Club, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (Boulé), Jefferson County Veterinary Medical Association, Focus on Recovery, Hand In Paw, Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine Deans Advisory Council, and its Alumni Executive Council.

Williams' last meeting was honored with a special video and presentations from the board and University.

In addition to recognizing Williams for his exemplary service to the board, AAMU President Daniel K. Wims also paid tribute to Trustee Chris Robinson for a lengthy tenure of commitment, engagement to various initiatives and innovation.

Robinson congratulated Watts and the new officers and stated that his 12-year tenure with the board presented overall "good challenges." He said the board is indicative of a family, and he remains grateful the opportunity to serve.

University President

Wims through administrators provided accreditation updates; the mid-November dates for ribbon cutting ceremonies for new campus facilities; and enrollment recaps and projections.

Faculty Senate President Jeanette Jones noted the completion of a successful academic year and a "harmonious and productive relationship" with the president stemming from full participation of faculty in a range of decision-making processes, such as selection of key administrators and new faculty, faculty representation on standing and ad hoc committees. Jones also said that faculty have played roles in retreats, extended cabinet meetings, advisory councils and the National Conference on HBCUs in Washington, D.C.

Finally, Dr. Jones introduced for board approval the naming of a bench in honor of alum Adrienne Pope Kelly Washington, her contributions to AAMU, and her leadership as she served as South Eastern Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. A bench for Washington's service will be

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Washington in One Minute



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

1. ON THE FLOOR. The House and Senate will have no recorded votes until Monday, Nov. 14. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) received a call last Friday from President Biden following the attack on her husband, Paul Pelosi, earlier that day at their home in the Pacific Heights neighborhood of San Francisco. According to Punchbowl News, the U.S. Capitol Police has begun a review of security for lawmakers in the wake of the attack; however, the security detail for lawmakers, including Speaker Pelosi, does not currently protect their family members when Members of Congress are not with them. Speaker Pelosi sent out a letter to all Members of the House on Saturday.

2. THE WHITE HOUSE.
On Tuesday, President Biden traveled to Miami Gardens, FL for a Democratic National Committee "get out the vote" rally at Florida Memorial University and, on Thursday, he traveled to New Mexico for campaign events with Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham and other state and local officials. On Saturday, the President will be joined

by former President Obama in Philadelphia, PA for a "get out the vote" rally. The White House announced last week that the President will attend the 27th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27) in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, on Nov. 11, followed by a trip to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on Nov. 12-13 to participate in the annual U.S.-ASEAN Summit and the East Asia Summit. He will then attend the G-20 Summit in Bali, Indonesia, on Nov. 13-16.

3. SUPREME COURT. On Monday, the Supreme Court heard arguments on a pair of cases pertaining to whether universities may use race as a factor in admissions (and whether it will overrule nearly 20 years of precedent that allows race to be considered). The cases are Students for Fair Admissions v. President & Fellows of Harvard College and Students for Fair Admissions v. University of North Carolina.

4. FEDERAL RESERVE. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee met and was expected to announce another 75-basispoint hike in the federal funds rate, which was near zero in March 2022 and is now in the range of 3.00% to 3.25% after 3 consecutive 75-basis-point hikes. Last week's economic news showing that U.S. consumer spending rose more than expected in September by 0.6% and a strong rebound in the 3Q gross domestic product report of 2.6% has most

the Fed remains on track for another three-quarter point hike at its meeting this week, although some Members of Congress are hoping that Fed Chair Jerome Powell will signal that the Fed may slow its increases in the future. To that end, last week Senate Banking Committee Chair Sherrod Brown (D-OH) sent a letter to Chair Powell reminding him of the Federal Reserve's responsibility to maintain full employment and arguing that the Fed's fight against inflation must not hurt workers.

economists predicting that

5. MISSISSIPPI RIVER MEETING. Last Friday, the White House convened a meeting of senior government officials and industry leaders in transportation logistics to discuss federal government action to address historically low water levels along the Mississippi River. The meeting included representatives from the Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, Department of Transportation, U.S. Coast Guard, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

