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## Rep. Daniels Listed Among Key U.S. Blacks

Alabama State Representative and Minority Leader Anthony Daniels has made one of the nation's most prominent lists for African Americans.

The Root 100 is an annual list of the most influential African Americans, ages 25 to 45. Formed by TheRoot.com, the list honors innovators, leaders, public figures and game changers whose work from the past year is break-

ing down barriers and paving the way for the next generation.

The Midway, Ala., native is also a graduate of Alabama A&M University.

According to the site, the 2017 list of honorees are "a reminder of the beauty and brilliance of blackness, at a time when the political and cultural landscape has grown even more hostile to the idea of black achievement."



## Local Business Recognized by National Chamber

PROJECTXYZ was awarded the Women-Owned Business Achievement Award by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

After 10 years in the healthcare industry, Kimberly Lewis started PROJECTXYZ in 2002 to provide Healthcare Information Technology consulting services to clients around the country. In 2007, Larry Lewis joined PROJECTXYZ bringing with him 15 years of experience in government contracting.

PROJECTXYZ entered the SBA 8(a) program in 2007 and was awarded its first Government contract in 2008. From there, PROJECTXYZ grew into a company whose core capabilities include engineering, logistics, information technology, and alternative energy.

What began as a one-person company and served as a vehicle for Ms. Lewis' successful Healthcare IT consulting business has grown into a formidable small business now employing more than 85 people.



the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce's 2015 Small Business of the Year. In 2016, PROJECTXYZ was a Blue Ribbon Winner from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

PROJECTXYZ plans to continue its growth by focusing on its core values and strategic mission. A key component to its future growth is through partnering and investing in other small businesses.

PROJECTXYZ's investment in Huntsville Alabama's business and technology incubator, BizTech, will give PROJECTXYZ access to new ideas and technologies from the next generation of entrepreneurs.

PROJECTXYZ has been recognized on the Inc. 5000 list of fastest growing private companies in the U.S. for three consecutive years and was also named

## HAC Deltas Already "Stuffing the Sleigh"

The Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is off to a great start this sorority year. During the chapter's retreat, newly elected President Jackie Perry and Vice President Ovetta Hobson challenged members with the hashtag #OWNIT by acknowledging individual member accomplishments and their commitment to exemplary public service.

In response to the challenge to #OWNIT, chapter members collectively displayed a great show of support by partnering with Huntsville's Christmas Charities Year Round. Over 200 members participated in Stuff Santa's Sleigh by filling the charity van with an abundance of school supplies, as well as monetary donations. The outpouring of support was so plentiful that there was a second delivery of school supplies received by the organization.

The Chapter chartered in 1954 and has a rich county-wide service legacy. The chapter strives to provide quality programs to educate youth, steer economic development within the community and be at the forefront of social action. Jackie Perry currently serves as its President. Website: [www.dsthuntsville.org](http://www.dsthuntsville.org)



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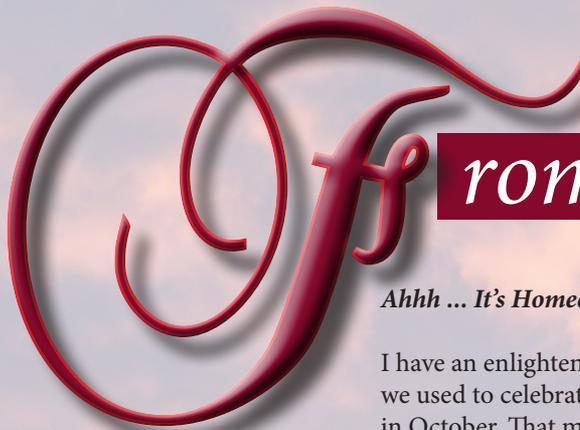
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# From the Editor

**Ahhh ... It's Homecoming!**

I have an enlightened understanding of what happened to homecoming as we used to celebrate it. As a youngster, we celebrated homecoming at our church every first Sunday in October. That meant that we would have a guest preacher and many of the people who grew up in our community came home for the "big meeting" down at the church. Leading into homecoming, we had church each night that week, specifically to seek new souls for Jesus. Those who accepted Christ would get baptized in Limestone Creek--full emersion by the pastor. *That* was a cultural and memorable experience. By the time you came out of that water, you believed something had happened. *Trust me!*

At Monroe County High School (MCHS), we started having class reunions every five years after we graduated--akin to a high school homecoming. Dr. Raymond Broughton, a Mobile-area physician, was our senior class president. That was a considerable feat for an African-American student at our recently integrated high school. We attended Union High School for 7th grade and then spent grades 8-12 at MCHS. We can count on a letter, telephone call or (now FaceBook) message every five years about our reunion. I missed the last class reunion due to Bill's back surgery in 2015. My classmates were looking for me, and I was planning to attend. Once I didn't go, I thought, "*Why do we go back anyway?*" The classmates, for the most part, who live in town don't show up, and those of us from out-of-town end up making it a "reunion."

