

# The Valley Weekly

"Sometimes being a friend means mastering the art of timing. There is a time for silence. A time to let go and allow people to hurl themselves into their own destiny. And a time to prepare to pick up the pieces when it's all over."

- Octavia Butler

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Friday, December 14, 2018

## Journalist, Author April Ryan to Visit "The Hill"

April Ryan, an American journalist and author who joined CNN as a political analyst last year, will speak at Alabama A&M University in January 2019 as the Martin Luther King Day speaker, according to the Office of Student Activities.

Since 1997, she has served as a White House correspondent and is the Washington, D.C., bureau chief for American Urban Radio Networks. In May 2017, the National Association of Black Journalists named Ryan as the "Journalist of the Year."

More details will be announced at a later date.



## Fundraiser for 2nd Chance Scholarship Set

A benefit to support the Jack & Annie Anderson 2nd Chance Scholarship and the 212 Community Service Scholarship will be held December 31.

The event will be held at Huntsville Botanical Garden's Nichols Arbor from 8 p.m.-12 midnight.

"Have Yourself a Jazzy Little New Year" will feature Micha 'ML6' Logan as Mistress of Ceremony, along with live music by saxophonist Ryon Schultz.

Tickets are on sale at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).



## 'Skating in the Park' Begins

'Skating in the Park' is a unique holiday tradition found in the heart of Downtown Huntsville. It is "nestled right in Big Spring Park behind the Huntsville Museum of Art."

The popular event begins Friday, December 14, at 4 p.m. and runs through December 22. Follow along

on Skating in the Park's Facebook page for up-to-date event and specials info and share your holiday memories with Skating in the Park's Instagram page. Use #SkatingInThePark.

Admission is \$15 for persons 10 and up; \$10 for children 10 and under

## Downtown Parking Gets Options

The City of Huntsville is adopting new technologies to make it easier for patrons to pay for parking in the downtown area.

Beginning in early 2019, about 400 parking spaces, including those with coin-operated only meters, will be updated for easy pay by smartphone and credit card options. This will enable users to:

- Monitor their parking

sessions

- Extend time remotely
- View payment history
- Receive email receipts

"We want to make it easier for customers to pay for parking and to extend their time without the hassle of returning to a meter," said Tommy Brown, Director of Parking and Public Transit.

- [Huntsvilleal.gov](http://Huntsvilleal.gov)



**WINNER:** Huntsville float wins First Place in Huntsville's Christmas Parade.

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

1. The House and Senate are in session this week. Last week, Congress approved a 2-week extension of the stop-gap funding resolution keeping the federal government open through Friday, December 21, which funds the government at FY2018 levels for those departments for which there is no enacted appropriations bill – including the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Homeland Security,

Interior, Justice, State, Transportation and HUD – and independent agencies such as NASA and the EPA.

On Friday, President Trump sent a \$4.76 billion additional funding request (known in DC parlance as an “anomalies list”) to Congress, for among other items, \$3.6 billion to bring the total wall funding to \$5 billion – even if Congress were to approve a full-year continuing resolution set at FY2018 levels for the Department of Homeland Security. In the continuing outcry over the murder of Saudi journalist

Jamal Khashoggi and in a clear rebuke of the Saudi Arabia-led campaign in Yemen, the Senate is expected to take up a resolution sponsored by Sens. Sanders (I-VT), Lee (R-UT), and Murphy (D-CT), which would require President Trump to withdraw troops in Yemen within 30

days. The House may take up the final conference report on the Farm Bill.

2. President Trump met on Tuesday with Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and House Speaker Presumptive Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) to discuss – among other items – funding for the Mexican border wall, which was postponed from last week. On Wednesday, the President traveled to Baltimore, Md., to attend a roundtable discussion on Opportunity Zones. The

Axios news website reported that, after Veep staff chief Nick Ayers declined the job in a Sunday tweet, the President is now considering Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC), White House budget director Mick Mulvaney, and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer as possible replacements for outgoing White House Chief of Staff John Kelly.

3. On Sunday, Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Le Yucheng summoned U.S. Ambassador Terry Branstad and demanded the release of Huawei Technologies CFO Meng Wanzhou, who was detained in Vancouver, Canada, a week ago. On Monday, a Canadian bail hearing for Meng continued from last week. According to USA Today, U.S. authorities claim that Huawei did business with Iran through a shell company in Hong Kong, thereby circumventing U.S. sanctions on Iran.

