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"Nothing is more desirable than to be released from an affliction, but nothing is more frightening than to be divested of a crutch." - James Baldwin



# **A&M Hosts Board's Summer Meeting**

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The Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees held its 10 a.m. summer session virtually on Friday, June 26, dealing with a range of agenda items, from budget approval to a comprehensive listing of re-opening protocols for Fall 2020.

The body, led by President Pro Tem Jerome B. Williams, began the one-hour meeting by first considering a slate of action items from its Business and Finance subcommittee. That subcommittee sought and received approvals for the Bulldog Life Program (which focused on tuitiononly assessment for special needs students); a flat tuition and fee schedule for the upcoming academic year; a \$192 million operating budget for FY21; removal of the Old Shop Building near the campus' Old Stadium; a critical capital projects list that will be funded by state bond and advancement and technology monies to the tune of \$10 million; and an Event Center easement at North Memorial Parkway and Stallworth Drive.

Under the Academic Affairs subcommittee, the Board approved the deletion of five program tracks, all

under the College of Agricultural, Life and Natural

Sciences. Among the tracks were Wildlife, Ecology. GIS/ Remote Sensing,

Forestry **Business** 

and Tailor-Your-Own.

During her standard report, Trustee, Distinguished Professor and Faculty Senate President Jeanette Jones acknowledged the Senate's continued meetings with President Andrew Hugine, Jr., and Provost Daniel Wims on various faculty concerns via the Zoom platform, thanks to quality technical assistance. Jones further urged the administration to continue to consider the high-risk categories common among the many African Americans who make up the faculty and student body and to plan accordingly in re-opening efforts.

The Development and Technology Committee submitted recommendations for the naming and/or renaming of several structures. The Board approved the naming of the Henry & Nell

Hall); the renaming of McCalep Building to the George McCalep and Ronald and Patricia

McCalep McIntosh Hall; the naming of the Felicia Wilson Dining Hall in the Knight Center; and the renaming

of Bibb Graves Hall to Walter S. Buchanan Hall (after AAMU's president). The Board

also amended its bylaws to include the position of vice president pro tem, as well as approved the hiring of a consultant to assist trustees

in conducting a mandatory self-evaluation process. Trustees also heard a

summary from AAMU Vice President Gary Crosby of recommendations from a multidisciplinary university re-opening task force. Dr. Crosby outlined a meticulous plan of safeguards and protocols necessary prior to,

during and after school reopening. These measures included numerous sanitation actions, testing procedures, virtual training modules, etc. Further, the plan, which will be posted on the University's website and other platforms, encompasses every aspect of campus life: e.g., students, faculty, staff, vendors, housing, dining, student activities, Internet access, health, etc.

The Task Force members (as cited by Crosby) include:

> Michael Johnson, M.D., Student Health; Daniel Wims, provost; Clayton Gibson, senior vice president; Angela Debro, general counsel; Carlquista Slay, Student Counseling; Dwayne Green,

Admissions; Bryan Hicks, athletics director; Dr. John Iones, Graduate Studies; Dr. Andrea Cunningham, Title III; Dr. Rhonda Moore Jackson; Brenda Williams, registrar; and Darryl Jackson, Financial Aid.

AAMU President Andrew Hugine, Jr., urged members of the University community to take personal responsibility for their health, as well as for the health of their neighbors.

President Pro Tem Jerome B. Williams introduced his "AAMU Reimagined" initiative, stating that now is an opportune time for AAMU to brainstorm and "to think about the A&M we can only imagine," an A&M replete with resources and state-ofthe-art equipment.

"We must continue to think large and without financial restraints," Williams continued. "We are long overdue for having the resources that have been denied us. This is what we expect as a down payment on what we were meant to be." Dr. Williams further

challenged the AAMU community to put those ideas on paper, while Dr. Archie Tucker II, AAMU vice president for marketing, communication and advancement, and Trustee Frank Williams will compile the "reimaginings" to develop white papers and proposals.

"It's critically important that we don't have any small dreams," added President Hugine. "This is a time to layout the roadmap for an A&M not limited by resources."