6. MID-TERM ELEC-TIONS. The November elections are still 8 days away, but according to the University of Florida's U.S. Elections Project 21,033,344 early votes have already been cast as of Oct. 30 (In-Person Early Votes: 8,240,328 and Mail Ballots Returned: 12,793,01620,188,516). The project's web link is here: elections project. Hamm Consulting Group

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The Celebration of Life service for ELDER EDWARD ROM-NEY GILBERT (b. 1925) will be Sunday, November 6, at 1 p.m. at the Oakwood University Church (5500 Adventist Blvd. - Huntsville, Ala.).

A funeral mass will be held for MR. THOMAS HENRY WIS-SEL (b. 1978) on Friday, November 4, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Huntsville, Ala., followed immediately by a luncheon to be held in the parish hall.

Funeral service for MRS. ANNE S. COLLIER (b. 1952) was held Tuesday, November 1, at Union Hill Primitive Baptist Church with Dr. Oscar L. Montgomery, Sr. officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. MITZI JOYNER (b. 1967) was held Saturday, October 29, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

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4315 Oakwood Avenue NW Huntsville, AL 35810 - (256) 534-8481

Graveside service for MRS. ANGELIA LACEY GARRETT (b. 1957) will be held 12 p.m., Friday, November 4, in the Northside Cemetery (1715 Jordan Lane Huntsville, Ala.).

Funeral service for MS. MARYLA "PUFFY" RACHAQUEL BALL (b. 1967) will be 11 a.m., Thursday, November 3, at the Royal Chapel of Memories.

Funeral service for BABY GIRL KAYLEIGH MARIE HOL-LOWAY (b. 2018) was held Tuesday, November 1, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Minister Joanette Jones officiating.

Funeral service for MR. CEDRIC LADON CORN (b. 1971) was held Monday, October 31, at Saint Bartley Primitive Baptist Church (3020 Belafonte Avenue, Huntsville, Ala.) with Bishop Daniel J. Richardson officiating and Pastor Hernandez Ford as eulogist.

Funeral service for MS. JOYCE MARIE BAKER (b. 1953) was held Saturday, October 29, at the Royal Chapel of Memories.

SERENITY FUNERAL HOME

2505 University Drive NW Huntsville, AL 35816 (256) 539-9693

Funeral service for MS. SABRINA SMITH (b. 1965) will be held Saturday, November 5, at Serenity Funeral Home Chapel at 3 p.m.

THE VALLEY WEEKLY

PRESTON BROWN

"WHAT'S LOVE **GOT TO DO** WITH IT?"

1 Corinthians 13:6-7 says, "Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

Remember, there was a song that was titled "What's Love Got to Do with It"? And in this song we find the words, "What's Love but a second hand emotion. The song goes on

to say. "Who needs a heart there is no when a heart can be broken?" But when we look at 1 Corinthians 13, the apostle Paul has a different Because love perspective about love.

In this scripture, you can't help but notice how simple it is to understand this description of love.

We all know what is being asked of us, but the problem that most of us have is the willingness to do what it says.

For example, when you love someone, your intentions should never be to be! meant to harm them. So,

need to worry about a "broken heart." creates an atmosphere of trust.

It has been said that love prefers to be overly generous rather than overly suspicious. Some people are very suspicious because they never learned how to trust the other person.

What a miserable place

When we don't trust

our partner, we allow the enemy to get a "foot hole" in our lives, and that will take away our joy and our peace. So we

should always seek to build each other up and not bring one another down with our words or our ac-

Love is not a "second hand emotion," because love does not dishonor others. Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!



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THE VALLEY WEEKLY

VALLEY EVENTS

HAPPENINGS. ACTIVITIES & MORE

November 4

Conflict Resolutions Program
Contact: Dedra Muhammad, counselor@dedramuhammad.com
Alabama A&M University
Wellness Center - 9 a.m.

November 5

High School and Community College Day Event Center/AAMU 8:30 a.m.