4. Last Thursday, Rep. David Valadao (R-CA) conceded his race to Democrat challenger TJ Cox, thereby handing House Democrats their 40th GOP-seat pickup for a total of 235 Democrats to 199 Republicans, with 1 seat undecided: NC-9. In NC’s 9th District, the North Carolina State Board of Elections has refused to certify the 905-vote win of the GOP’s Mark Harris over Democrat Dan McCready over absentee ballot irregularities and will hold a hearing on the matter later this month. Senate Republicans have gained 2 seats for a total of 53 R’s to 47 D’s.

5. On Tuesday, Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao announced the transportation infrastructure awardees in the \$1.5 billion FY2018 BUILD Grant competition. Also on Tuesday, Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Kevin McAleenan testified in a hearing before the Senate

Judiciary Committee.

6. On Wednesday, Michael Cohen, President Trump’s former lawyer, was sentenced on charges of violating campaign finance laws and lying to Congress.

7. House Democrats have vowed to fight Education Secretary Betsy DeVos’ proposed overhaul of rules for how schools handle allegations of sexual harassment and assault. It’s still unclear what “bold action” they plan to take, as Democratic leader and likely House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has promised. But these bills could provide a guide.

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Classes will begin March 5 and end April 23, running 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday evening. Graduation will be held on

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Applications are available online at [www.diversityleadershipcolloquium.com](http://www.diversityleadershipcolloquium.com). Questions should be emailed to Mrs. Georgia Valrie at [gvalrie1971@gmail.com](mailto:gvalrie1971@gmail.com) or call (256) 656-4698.

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## Society of Professional Women Blue Carpet Affair



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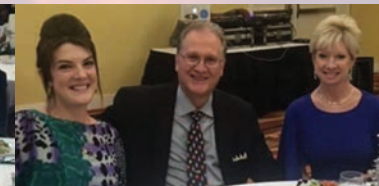
The Society of Professional Women presented the 2nd Annual Blue Carpet Affair: Her Story is Our Strength. The affair was held at Robert "Bob" Harrison Senior Wellness & Advocacy Center on December 8 and honored four local women. Honorees included Lydia Andrews, who received the "Making Footprints ... Stepping Forward" Award; Verlindsey Brown-Stewart was honored as a Silent Hero; Claudia Bucher was honored as an Unsung Hero; and Ms. Saundra Simmons was honored with the Profile in Courage award. Claudinette Purifoy-Fears is president, and Elaine Tibbs Rice served as Mistress of Ceremony.



*Dorothy W. Huston & L. W. Points*



*Guests from the United Way*



*Honoree Claudia Bucher, Joe Bucher & Guest*



*Honorees*



*2018 Members of the Society of Professional Women (SOPW)*



*Knute Walker, Amber Hunter & Kannard Sanders*



*Mr. Kennen Robinson & Mrs. L. Points-Smith*

## State of the City Hosted by Chamber of Commerce

Mayor Tommy Battle gave his annual State of the City address on December 4 at the Von Braun Center. Some of the highlights included the creation of over 25k new jobs this year and the investment of \$30m in parks and greenways. In downtown Huntsville, new apartments, additional parking, live-work communities and a new federal courthouse are in progress. He indicated that there is no better time than now to live in Huntsville. One of his goals is to change the course and culture of this community with different and unique industries that make sense for our workforce, including new 21st century retail, restaurants, technology broad band connectivity, hotels music and outdoor entertainment venues. Huntsville has moved from the 4th largest city in Alabama to 3rd. However, the mayor indicated that his goal is not to be the largest but the best in terms of quality of life for our residents, while attracting a smart-young workforce. The end goal is to make sure every resident who wants a job can get a job in this community.

Mazda Toyota venture is a \$1.6 billion investment that is about building innovation, rather than just cars. One of the greatest challenges has been to manage and measure quality, incremental growth. Huntsville has paid \$125 million to the State of Alabama to improve roads in the corridor, both building new roads and improving existing roads.

So the questions we must answer are: "What must we do to stay relevant in the future? What do we need from the community to do that? What happens during the next 15-20 years?" Providing a high quality education will be key to position our city for a prosperous future, according to Battle.



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## Charity to Host "Rainbow of Knowledge Fair"

The Patricia Haley Charity, a 501c3 organization, will host a "Nonprofit & Community Rainbow of Knowledge Fair" on February 28, 2019, at the Huntsville Marriott (U.S. Space and Rocket Center) from 3:30-7:30 p.m.