The Board will hold subcommittee meetings again October 28-29, and the next regular session Friday, October 30, in Birmingham, Ala. by Jerome Saintjones

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# Unforgiveness vs. 'Inforgiveness'

#### Matthew 18:21-35

Occasionally, God speaks even in "typos." As I sought to spell the word, "unforgiveness" I mistakenly hit the "i" instead of the "u" (which are next to each other). Instead of "unforgiveness," I spelled "inforgiveness." Of course, the usual "red line" occurred which indicates a "misspelled" word. However,



the Spirit almost immediately pointed out that what was a misspelled word actually communicated what Jesus was teaching in His parable of the "Unforgiving Servant."

In the parable Jesus taught that there was a servant who owed his master ten thousand talents. He bargained and bartered with his master to give him time to pay it back. This servant faced the selling of his wife and children if the debt was not paid. The master was moved with compassion and forgave the debt. However, that



same servant went out and found someone who owed him a hundred denarii. He physically grabbed him and demanded that he be paid. Word got back to his master of what he had done and his master with righteous indignation confronted him and reminded him of the compassion he had been afforded, being forgiven of the debt that he couldn't pay. As a result, he was "delivered to the torturers until he paid back everything he owed.

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Jesus ended the parable by saying that God would do the same to anyone who does not, from his heart, forgive his brother or sister their trespasses. That's what inforgiveness is, forgiveness in the heart.

# Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring **Elder John Branch**

Brother John E. Branch graduated from Greene County (Ala.) Training School in 1964 as Valedictorian of his senior class.

He enrolled in Alabama A&M University, where he earned the Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical drafting and design technology in 1968.

Upon his graduation from AAMU, Branch served briefly as a design draftsman for the Sperry Rand Corporation in Huntsville, Ala., designing PC boards, schematic diagrams and wiring harnesses for the instrument section of the Saturn V rocket.

From 1969-1972, he made topographical surveys and designed roadways, runways and drainage ponds for the

U.S. Army, 160th Engineering Command, at Fort Bragg, N.C. For nearly 40 years, Branch worked in Facility Engineering preparing design drawings for electrical modifications to NASA buildings and test stand structures.

He continues to give back to his community extensively. He assisted the Girl Scouts with electrical design modifications to their building on Sparkman Drive in Huntsville, Ala.

In the 1980s, he taught technical drawing night classes for two years at his Alma Mater, Alabama A&M University. Moreover, he served on the board of AGAPE of North Alabama for two years and as speaker for the "Words of Life" religious



program on WEUP AM for the past 18 years.

Minister Branch has served as Pulpit Minister of Northwest Church of Christ since May 1978.

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



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Minister Branch celebrated 50 years of marriage to Gladys Smith Branch on August 17, 2018.

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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. The Senate, having last week failed by 5 votes to get cloture to proceed to Sen. Tim Scott's (R-SC) police reform bill, will spend the week on the FY21 defense authorization bill. The House, among other items, will take up the \$1.5 trillion "Moving Forward Act," which will provide infrastructure funds for roads, bridges, transit systems, water systems, ports, schools, housing, and broadband access. View a section-by-section analysis of the bill here: section-bysection. The House will also take up a bill to authorize a new \$100 billion Emergency Rental Assistance Program to help families and individuals pay their rent and utility bills during and after the CO-VID-19 crisis.

2. Last Friday, President Trump issued an executive order requiring the Justice Department to prioritize the investigation and prosecution of anyone who "destroys, dama monument, memorial, or statue," or incites (or assists with the incitement to) violence. Earlier in the week, the President issued another executive order, continuing his April 22 ban on the granting of permanent residency for immigrants (aka "green cards"), and adding a ban on the entry of foreign workers on H-1B visas for skilled workers and L-1 visas for workers being transferred within a company through the end of 2020. The order will also block seasonal workers on H-2B visas, with an exception for foreign farmworkers. On Thursday, the President will speak at a "Spirit of America Showcase" event. On Friday, he will travel to Keystone, S.D., for fireworks at Mount Rushmore. On Saturday, July 4, the President and Mrs. Trump will host an Independence Day event on the South Lawn of the White House (although the traditional July 4th Parade has been canceled

# Champion Game Plan for Life by Preston Brown

#### THE REASON FOR DISCIPLINE

Hebrews 12:11 says, "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."