7th Annual Rods and Wheels Cruise-in Ditto Landing, Huntsville, Ala. - 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Marvelous Event's Food Drive Benefit: The North Alabama Food Bank Richard Showers Center 4600 Blue Spring Road Huntsville, Ala. - 10 a.m.

Cigar Box Guitar Lessons Lowe Mill Arts & Entertainment 2211 Seminole Drive Huntsville, Ala. - 12-2 p.m.

All About Strauss Von Braun Center Mark C. Smith Concert Hall 700 Monroe Street Huntsville, Ala. - 7:30 p.m.

Concert ZZ Top Mark C. Smith Concert Hall 8 p.m.

Heather McMahan Stand Up Live 2012 Memorial Parkway SW Huntsville, Ala.

November 5-6 2nd Annual Round Top Folk Festival

Burritt on the Mountain (Times Vary)

November 6

Disney Princess-The Concert Mark C. Smith Concert Hall 700 Monroe Street Huntsville, Ala. - 6 p.m.

November 8

Midterm Elections

November 12

2022 Gingerbread Marketplace 4925 Moores Mill Road NE Huntsville, Ala.-9 a.m.-5 p.m.

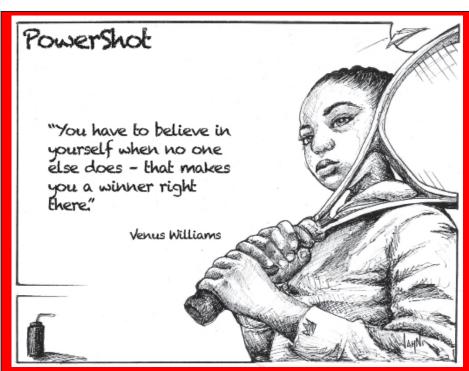
Gulf Coast Challenge AAMU vs. Jackson State University Ladd-Peebles Stadium Mobile, Ala. - 4 p.m.

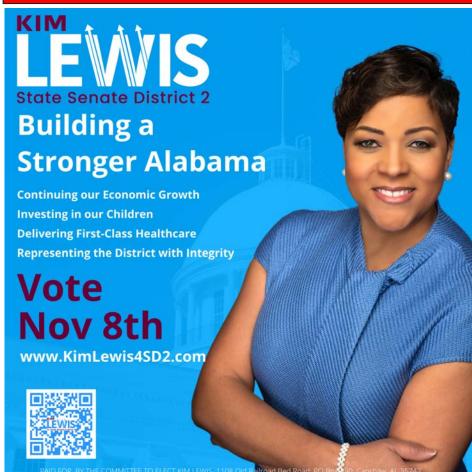
November 19

Bulldog Football vs. Texas Southern University Louis Crews Stadium Alabama A&M University 1 p.m.









"The African view of the universe is based upon the truth that man, nature, the universe, and God are in harmony.

There is no alienation."

- Jacob Carruthers



Warning to College Applicants and Parents: Forego the F.I.G. L.E.A.V.E.S. and Felicity (Huffman, that is)

"Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves" - Genesis 3:7, NIV.

Like Parents, Like Children?

The Adam and Eve referenced above sinned, sensed their God-estrangement/nakedness, and then self-crafted figleaf clothing to mask their loss.

Similarly, we follow our original parents' example and seek to hide behind our self-defined and varied nakednesses by, say, amassing more formal education/degrees; moving into certain zip codes; driving certain cars; and joining selective associations - even places of worship. Get the picture? They're -

F.I.G. L.E.A.V.E.S.

Forgotten, or
Ignored
God-voids in our
Lives, that we cannot
Escape, or
Avoid, because we're
Vulnerable to them, unless and until
Emmanuel (translated, "God with us")
Saves us.

Each of us dons F.I.G. L.E.A.V.E.S. And sometimes we're caught, de-nuded, and made a public-square spectacle.