The Second Annual Day of Awareness and Knowledge Fair Our will raise awareness and knowledge of the many resources that are available to the community in the Greater Huntsville, Alabama, area.

Participating organizations will include the medical field, nonprofit organizations, foundations, and many other agencies that support the community through resources, knowledge, or providing a service. Representatives will also be on site to discuss the resources and support available through the organization. For more, call (256) 693-4709.



(L-R): Cornelius Woodall, Tilantine Benjamin, Nikki Butler, keynote speaker Renie Moss, Valeria McConnell, Dorothy Huston, Phyllis Chunn and Bill Huston

## Jamal's Helping Hands, Inc. Caretaker's Brunch

by Phyllis Chunn

The creation of Jamal's Helping Hands, Inc. was inspired by McKinley "Jamal" Thomas. At age 9, young Jamal was diagnosed with Neurofibromatosis Type 1 (NF1), a rare, genetic disorder unknown to many. Jamal lost his battle with the disease March 28, 2017 at age 31. Valerie McConnell, Jamal's mom and caregiver was determined her son's life would not be in vain. She used her pain as her best inspiration. She became a force and created a movement as she allowed her light to shine during her painful bereavement. As a result, Jamal's Helping Hands Inc. (JHH) was created in November of 2017. JHH's vision is to become the national leader in education, outreach, advocacy and support of individuals affected by rare diseases.

The first annual Christmas brunch was anything but ordinary from the singers (By Faith), the poet (Lance Brazelton), to the speakers (Reggie Jackson, motivational speaker, and Mrs. Renie Moss, caregiver of the year). Mrs. Moss deservedly received the caregiver of the year award. She is bravely caring for her husband, Philip, Sr., son Philip, Jr. (age 13), and daughter Helen (10) whom are all diagnosed with NF1.

The brunch was a faith-filled, all-inspiring event that moved each of us to reflection and hopefulness. It is so apparent that Valerie's momentum has less to do with her and more to do with the people that cross her path. With the support from Jamal's Helping Hands, families like the Moss' will receive hope, help and hands of friendship.

Help ensure Jamal's life was not in vain, go to <https://www.jamalshelpinghands.org/> to support this organization dedicated to helping others.

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*To everything there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose  
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Ecclesiastes 3:1*

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# The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

**Thru January**  
Tinsel Trail  
Big Spring Park  
200 Church Street  
Huntsville, Ala.

**December 12-16**  
Sanders Family Christmas Party  
Tickets: \$25  
The Burritt Museum  
(256) 536-2882

**December 15**  
Art Huntsville Exhibit  
Artist Caroline Wang  
Von Braun Center

“Christmas in Oz”  
Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church  
315 Winchester Road, NE  
Huntsville, Ala.  
3 p.m.

**December 16**  
53rd Boar’s Head and Yule Log Festival  
Huntsville First United Methodist Church  
5-6 p.m.

**December 17**  
“Wright Brothers First Flight”  
U.S. Space and Rocket Center  
Huntsville, Ala.  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**December 18**  
Rocket City College Basketball Classic  
UAH vs. Fort Valley State

University  
Von Braun Center Arena

**December 21-22**  
Stand Up Live! Comedy Club  
Featuring Deon Cole

**December 27-29**  
36th Huntsville City Classic (Boys High School Basketball)  
Huntsville High School

**December 29**  
Pre-New Year’s Eve Holiday Gala  
100 Black Men of Greater Huntsville  
Von Braun Center-North Hall  
7 p.m.

**December 31**  
“Fire & Ice”  
Masquerade Ball  
Featuring Alex D. Banks II & Company  
Sponsor: The Delta Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha PhiAlpha Fraternity, Inc. and the Central North Alabama Alumnae of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Von Braun Center North Hall  
8 p.m.

**January 10**  
“Birds & Brews”  
Nichols Arbor  
Huntsville Botanical Garden  
Members - \$20; Non-members, \$25  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

**January 19**  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade  
Host: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Downtown Huntsville  
Huntsville, Ala.  
12 noon

**February 12**  
Black History Month  
The Beyond Normal Lecture Series  
Presenting Dr. Bernice A. King  
Alabama A&M University  
RSVP:  
<https://form.jotform.com/83167566954168>  
Knight Center  
12:30 p.m.