Have you ever felt God's discipline in your life and tried to understand why? Why am I enduring these hard times in my life and why do I need discipline from God ? These were some of the questions that I thought about while studying this scripture. I thought back to my own life and remembered the times that my father disciplined

me. It wasn't always because I did something wrong, but it was because he loved me enough and



heavenly Father wants all of us to "produce a harvest of righteousness and peace." The next thing we need

is a submissive spirit, which means ready to conform to God's authority. When God disciplines us we need to realize that it is for our good, to bring out a good purpose for our lives. Jeremiah 29:11 says, for I know the plans that I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. God's discipline is directed to "benefit" the believer and because He is so good He would not discipline us if it were not going to produce something good out of it. So, let us not lose heart when God is disciplining us, but let us celebrate the fact that God loves us and cares enough about us to see that we do well in all that we do....Stay encouraged my brothers and sisters...and remember you can purchase my book "A Champion Game Plan For Life" at amazon.com.

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due to COVID-19 concerns, the fireworks on the National Mall will occur as scheduled).

3. On Sunday, Vice President Pence traveled to Texas to attend a Celebrate Freedom Rally at the First Baptist Church in Dallas and met with state officials to discuss the surge in coronavirus cases in the state (along with fellow Coronavirus Task Force member Dr. Deborah Birx). The Vice President canceled a planned campaign bus tour in Florida this week, due to the coronavirus surge in Florida and will instead meet with Governor Ron DeSantis and state health officials.

4. Last Thursday, Politico reported that Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin sent a letter to House Ways and Means Committee Chair Richard Neal (D-MA) agreeing to provide Congress with a full list of each entity that has received emergency COVID-related loans from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which will include borrower names and loan amounts. Until Thursday, Secretary Mnuchin would only agree to publicly disclose information on loans above \$150,000 (loans below \$150,000 comprise 85% of the total number of loans made).

5. On Monday and Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its final opinions for the 2019-2020 term, with major rulings expected in the following cases:

- Whether a Louisiana law requiring physicians who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at a local hospital will stand; - Whether states may enact laws requiring its presidential electors to follow the state's popular votewhen casting their electoral-college ballots;

- Whether the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau violates the separation of powers doctrine and will be allowed to exist; and - Whether a state grand jury and congressional committees may compel President Trump to release his financial records and tax returns.

6. Last Thursday, The Washington Report reported that the Centers for Disease Control had ordered 14 times its usual order (7 million doses vs. 500,000) of influenza vaccines for fall 2020 in order to be ready for a confluence of flu and COVID-19 infections. Flu vaccine manufacturers are reported as increasing production by 10 percent to 189 million doses.

7. Last Thursday, Senators Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Bill Cassidy (R-LA) introduced legislation last week that would help schools and colleges with the costs of protecting students and staff from the coronavirus when buildings reopen in the fall. The Reopen Schools Safely Act, S. 4081, would establish a federal grant program at the Education Department. Governors would be able to apply for the funding and would have the flexibility to determine how to distribute the funds to local school districts and colleges. The funds could be used for any expense needed to meet the CDC and local guidelines for mitigating the virus spread, including personal protective equipment, sanitation supplies and Covid-19 tests.

8. Last Wednesday, the Democratic National Convention Committee announced that, while Joe Biden intends to accept his nomination in Milwaukee as scheduled on August 20, the 5,000 voting delegates are being encouraged to stay home and cast their votes on all convention matters, including the presidential nomination, remotely during the August 17-20 convention. Democratic National Committee standing committee meetings will take place virtually as well, with the meetings tentatively set for the last week of July.

9. Senate Races. The current makeup of the Senate is 53 Rs to 47 Ds and, to gain control, Democrats must pick up 3 seats and win the White House or net 4 seats to have a simple majority. On June 18, The Cook Political Report listed 5 GOP seats as toss ups (AZ, CO, ME, MT, and NC). On the Democratic side, Sen. Doug Jones' (D-AL) race is listed as "leans Republican," but only one other Democratic incumbent race - Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI) – is seen as competitive in the "leans Democratic" category, whereas 5 GOP seats (GA1, GA2, IA, and KS) are listed as "leans Republican."

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The Huntsville Madison County Chamber of Commerce hosted a Virtual Alabama Update by Gov. Kay Ivey on Thursday, June 25. During the session, Gov. Ivey indicated that COVID-19 has evolved with unexpected results for the State, which boasted an unprecedented unemployment rate of 2.7 percent earlier this year. After three months, the unemployment rate is nearly 10 percent, with

over 585,000 unemployment claims filed. To date, the Alabama Department of Labor has processed over 95 percent of those claims.

Gov. Ivey established a Coronavirus Task Force of health experts, elected officials and business leaders across the state to work with the State's Health Director on state-wide initia-



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tives to guide the process of responding to COVID 19.