I have not attended an AAMU homecoming for several years and will not be attending this year. I know some of my classmates who are coming from far and near will be looking to see me. Just know that I'd like to see you, too; however, social media has made it such that we *see* each other all the time. Further, it occurs to me that many of us who live in the area do not plan our work and schedules around homecoming. It's almost like attending a conference in your hometown. Throughout the conference, we are thinking about meetings, work on your desk and things at home that need to be done. I remember driving from Columbus, Ohio, annually for AAMU homecoming and the Magic City Classic. Early on, my husband thought I had an unusual, uncommon attachment to AAMU. I often indulged privately in the fact that "he really didn't understand because he did not attend a historically black college."

I have been on work-related travel for the past three weeks. I cannot wait to get a weekend at my home. That will be *my* homecoming! One of our sons is coming to attend a wedding of his high school friend. We look forward to spending some time with James.

So, to all of my buddies who will be donned in the maroon and white this Saturday, we forgot to plan our calendars around AAMU's homecoming when the 2017 football schedule was published. Now, more than ever, I am beginning to understand why I see so few of the locals when I go home to Monroeville.

Our Bulldogs are off to a great start in the SWAC, having demolished Texas Southern (30-13) last Saturday evening in the Louis Crews Classic. We will be pulling for them Saturday. And, for those of you who know where we live, you are welcomed as always to drop-in, if your schedule permits. In the meantime ... GO, DAWGS - Beat UAPB! And, while I am at it, where in the world is Pine Bluff, Arkansas? There's no place like home.

Until next week ...

*Dorothy*

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# Washington in a Minute



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

1. The House and Senate are in session this week. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) had announced that there would be a vote this week on the Cassidy/Graham bill to end Obamacare subsidies and Medicaid expansion payments and send the money to the states in block grant form—but that was before Senator John McCain's (R-AZ) dramatic announcement on Friday afternoon that he would vote “no” on the bill (the GOP can only afford to lose 2 Republican Senators to pass the bill, and Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) is already a “no”). The FY2017 budget reconciliation vehicle, which was to carry the Obamacare repeal legislation, expires on September 30. According to the Washington Post, a revised version of the bill was set for release Monday that gives Alaska 3 percent more funding between 2020 and 2026 than under current law, and Maine would get 43 percent more funding—in an apparent attempt to woo Sens. Murkowski (R-AK) and Collins (R-ME). The House will vote on a six-month extension of the Federal Aviation Administration authorization

bill (which also expires on Sept 30) that includes bipartisan language to encourage the creation of private flood insurance markets in an effort to provide homeowners with more and cheaper coverage options (a three-month extension of the National Flood Insurance Program was signed into law on September 8 as part of the \$15.25 billion emergency supplemental hurricane relief package).

2. President Trump traveled to New York City on Tuesday for a fundraising dinner with major GOP donors, where he will reportedly discuss the party's agenda on Capitol Hill and his outlook on next year's midterm elections. He will then travel to Indianapolis, Ind., on Wednesday to campaign for his tax reform plan, the harbinger of which was Vice President Pence's visit to the Purdue University/Flagship Enterprise Center's Polytechnic Institute in Anderson, Ind., last week, at which he asked Senator Joe Donnelly (D-IN) for his support of the tax plan. The House Ways and Means Committee had a tax issues “retreat” that started Sunday night and ran through Monday. Up for discussion, according to Politico, are individual, business and international tax policy. House Ways

and Means Chair Kevin Brady (R-TX) is expected to announce more details of the GOP plan this week.

3. On Monday at 2 p.m., the Senate Finance Committee was scheduled to hold a hearing on the Cassidy/Graham Obamacare repeal bill

(see item #1).

4. On Tuesday at 10 a.m., the House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment had a hearing on the need to repair and replace the nation's water infrastructure. Witnesses include water system operators from across the country.

On Sunday, the Trump Administration announced a new travel ban – on the day the previous ban that bars the issuance of visas to citizens of six majority-Muslim countries was set to expire. Three nations were added to the list of countries whose

citizens will face the restrictions: Chad, North Korea and Venezuela — although the restrictions on Venezuela are narrowly crafted, targeting that country's leadership and their family members. One country, Sudan, was taken off the list.