**February 19**  
Education Choice Summit  
Featuring Dr. Steve Perry  
Author, Speaker and Educator  
Calhoun Community College-Huntsville Campus  
Student Center  
5:30-8 p.m.

**February 28**  
Second Annual “Day of Action” Nonprofit and Community Rainbow of Knowledge Fair  
Huntsville Marriott at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center  
Huntsville, Ala.  
4:30-7:30 p.m.

**March 9**  
13th Annual Rosetta James “Honoring Our Elders” Celebration Luncheon  
The Jackson Center  
601 Moquin Drive (Cummings Research Park)  
Huntsville, Ala. - 12 noon

## Up and Coming Artist Brings Concert to Huntsville

On January 4, 2019, De- van Davis (professionally known by Epic Narrative) will be producing a live concert full of drama, music, and dance at the Von Braun Center, Playhouse Theater!

It will be a night to remember! This production will indeed be entertaining, but it will also explore the modern day struggles that young adults face and solutions to taking ownership of year 2019.

It is meant to inspire artistic centennials to not lose sight of their dreams despite an ever-changing world.

This project is very dear to Epic, for his mom passed away when he was only 14 years old. The day Epic got



the news, he sat for hours in his room crying and listening to “Seasons of Love” from the hit musical Rent. Then, he went to a play rehearsal. “Artistry has always been my escape,”

say’s Epic. After years of fighting through depression and financial instability, this young man defied all expectations of failure. How did he do it? “I give all credit to God and the theatre he brought me to.”

Fun fact about Epic Narrative: He graduated from Lee High School on his birthday as one of the top ten percent in his class. After doing so, he hopped on a plane to NYC and enrolled in a BFA Acting program at Brooklyn College. Since then, he has attacked show business head on. If you would like to attend Epic’s concert, tickets are available on his website at <https://www.TheEpic-Narrative.com> under the upcoming events tab.

## Jewel to Bring Holiday Fun to Rocket City

Jewel, The Grammy-nominated singer behind mega hits “Who will Save Your Soul”, “Standing Still” and “Foolish Games” is bringing her Handmade Holiday tour to the Von Braun Center’s Mark C. Smith Concert Hall, Dec. 20 with special appearances from father Atz Kilcher and brothers Atz Lee and Nikos Kilcher(Discovery Channel’s Alaska: The Final Frontier.) The show will begin at 7:30 P.M.

The holiday extravaganza will feature a mixture of holiday favorites, family collaborations and select tunes from her chart-topping discography. The festive North American trek, which concludes in Biloxi later this month, is the Homer, Alaska native’s second official Christmas tour.

Jewel, born Jewel Kilcher, broke into the music scene with 1995’s Pieces of You, which featured her most recognized hit “Who Will Save Your Soul” and would later nab her first Grammy nomination for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance. Throughout her two-decade career, the mother of one has released 12 studio albums and numerous books of poetry.

In an interview with KMWU, Jewel said the fresh-man tour was an easy way to bring the family together without making the trip to her home state of Alaska. The artist, who has two holiday records under belt added they were some of her most popular releases. However, she never did a tour



to support either album, released in 1999 and 2013, respectively. The holiday-themed show also enabled the four-time Grammy nominated artist to demonstrate her vocal range to fans.

“This show lets me sing in a way nobody knows I can sing,” Jewel told the Wichita radio station. “It’s a very range-y show and very difficult vocally.”

For additional information on the tour, please visit [Jewkl.com](http://Jewkl.com).

by Reginald Allen



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# Valley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for RETIRED SSG MICHAEL L. WATKINS, (b. 1965) of Killeen, Tex., and formerly of Huntsville, Ala., was held Monday, December 10, at the Church of Deliverance (3121 Commerce Drive - Killeen, Tex.).

Funeral service for MR. OSCAR D. DAVIS, JR., (b. 1977) was held Saturday, December 8, at Phillips Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (100 Orange Drive - Huntsville, Ala.) with The Reverend Adophus Elliott officiating.

Funeral service for MS. ANNETTE PARKER (b. 1967) was held Saturday, December 8, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Dennis Green officiating.

Funeral service for MR. GREGORY L. PARRISH (b. 1964) was held Friday, December 7, at Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (2403 Oakwood Road - Huntsville, Ala.) with the Reverend Joe Kelly officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. VICTORIA ELAINE WHITE (b. 1964) was held Saturday, December 1, at Douglas Tabernacle Primitive Baptist Church with Reverend Marcus Moore officiating.

- Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. LORRAINE CHARITY MILES was held Wednesday, December 12, at Oakwood Seventh-day Adventist Church (5500 Adventist Drive Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Lawerance Hamilton officiating.

Funeral service for MR. WALTER ELBERT PRITCHETT was held Saturday, December 8, at First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Springs Road Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service for MR. DEXTER DELANO BRANDON II (b. 1996) was held Friday, December 7, at the Eagles' Nest Ministries (6831 Hollow Road NW Huntsville, Ala.) with Bishop Daniel J. Richardson officiating.

Funeral service for MR. DA'RON MONTEAL "JUICE" PARKS (b. 1993) was held Tuesday, December 4, at Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church In America (2403 Oakwood Road Huntsville, AL 35810).

Funeral service for MS. BRENDA MILLER NEAL (b. 1961) was held Saturday, December 1, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Thomas Miller officiating

- Serenity Funeral Home -

Funeral service to be announced at a later date for MR. JEFFERY COLLIER (b. 1959).

## Called Preach

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

### I Can't See Where You've Been Along

**Hebrews 5:12-6:1**

The words and the weather were chilly, and wearisome was the chore. They were spoken by our dear departed mother, Mrs. Lillie V. Rice, as she observed from the kitchen window the progress that my brother and I hadn't made during those chilly months of fall when the leaves from those plethora of pecan trees that graced our yard at 715 Legion Drive in Monroeville, Ala., had fallen, and we were responsible for raking them into piles and putting them into a compost heap. We both looked at each other in disbelief and with dismay and disappointment when she would say that, because in our minds and according to the piles of leaves that we had stacked up, we were certain that

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Huntsville City Council's regular meetings are held



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we had indeed been along. As I write this at sixty-four years of age, I am just now understanding why and what our mother was saying. We thought that piles meant progress. She, however, viewed progress

as placement. The leaves were still in the yard and not in the compost heap. Does not the Spirit of God say something similar when we think we have made progress in our spiritual maturation? The Hebrew writer told his first readers that



they should have been teaching others how to discern good and evil; instead, they were still having to be taught. In other words, God was saying to them; "I can't see

where you've been along." Spiritual progress is not optional.

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## Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

Luke 2:28-32 says, *Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying; "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."*



You know, over the years I have received so many wonderful gifts at Christmas time. As a child I can still remember getting "GI Joes", model cars, and a bicycle or two. One year my parents even got me a car, and even though it was not new, it was a gift that I will cherish forever. However, none of these gifts lasted very long. My "GI Joes, model

cars, bicycles and even my 1973 Pontiac Grand Am all eventually wore out. So even though they were awesome gifts, they didn't last very long.

When we read this scripture, we see that Simeon received the greatest gift of all, when he was able to hold the baby Jesus in his arms. Because he could now enter into eternity with a peaceful heart. You see the gift that God gives, you won't find under a tree, and if you are a Christian you already carry this gift in your heart. Now, the gift that I am talking about is the gift of salvation, which is eternal life. Why is this the greatest gift? Romans 6:23 tells us: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus

our Lord. Now this gift of salvation, we can never get tired of like so many other gifts that we have received over the years, and it will never wear out. This gift will always be important, no matter if you are young or old.

Now since we have this gift of salvation, we are all justified, which means our sins are forgiven as if they never happened. God hits the "delete" button and your sins are gone. This is part of the wonderful gift that God gives when we ask for forgiveness and repent of our sins and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

Christmas is almost here, make sure you get your copy of my book "A Champion Game Plan For Life" ... [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), Barnes and Nobel.com or contact me at [pbrown@damson.com](mailto:pbrown@damson.com).

## Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

## Rev. Leroy Cole

Reverend Leroy R. Cole, pastor emeritus, Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, succeeded Rev. Williams in leadership of Hopewell in 1978. He watered the seeds planted by his predecessors with the word of God and the anointing of the Holy Ghost. The church grew to a membership of over 800.

Rev. Cole also introduced the phrase, "HOPEWELL EXPERIENCE" which is popular throughout New Market, Huntsville and other surrounding areas.

Due to the significant increase in church membership, Hopewell erected, with the help of God, a new Worship complex. The first service was held in this new facility on September



13, 1998, with the observance of Holy Communion.

Rev. Cole took Hopewell to great heights during his 34 years of leadership. His

numerous contributions to Hopewell, New Market, Huntsville and the Madison County community are immeasurable.