**Governor Addresses Chamber Virtually** 

Ivey reported that her initial Shelter in Place Executive Order was a mistake because of its identification of essential and non-essential businesses.

She indicated that all businesses are essential and she did not want to select some as more important to others.

Her current goal is to work toward putting Alabamians back to work in their various businesses. The Governor is working with the Task Force and the Legislature to get the CARES funding to the people of Alabama.

She suggested working together as One Alabama with the Legislature to get legislation passed on prison reform and many economic issues.

Ivey closed with a quote by Helen Keller: "Alone we can do so little, but together we can do so much."

She summarized by indicating that state officials are working to slow the COVID 19 virus and urged Alabamians to complete the 2020 Census.



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*Graveside service for MR. CLIFFORD SOFTLEY (b. 1958) was held Wednesday, July 1, in the Alabama National Cemetery (Montevallo, Ala.).* 

A public viewing for MRS. ALMA L. DONALDSON WOODARD (b. 1937) was held Saturday, June 27, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Chapel.

Graveside service for MRS. ANDREA SCRUGGS was held Tuesday, June 23, at Valhalla Memory Gardens with Dr. O. Wendell Davis officiating.

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

Funeral service for MRS. ROSELYN AMELIA DORSETT MONCUR (b. 1929) will be 11 a.m., Sunday, July 5, at the New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church (3912 Pulaski Pike, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Nelson Stokes officiating. Interment will be in Oakwood Memorial Gardens. Mrs. Moncur will lie in repose one hour prior to funeral time.

Graveside service for BABY JEUSIAH NICOLAS GRANT (b. 2020) was held Saturday, June 27, at Oakwood Memorial Gardens (2900 Wynn Dive Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Maurice Wright officiating.

*Graveside service for MR. JAMES THOMAS JORDAN, SR. (b. 1946) was held Saturday, June 27, at Meadowlawn Garden of Peace (450 Mount Lebanon Road Toney, Ala.) with Dr. Edward Anderson officiating.* 

*Public viewing for MR. EFREM J. HANSOM (b. 1966) was held Friday, June 26, and Saturday, June 27, at the Royal Funeral Home.* 

Graveside service MS. CAROLYN MARIE JEFFER-SON (b. 1964) was held Tuesday, June 23, at the Meadowlawn Garden of Peace (450 Mount Lebanon Road Toney, Ala.) with Pastor C. Jermaine Turner officiating.

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

Graveside services for BABY ROYAL MICHAEL CHUKWU will be Friday, July 3, at 11 a.m. at Meadow Lawn Garden of Peace with Pastor C. Jermaine Turner officiating.

*Graveside service for MR. MACK EVANS (b. 1956)* was held Thursday, July 2, at Thatch-Mann Cemetery at noon with Dr. Theo Acklin officiating.



**KEITH & MERCY:** The Committee to Elect District 1 City Councilman Devyn Keith invited the community to movie night on June 26. Hundreds joined Keith for 'Just Mercy,' food trucks, and music at a COVID 19-sensitive environment at North Memorial Parkway and Max Luther Drive in Huntsville. (Photo by William Huston, Sr.)

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# HICLC Names New Director

Kevin M. Walker, an accomplished social worker and counselor for children and their families, has been named the new Executive Director of the Huntsville Inner City Learning Center (HICLC).

"We are so excited to welcome our new Executive Director, Kevin Walker," said Ann Laue, chairwoman of the HICLC Board of Directors. Kevin's heart for children, passion for education, and wealth of experience will be a huge asset for the Learning Center. We are looking forward to Kevin carrying on the mission of the Learning Center."

Born and raised in Huntsville, Walker is a graduate of Alabama A&M University with a degree in social work. He retired from the U.S. Army with more than 20 years of service and then worked extensively in veterans affairs and disability services in Huntsville and Madison County.

Walker worked as a social worker in the Huntsville City Schools, as well as the Madison County Department of Human Services.

"I am blessed, excited and humbled to be chosen as the person who will carry the dreams of Art Leslie forward," Walker said. "The challenges of today will be met with the shield of faith and so, our children will be protected and encouraged through the efforts of the Huntsville Inner City Learning Center."

# Perspectives on EGO-holism

## America: Stop, Drop, ... but keep on Rollin'

The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." - Genesis 32:27-28 NIV

After arm wrestling all night with God, Jacob convinced "the man" that he himself had changed from his past sins. Therefore, God dropped Jacob's former identity and gave him a new name.