"Desperate Housewife"-turned-Mother

On September 26, 2019, "Desperate Housewives" Felicity Huffman received a four-month imprisonment, \$95,000 fine, and 500 community service hours for Operation Varsity Blues, a nationwide college admissions scam where wealthy parents allegedly paid middlemen to both up their kids' SAT scores and brand them falsely as student-athletes, to ensure their admission into elite colleges.

"Dr. Phil" says -

TV talk show host/psychologist "Dr. Phil" McGraw assessed, "They're not buying their kids an education, that's not what it's about. I don't think it has anything to do with the education," calling these schools merely "jewelry for a lot of these people, . . .

"Kids are leaving high school, they don't want to say 'my kids are going to the junior college." McGraw said the parents would much rather boast about their children "going to Harvard, ... USC, Yale.... I think it's bragging rights for them."

As parents/guardians who want the best futures for our children, let's not set them and ourselves up for failures and missteps by falsifying their academic records with our FIGLEAVES.

As Adam and Eve learned, FIGLEAVES do ultimately wither, die, and expose what they seek to cover!

Huntsville City Council Meetings



Huntsville City Council's regular meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

Council work sessions are also held in the Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

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

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.

Alabama A&M University Bulldog Football 2022

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Sept. 10	at Troy	Vet	6PM
Sept. 17	vs. AUSTIN P	EAY	2PM
Sept. 24	at FAMU		5PM
Oct. 1	HOMECOMI. (vs. Bethune-Co		2PM
Oct. 8	vs. Grambling		1PM
Oct. 16	at UAPB (St. Louis) 3PM River City Classic		
Oct. 29	vs. Alabama S Magic City C		2:30PM
Nov. 3	at MVSU		6:30PM
Nov. 12	vs. Jackson State Gulf Coast Challenge Mobile, Ala. TBA		
Nov. 19	vs. Texas Sout	hern	1PM
Dec. 3	SWAC Championship		

Huntsville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Meetings

The Citizens Advisory Committee of the Huntsville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization will meet Monday, November 7, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the 7th Floor Conference Room of Huntsville City Hall, 308 Fountain Cir. SW. The Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board meets on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 4:00 pm in the first floor Council Chambers of Huntsville City Hall. To review items on the agenda for these meetings, visit: http://www.huntsvillempo.org/about/meetings-and-agendas/. For more information on the MPO, visit: http://www.huntsvillempo.org/

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also known by his various stage names Puff Daddy, P. Diddy, Puffy, Diddy, Brother Love and B. Love, is an American rapper, singer, songwriter, actor, record producer, and entrepreneur born in New York City and raised in Mount Vernon, New York. He worked as a talent director at



Uptown Records before founding his label Bad Boy Entertainment in 1993. His debut album No Way Out (1997) has been certified seven times platinum. - BlackCelebrityBirthdays.com

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Bradford Foundation, Incorporated held its 5th



annual scholarship foundation event, "A Century

of Service & Culture", A Tribute to Mrs. Nell Lane

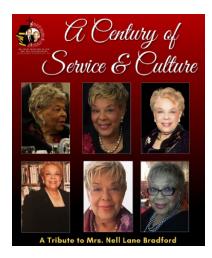
> Bradford, on Thursday, October 22, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. at the venerable Ledges Ballroom.

The Bradford Foundation, Inc., luncheon took place in part to

thank and to recognize the charitable and corpo-

> rate donations, and to award scholarships to academically excellent students attending the historic Alabama Agricultural

and Mechanical University (AAMU) located at Nor-



mal, Alabama.

This year the Bradford Foundation, Inc., recognized the century-long dedication of unswerving, implacable service of the Foundation's surviving

namesake, Mrs. Nell Lane Bradford, (who turned 100 years old on May 19, 2022), as well as providing such service to AAMU and the Huntsville community.

In addition, the event feted Mrs. Bradford for the exquisite, inimitable culture and polish that she epitomized throughout

her life.

The Bradford Foundation, Inc., trustee board members presented a fashion show, The Grande Dame Fashion Decades, 1922 - 2022, which showcased fashions for each decade of the past 100 years.