## 2018 Heisman Winner Kyler Murray Imitated Jesus Successfully: Being #1 @ Being #2

by tim allston



On Saturday, December 8, University of Oklahoma quarterback (QB) Kyler Murray won the 2018 Heisman Trophy, besting runner-up QBs Tua Tagovailoa (University of Alabama) and Dwayne Haskins (the Ohio State University).

Murray transferred from Texas A&M QB-ing

in 2016; sat on the bench humbly for two years, behind 2017 Heisman winner Baker ("Bake") Mayfield; and subsequently, his 2018 stats were most impressive - 4053 (passing) and 892 (rushing) yards, 51 touchdowns, and the nation-leading QB rating (205.72) and yards per passing attempt (11.9).

Most importantly for us, however, Murray's mindset and journey to receiving college football's most coveted individual award paralleled Jesus Christ's touchdown drive to rescue humanity, being #1 @ being #2 - that is, according to the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians, and "The Gospel according to Kyler Murray":

Philippians 2:5,7,9, New King James Version: Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus (Murray: "but I definitely knew if I trusted in myself and did my job, then we would end up in a good position, . . . When

you do things right and you do things for the team, your individual goals, they come"), . . . 7 but made himself of no reputation, . . . humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death (" . . . but everything happens for a reason, transferring to OU, having to sit behind 'Bake' for a couple years. I think it's the reason why I'm playing the way I'm playing right now...I've always been confident of my abilities, but just coaching and, you know, the right situation can do so much for a kid, and being at OU with Coach Riley, it has helped me out tremendously."), . . . 9 Therefore . . . highly

exalted him and given him the name which is above every name (2018 Heisman Trophy winner) . . ."

P.S. Kyler: on December 29 (i.e., three Saturdays after your Heisman awarding), your fourth-ranked Sooners will play in the College Football Playoff (CFP) quarterfinals against top-ranked Alabama, led by sophomore QB Tua Tagovailoa.

He was the season-long #2 QB to #1 QB Jalen Hurts until the January 8, 2018's CFP national championship game elevated the freshman to overtime title-winning QB over Georgia,

26-23.

Remember Tua? This former #1-@-being-#2 QB led this year's Crimson Tide to its undefeated 13-0 season and its Southeastern Conference championship (over Georgia) - and his #2 place to your #1 Heisman Trophy voting . . .

. . . So, based upon your and Jesus' track record, . . . stayed tuned.

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## Holiday Shopping Tips to Reduce Stress, Save Money

Here are money- and time-saving tips to reduce your shopping stress and get the most out of holiday sales:

Make a gift list: Write down everyone you need to shop for and assign a dollar amount next to each name.

Review the deals: Collect ads from your favorite stores and use them to create your shopping plan.

Don't procrastinate: The easiest way to overspend on holiday gifts is to



wait until the last minute.

Follow brands on social media: Check out your favorite brands, where you can find up-to-the-minute info on savings.

Shop savvy with your

smartphone: Mobile apps, like Home Depot's, make it easy to search for your favorite items.

Don't overlook shipping costs: When ordering online, beware of shipping, delivery and service fees.



**PICTURE PERFECT!** Nearly 400 graduates participated in fall commencement exercises at Alabama A&M University in the Von Braun Center arena, where the Class of 2018 heard inspiring words from Dr. Perry W. Ward, president of Birmingham-based Lawson State Community College. AAMU President Andrew Hugine, Jr., conferred Professor Emeritus status to Dr. D.R. Rao, retired food scientist. (Photo by J. Saintjones)

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The FAITH Initiative announces that the application period for the Bobby Bodiford Memorial Scholarship and the Dr. Constance Dees Memorial Scholarship is now open. Each is \$1,000.00, and high school seniors in the Tennessee Valley may apply. For applications, please request by any of the following ways: email [faithinitiative nonprofit@gmail.com](mailto:faithinitiative nonprofit@gmail.com); phone 256-714-9399; or mail to P.O. Box 3858, Huntsville, AL 35810. The postmark deadline for receiving completed applications is March 18, 2019.



**BIRTHDAY** - December 14 - Reginald Lewis - Born in Baltimore, Md. He received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1968. He was a partner in Murphy, Thorpe & Lewis, the first Black law firm on Wall Street. In 1987, Lewis bought Beatrice International Foods from Beatrice Companies for \$985 million. - [BlackinTime.info](http://BlackinTime.info)

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