Just like Jacob's old identity was dropped when he confessed his past sins, increasingly American institutions are confessing their past sins and dropping their old identities.

#### "Dropping" Matters

Triggered by George Floyd's May 25th killing, the ensuing global outrage against police brutality and overall racial insensitivity, there have been a series of "droppings" in the U.S. lately, namely:

NASCAR (its confederate flags)

- Pillsbury (Aunt Jemima pancake mix, syrup)
- Mars, Inc. (Uncle Ben's rice)

Southeastern Conference (intercollegiate games in Mississippi, with its confederacy-adorned state flag)

Lady Antebellum (removing "ntebellum," to now "Lady A") Dixie Chicks ("Dixie" from its branding)

States, municipalities (confederate statues)

#### **Changing Lanes**

These and other groups are mirroring recovering step #1 for ego-holism (addiction to self/improper self-management): to change lanes effectively, glance back quickly, before driving

forward. 1. Why "change lanes"? Because your current lane won't get you effectively where you need to go.



2. Why "glance back quickly"? Turning all the way around will distract you from seeing both possible dangers and opportunities ahead. Finally and after taking those first two steps,

3. Why you'll need to "drive forward" is so that you can enjoy your benefits, opportunities and learned-lessons to share with others less motivated, yet still looking to you for role-modeling and strength.

For you to achieve success in today's "new normal," what lane(s) will you need to change, starting today?

Congratulations, America: You've Stopped, Dropped, ... But now, just keep on Rollin'.

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



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- Is working to recruit additional industries to the North Huntsville Industrial Park to provide jobs for our community.
- Will continue to fight to move our commission forward and to keep our streets safe and lower our crime.
- Moved our county forward by helping to bring Mazda Toyota to our county.
- · Will continue to fight for our quality of life including our schools and recreation.
- Will continue to support Alabama A&M University, Oakwood University and University of Alabama Huntsville.
- Led the effort for the new service center to be located in District 6.

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# **Oakwood Holds Grand Opening for Farms Market**

Oakwood University recently held a grand opening and ribbon cutting for the new Oakwood Farms Market on Wednesday, June 24.

Welcoming the Oakwood Farms Market were Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, Madison County Commissioner JesHenry Malone, Huntsville City Council President Devyn Keith, Huntsville City Councilman Will Culver, Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce President Chip Cherry and other special guests.

Grand opening day offered patrons a variety of activities, free samples, and tastings throughout the event, which began at 8 a.m.

The new store is creating jobs for community members and serves as a resource to residents living in an identified food desert.

Customers can feel a since of pride knowing patronizing the Oakwood Farms Market and its Oak Tree Bistro, means supporting university students.

The new golden structure of the Market was erected on approximately six acres with 6,110 square feet of retail space at 5001 Adventist Boulevard, in Huntsville on the corner of Sparkman Drive and Adventist Boulevard.

The store will continue to offer the array of fruits, vegetables, and herbs grown on the Oakwood University campus, but will also expand its partnerships with farmers to increase the variety of products available to its customers. The new Oakwood Farms Market will also introduce its private label products ranging from health and wellness to beverages.

"As we grow and expand our offerings to our customers, we are careful to maintain the heart of our Oakwood Farms, which is providing fresh nutrientrich fruits and vegetables for families in our community and funding student scholarships," said Oakwood University President Leslie Pollard.

# Alley Weekly COVID-19 Assistance

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cdc.gov

## TAKEOUT/DE-LIVERY RESTAU-RANTS

https://hsvchamber.org/ restaurant-deliveriestake-out-food-serviceproviders/

# **Tennessee Valley Artist Receives National Award**

Local artist and art educator John "Jahni" Moore is one of 10 artists throughout the United States to be a chosen recipient of the 2020



MOZAIK Future Art Awards.

MOZAIK is an online competition inviting artists to share a work that will "shed light on the global pandemic" and help form the imagination of alternative futures.

Over 1,100 artists answered a five-week call for artists that expired in mid-May 2020.

Winners were announced May 31, with a \$2,000 honorarium paid to ten featured artists.

Moore submitted his work "E Pluribus Unum (Out of Many, One)," a twodimensional piece with intense



central color vibrancy "brought into a type of suspended animation hanging in a blue coolness." Moore works primarily in paint and charcoal.