6. In the latest airplane scandal involving Trump Administration officials, HHS Secretary Tom Price announced on Saturday that he will stop using private jets at taxpayer expense until his department's inspector general completes a review. Politico had reported that Secretary Price had spent \$400,000 in charter jet spending since May, including a whopping \$25,000 to fly from Washington to Philadelphia.

7. All eyes were on the Alabama GOP Senate runoff on Tuesday. According to the latest poll of 2,000 Republicans by the local FOX station, former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore leads incumbent Senator Luther Strange by 54% to 46%. President Trump went to Alabama to campaign for Senator Strange on Friday night and Vice President Pence will head there, too. Roy Moore (who was suspended from the

court last year for instructing probate judges to deny marriage licenses to gay couples) is supported by ex-White House senior adviser Steve Bannon and HUD Secretary Ben Carson.

8. Attorney General Jeff Sessions on Tuesday delivered a “free speech on campus address” at Georgetown University's law school on Tuesday. The Axios website reported that Sessions is expected to tell students: “Whereas the American university was once the center of academic freedom — a place of robust debate, a forum for the competition of ideas — it is transforming into an echo chamber of political correctness and homogenous thought, a shelter for fragile egos.”

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## Champion Game Plan for Life by Preston Brown

We should all be careful how we live, because life is about having a direction and setting your mind toward that direction, and “going” for it. It's about getting rid of a “I wish I had” attitude and pursuing what God has called you to do.

We all need to learn how to be an “own purpose” person. That simply means living your life on purpose.

It's about setting goals for your life and getting up every morning with

that goal on your mind. So often we do the same thing every day without any real purpose.

But it's time that we all understand why we do what we do.

You see, if we wait until we feel like doing the right thing, then we will miss our opportunity and the destiny that God has for our lives.

Sometimes, you have to

talk yourself into it. It's time to talk yourself into looking for that job that you want. It's time to talk

yourself into getting out of debt. It's time to talk yourself into staying in that relationship and working things out. It's time to get a new direction for your life ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.



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# REO Speedwagon Performing at VBC



ing the 1970s and earned major commercial success throughout the 1980s. "Hi Infidelity" (1980) contained four US Top 40 hits and is the group's best-selling album, with over 10 million copies sold.

Huntsvillians and rockers beyond will have the opportunity to witness one of the most popular American rock bands of all time in the likes of REO Speedwagon.

The 50-year-old band, originally from Champaign, Ill., will perform on Thursday, October 5, in the Von Braun Center Concert Hall at 8 p.m.

Formed in 1967, the band grew a following dur-

Over the course of its career, the band has sold more than 40 million records and has charted 13 Top 40 hits, including the number ones "Keep On Loving You" and "Can't Fight This Feeling".

REO Speedwagon's mainstream popularity declined in the 1990s but the band has remained a

popular live act. Among the current members are: Neal Doughty – keyboards (1967–present); Kevin Cronin – lead vocals, rhythm guitar, keyboards (1972–1973, 1976–present); Bruce Hall – bass, backing and lead vocals (1977–present); Dave Amato – lead guitar, backing vocals (1989–present); and Bryan Hitt – drums, percussion (1989–present).



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# Calhoun New Site of N. Ala. Health Fair

The Annual North Alabama Health & Wellness Fair was held on Saturday, September 23, on the campus of Calhoun Community College (a venue change) at 102 Wynn Drive, Huntsville, Ala.

The community was invited to attend an event featuring a variety of FREE health screenings/testing provided by Huntsville Hospital, Madison County Health Department, Crestwood Medical Center and other medical professionals.

Additionally, several educational institutions, medical,

civic and profit/non-profit organizations provided valuable health information to promote good behavior change resulting in a healthier lifestyle.

The activity included healthy living seminars, numerous handouts, free consultation and more. Spanish interpreters were also available.

The family affair encouraged walking and other physical activity to help promote physical fitness, as well as behavior change resulting in a healthier lifestyle.

The Walk for Your Fitness began at 8:30 a.m., followed by the Health Fair from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. There were healthy snacks, en-

tertainment and door prizes.

The health fairs are free to the public and are a joint collaboration of 100 Black Men Greater Huntsville Chapter, Inc., Links Incorporated, Greater Huntsville Chapter, Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., AshaKiran-A Ray of Hope, Harrison Senior Wellness and Advocacy Center, Alabama A&M University, University Alabama in Huntsville, J.F. Drake State Community & Technical College, Virginia College, and Calhoun Community College.

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# Luther Strange Rallies with Trump in Huntsville

by Reginald Allen

Thousands flooded the Von Braun Center to attend the Luther Strange rally, which featured a special appearance from President Donald Trump on September 22.