The board members

displayed fashionable finery and sartorial splendor as the talented Dr. Reginald Jackson regaled the audience with his smooth saxophone and dulcet mastery of music, while guests dined on the sumptuous food prepared by the Ledges culinary staff.

Additionally, Mr. William Hampton of Huntsville Revisited provided a display of artifacts and historical pieces from the last 100 years.

The luncheon culminated with the presentation of \$1,500 scholarships to Mr. Chance Shell and Miss Arianna Tibbs, members of the AAMU Marching Band. Both recipients had excellent grade point averages!

Finally, Dr. Henry Lane



Bradford, Sr., spoke on behalf of the Bradford Family reminding the guests of the late Dr. Henry Bradford's exhortation to "Brighten the Corner Where You Are!" The Bradford Foundation, Inc., thanked all attendees and looks forward to 2023!

- Craig White

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING HUNTSVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY (HHA)

HHA will hold a Virtual Public Hearing on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to receive input for the FY2023 Agency Annual Plan, Capital Fund Budget and the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP). The listed plans are in accordance with the Quality Housing Act of 1998. Draft plans can be viewed on HHA's website (www.hsvha.org) and at the following location: HHA's Administrative Office, 200 Washington St., Huntsville, AL 35801.

Submit comments to Turkessa Coleman Lacey, Huntsville Housing Authority, 200 Washington St., Huntsville, AL 35801 or tcoleman@hsvha. org. Deadline for comments is December 13, 2022. For more information regarding this public notice or to request special accommodations, please call (256) 532-5623. Hearing or speech impaired residents are encouraged to use the TDD line at 1-800-545-1833, ext. 903 for requests. To connect to the Public Hearing on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., please use the following link:

https://tinyurl.com/hha-Actionplan







Rosetta James Foundation "Spotlight on Our Elders" ... Featuring

Eugene "Dick" Scruggs, Sr.

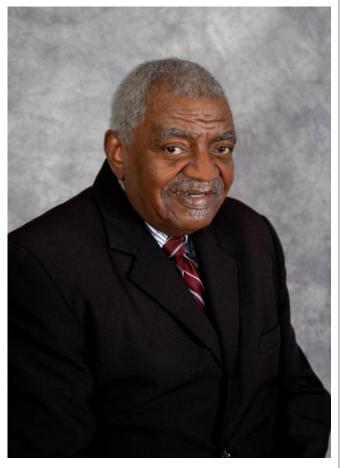
Mr. Eugene "Dick" Scruggs, Sr., is a native of Madison County, Alabama, who was reared in Meridianville. He is also a former member of the Negro League's baseball dynasty, where he served as a pitcher with a fastball that touched 90 miles per hour and a secondary pitch known around the Negro Leagues 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 statesmen 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.



"Spotlight on Our Elders" is a weekly feature sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation to promote volunteerism and activism in our community among those who are 70-plus. The Foundation also provides scholarships. Learn more about us at www. rosettajamesfoundation.org. Know an outstanding elder (70+) that you would like to see featured? Send us a photo and 250-word write-up to info@valleyweeklyllc.com.



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Scenes from the 81st Annual Magic City Classic

Alabama State University vs. Alabama A&M University Culminating October 29, 2022 - Legion Field -2:30 p.m.



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placed at Terry Hall, the women's residential facility that bears the name of one of the sorority's founders, AAMU English and history educator Harriet Josephine Terry.

Updates on Homecoming activities and other student activities were presented by Student Government Association Executive President Jaila Green-Mascotti.

BOARD ACTIONS

The board also took actions on the following items that came before the body:

Business and Finance: Interim Vice President Lynda Batiste submitted action items involving line of credit, a gift deed correction and increasing the bid threshold option to \$25,000.

Marketing, Communication and Advancement:

VP Jamal Ali sought and received board approval to amend a current board policy on the naming of buildings, structures, streets and other geographical areas. The request comes as the University opens new facilities that offer branding opportunities.

NEXT:

The board will meet again in February 2023.