# **DTL Chapter Pays Tribute to Alpha Scholars**

The Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation paid tribute to its Alpha Scholars on June 25 during a virtual celebration. The celebration began with Chairman Wilbert Brown opening the session with greetings on behalf of the foundation. He then introduced Chapter President Ronald Childress, Jr., who presented greetings on behalf of the Delta Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Greetings were also extended virtually by District Director Clinton Johnson, Jr., of Mobile, Ala.: Area 1 Director, Dr. Allen Vital; and the General President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Dr. Everett P. Ward, of Baltimore, Md.

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Chaplain Henry Dickerson, Sr., gave the invocation,

# 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. City



also held in the Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. People can sign up for notices of Council meetings and special sessions online at https://signup.e2ma.net/ signup/1825550/1780821/

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

# Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation Congratulations!!! 2020 Alpha Scholars

|           |        | -           | A            | COLOR MARK      |           |              |                |
|-----------|--------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|
| Cameron   | Jalen  | Justin      | Matthew      | Hailey Crawford | Nevaeh    | Justin P.    | <u>Matthus</u> |
| Barnes    | Barnes | Barnes      | Becher       | Gamble          | Eggleston | Fletcher     | Freeman        |
|           |        |             | 2020         |                 |           |              | Ţ              |
| Narcissus | Noah   | Kaya-Ashley | Preston      | Frances A.      | Adriana   | Eugene       | Augustus       |
| Hardin    | Jones  | King        | Lindsey, Jr. | Smith           | Snow      | Thurman, Jr. | Tucker III     |

which was followed by a musical tribute by Maurice Wright, pastor of St. John AME Church. Dr. Bruce Crawford, vice-president of Lawson State Community College in Birmingham, Ala., introduced Jabari Wilson, a 2013 Alpha Scholar and a Ph.D candidate at the University of Florida in Gainsville. He offered suggestions to a successful college life.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 2020 Alpha Scholars by Chairman Brown, Dr. Earnest Davis, Scholarship Committee Chair - Timothy Richard and

People are trapped in history, and history is trapped in them.

- James Baldwin



Foundation Secretary, Gary T. Whitley, Jr. (assisted by The Hon. Laura Hall, Alabama House of Representatives-District 19). Each scholar was awarded a \$1,000 sholarship.

The program concluded with closing comments by vice-chairman Alvin Odoms and the official dedication of the MLK Wall of Honor Plaque by Van Strickland, the Director of Conventions of the National organization. The inaugural

plaque listed the names of AT&T Alabama, Boeing Corporation, Redstone Federal Credit Union (RFCU), and Toyota Motor Manufacturing Alabama, Inc. These four organizations have been Corporate Sponsors of the Dr. MLK Unity Breakfast for more than 10 years.

# A&M Seeks 1971 Grads for Reunion

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

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

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

# Tennessee Valley Calendar of Events

July 3, 2020

### July 1

4-H Virtual Robotics Camp Register online: www.aces.edu/go/ VirtualRoboticsCamp (The Zoom link and other information will be provided after registration)

### July 11

Mic Night @ The Valley Conservatory "Saturday Night Live" 7-9 p.m.

### July 14

Run-off Elections

#### July 18

Mic Night @ The Valley Conservatory "Saturday Night Live" 7-9 p.m.

#### July 18-19

5th Annual Huntsville Comic & Pop Culture Expo Von Braun Center South Hall Huntsville, Ala.

#### July 29

Last Day to Register for Huntsville Virtual Academy

#### August 6

The Price Is Right Live Von Braun Center Concert Hall 8-11 p.m.

#### September 19

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

## CITY OF HUNTSVILLE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSOLIDATED/ACTION PLAN

The City of Huntsville proposes to amend its FY2017, 2018 and 2019 Action Plan. The following projects are amended:

| ORGINAL FUNDING RESOURCES & PROJECT BUDEGT                      |  |                                |              |               |                               |
|---|--|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| PROJECT/<br>PROGRAM   | SUBRECIPIENT/<br>PARTNER                       | AMOUNT                         |              | EAR/<br>NDING |                               |
| Program Income  | Community Development                          | -\$169,730.42<br>-\$149,897.42 | 2017<br>2018 | CDBG          |                               |
| New Construction  | Family Services Center<br>Habitat for Humanity | \$279,204.00<br>\$16,140.00    |              |               |                               |
| CHDO  | Family Services Center                         | \$203,517.00                   | 2019         | HOME          |                               |
| Multi-Family<br>Admin   | TBD<br>Community Development                   | \$50,000.00<br>\$63,708.00     |              |               |                               |
| AM  | ENDED FUNDING RESOURCES 8                      | <b>A PROJECT BUDGE</b>         | T            |               |                               |
| DDOJECT/  |  |                                |              | /             |                               |
| PROJECT/<br>PROGRAM   | SUBRECIPIENT/<br>PARTNER                       | AMOUNT                         |              | EAR/<br>NDING | 2019<br>BUDGET                |
| •   | -  | <b>AMOUNT</b><br>\$270,000.00  |              | NDING         |                               |
| PROGRAM<br>Clearance-   | PARTNER  |                                |              | •             | BUDGET                        |
| <b>PROGRAM</b><br>Clearance-<br>Sparkman Homes<br>Deferred Home | PARTNER  | \$270,000.00                   |              | NDING         | <b>BUDGET</b><br>\$270,000.00 |

This amendment also enables the City to receive and administer \$828,562.00 in CDBG funding from HUD made available through the CARES Act. The following projects are included in the 2019 Action Plan:

| CDBG-CV FUNDING RESOURCES & PROJECT BUDEGT                    |                               |              |  |  |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| PROJECT/PROGRAM   | SUBRECIPIENT/PARTNER          | AMOUNT       |  |  |
| Rent/Mortgage Assistance Program                              | Community Action Partnership  | \$130,000.00 |  |  |
|   | Catholic Center of Concern    | \$35,000.00  |  |  |
| Counseling/Substance Abuse & Rental Assistance Program        | Family Services Center        | \$60,000.00  |  |  |
| Hotel/Motel Voucher Program                                   | NACH                          | \$85,000.00  |  |  |
| Job Creation/Retention & Small Business Assistance<br>Program | PAK Legacy                    | \$50,000.00  |  |  |
| Sanitation Equipment & Supply Program                         | RiahRose Home for Children    | \$5,000.00   |  |  |
|   | Harris Home for Children      | \$7,000.00   |  |  |
| Specialized PPE Program                                       | National Children's Advocacy  | \$10,000.00  |  |  |
|   | Center                        |              |  |  |
|   | ARC of Madison County         | \$15,000.00  |  |  |
|   | Community Development         | \$137,344.00 |  |  |
| Nutrition Program   | Boys & Girls Club             | \$18,506.00  |  |  |
|   | CASA                          | \$10,000.00  |  |  |
|   | Alabama Aging Resources, Inc. | \$50,000.00  |  |  |
| Testing & Treatment Program                                   | HAPPI Urgent Care             | \$50,000.00  |  |  |
| Program Administration  | Community Development         | \$165,712.00 |  |  |

A 5-day comment period ending on July 8, 2020 is required before amendments can be made to the Consolidated/Action Plan. Citizens wishing to provide written comments during the public comment period should email comments no later than July 8, 2020, to the Office of Community Development at https://huntsvilleal.seamlessdocs.com/f/CommunityDevelopment. For more information, please contact Turkessa Coleman Lacey at (256) 427-5400/ TTY: 256-427-7092.

### VILLE DE HUNTSVILLE MODIFICATION AU PLAN CONSOLIDÉ/D'ACTION

#### RESSOURCES DE FINANCEMENT ORGINALES ET PROJET BUDEGT

| PROYECTO/PROGRAMA SUB-RECEPTOR/SOCIO CANTIDAD ANO/FINAI      |                           |               |                 |                     |  |
|--|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|
| PROTECTO/PROGRAMIA   | -                         |               | ANO/FINANCIACIO |                     |  |
| Programa De Ingresos   | Desarrollo comunitario    | -\$169,730.42 | 2017            | CDBG                |  |
| Flografila De lligresos                                      | Desarrono comunitario     | -\$149,897.42 | 2018            | CDBG                |  |
| Nuevo programa de construcción                               | Family Services Center    | \$279,204.00  |                 |                     |  |
| Nuevo programa de construcción                               | Hábitat para la humanidad | \$16,140.00   |                 |                     |  |
| Organización de desarrollo de vivienda<br>comunitaria (CHDO) | Family Services Center    | \$203,517.00  | 2019            | PÁGINA DE<br>INICIO |  |
| Programa Multifamiliar                                       | TBD                       | \$50,000.00   |                 |                     |  |
| Administradora   | Desarrollo comunitario    | \$63,708.00   |                 |                     |  |
| RESSOURCES DE FINANCEMENT MODIFIÉES ET BUDGET DU PROJET      |                           |               |                 |                     |  |

| PROYECTO/PROGRAMA   | SUB-RECEPTOR/SOCIO                                  | CANTIDAD              | ANO/FINANCIACIO     | 2019<br>PRESUPUESTO         |  |
|---|---|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Clearance-Sparkman Homes  |   | \$270,000.00          |                     | \$270,000.00                |  |
| Aplazado el programa de reparación de<br>mantenimiento hogar (DMHRP)  | Desarrollo comunitario                              | \$49,627.84           | CDBG                | \$460,360.84                |  |
| Nuevo programa de construcción  | Family Services Center<br>Hábitat para la humanidad | \$0.00<br>\$68,070.00 | 2019                | \$279,204.00<br>\$84,210.00 |  |
| Organización de desarrollo de vivienda<br>comunitaria (CHDO)  | Family Services Center                              | -\$173,309.00         | PÁGINA DE<br>INICIO | \$30,208.00                 |  |
| Programa Multifamiliar  | TBD   | \$14,616.00           |                     | \$64,616.00                 |  |
| Administradora  | Desarrollo comunitario                              | \$90,623.00           |                     | \$154,331.00                |  |
| La Ville de Unite ille generate de madifier des Plan d'action gener l'accession 2017, 2010, et 2010, Les mainte aviente |   |                       |                     |                             |  |

La Ville de Huntsville propose de modifier son Plan d'action pour l'exercice 2017, 2018 et 2019. Les projets suivants sont modifiés:

## CDBG-CV FUNDING RESOURCES & PROJECT BUDEGT

| PROYECTO/PROGRAMA   | SUB-RECEPTOR/SOCIO                      | CANTIDAD     |  |  |  |
|---|---|--------------|--|--|--|
| Programme d'aide au loyer et à l'hypothèque                                   | Asociación de acción comunitaria        | \$130,000.00 |  |  |  |
| Programme d'alde au loyer et a l'hypothèque                                   | Centre catholique de préoccupation      | \$35,000.00  |  |  |  |
| Counseling/Substance Abuse - Programme d'aide à la<br>location                | Family Services Center                  | \$60,000.00  |  |  |  |
| Programme de bons d'achat hôtel/motel   | NACH                                    | \$85,000.00  |  |  |  |
| Programme de création/maintien d'emplois et d'aide aux<br>petites entreprises | PAK Legado                              | \$50,000.00  |  |  |  |
| Équipement d'assainissement et programme                                      | RiahRose Accueil pour enfants           | \$5,000.00   |  |  |  |
| d'approvisionnement   | Harris Home pour enfants                | \$7,000.00   |  |  |  |
| Programa de EPP especializado   | National Children's Advocacy Center     | \$10,000.00  |  |  |  |
|   | ARC du comté de Madison                 | \$15,000.00  |  |  |  |
|   | Desarrollo comunitario                  | \$137,344.00 |  |  |  |
| Programa de nutricion   | Club de niños y niñas                   | \$18,506.00  |  |  |  |
|   | CASA                                    | \$10,000.00  |  |  |  |
|   | Alabama Aging Resources, Inc .          | \$50,000.00  |  |  |  |
| Programa de pruebas y tratamiento   | Cuidado urgente de HAPPI                | \$50,000.00  |  |  |  |
| Administradora  | Desarrollo comunitario                  | \$165,712.00 |  |  |  |
| This amendment also enables the City to receive and admin                     | ister \$828,562.00 in CDBG funding from | HUD made     |  |  |  |

Une période de commentaires de cinq jours se terminant le 8 juillet 2020 est nécessaire avant que des modifications puissent être apportées au Plan consolidé/action. Les citoyens qui souhaitent fournir des commentaires écrits pendant la période de commentaires du public doivent envoyer des commentaires par courriel au plus tard le 8 juillet 2020 au Bureau du développement communautaire à https://huntsvilleal.seamlessdocs.com/f/CommunityDevelopment. Pour plus d'informations, veuillez contacter Turkessa Coleman Lacey au (256) 427-5400/ ATS: 256-427-7092







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WOODY ANDERSON FORD SATURDAY, JULY 11TH 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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