Trump has been a notable fan of Strange, often tweeting his support of the Alabama senator. The rally took place days before facing off with Roy Moore for the Senate position made empty by Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

Because the VBC was only able to accommodate roughly 9,000 attendees, a projection of the campaign event was screened outside of the venue.



Strange's rally marks Trump's second visit to the Rocket City. In early 2016, Trump rallied at the Madison City Stadium, which was said to have over 20,000 supporters in attendance.

The President isn't the only one Strange has enlisted to sway the Republican party. On September 25, the senator scheduled a Birmingham rally that featured Vice President Mike Pence.

# A&M Hosts Diverse Panel

by Reginald Allen

New York Times Best-selling author Terri McMillan, actress Tasha Smith and Media maven Susan L. Taylor participated in a special panel at the Ernest Knight Reception Center on the campus of Alabama A&M on September 26.



Presented by The Beyond Normal Lecture Series, the panel was one of the many events to kick off homecoming week at the HBCU. Throughout the two-hour dialogue, the panelists discussed the topics of race, social justice and their experience working in their respective industries.

McMillan is a celebrated African American writer most notable for her best-selling novels "Waiting to Exhale," "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" and "Disappearing Acts", which were all later subsequently adapted into high-grossing films. In 2016, McMillan released her 11th novel "I Almost Forgot About You."

Taylor served as the Editor-in-Chief of *Essence* for 19 years before transitioning to the magazine's publication director. Ultimately leaving *Essence* for good in 2008, Taylor founded the National CARES Mentoring Movement, where she serves as the CEO.

Smith gained wide recognition for her roles in Tyler Perry's "Why Did I Get Married" and the hit fox series "Empire." When she's not in front of the camera, the seasoned thespian moonlights as a director and teaches an acting seminar in Atlanta. The event was free to the public.

Caption: McMillan, Smith and Taylor



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## Valley Deaths

Funeral service for **Mrs. Johnnie Leola Barclay** (b. 1923), better known as "John L.," was held Sunday, September 24, at Draper Memorial Church of God in Christ (313 Biene Avenue - Huntsville, Ala.) with Elder Dave Draper, Jr., officiating.

Funeral service for **Mr. Luther Acklin** (b. 1933) was held Monday, September 25, at Douglas Tabernacle Primitive Baptist Church, 1429 Cavalry Street NW, Huntsville, Ala..

Funeral service for **Mr. Raymond Martin** (b. 1954) was held Sunday, September 17, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Lester Baker officiating.

Funeral service for **Mrs. Carrie Hyter** (b. 1944) was Saturday, September 16, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for **Mrs. Doris Ann Carter** was Saturday, September 16, at Blue Spring Road Church of Christ (2150 Blue Spring Road - Huntsville, Ala.).

Funeral service for **Ms. Emma A. Williams** (b. 1945) was Friday, September 15, at Douglas Tabernacle Primitive Baptist Church (1429 Cavalry Street - Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Robert Rogers officiating.

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## Huntsville's Approach to Flood Plains

### Huntsville's Flood Mitigation

Though some 13 percent of Huntsville's developed property is within floodplains, the City established strict flood mitigation regulations in 1991 that have been constantly re-examined and updated.

Kathy Martin, director of city engineering, says that there "is an importance placed on our regulations and making sure we enforce them."

All new commercial and residential development must have retaining areas or draining that can manage the flow of excess water, Martin says. Any building within the flood zones must be elevated or flood-proof. There is no building in a flood-way.

"There is an importance placed on our regulations and making sure we enforce them."

Developers are advised of potential flooding and must build accordingly. For instance, Martin says, homes in newer neighborhoods in south Huntsville with a proximity to the river and the feeder creeks

must be a foot higher off the ground than standard. A yard might flood, but the house is safer from peril.

Public Works, Landscape Management and Engineering share the role in keeping waterways free of debris, though landowners must assume a role in clearing banks and ditches adjacent to their property.

**From floodplain to greenspace.** The City has taken a proactive step in transforming floodplain areas into greenspace. Land that couldn't be adopted as commercial or residential can still serve residents as recreational areas for walking, hiking and biking.

According to Martin, most Huntsville residential draining systems are designed for a 10-year storm, meaning an event that has a 10 percent chance of happening each year. To design infrastructure to fully control a 100-year storm would not be feasible, because of size and expense.

Huntsville is a par-

ticipant in a National Flood Insurance program through FEMA and also provides updates to residents whose homes are in floodplains.

The outcomes in Texas and Florida have proved that nothing is infallible in coping with the weather. But minimizing the peril through regulation and common sense could mean the difference between catastrophe and a simple nuisance.

- HuntsvilleAL.gov



**September 29 - BRYANT GUMBEL - Award-winning television personality and broadcast journalist. Gumbel is best known for his 15 years as co-host of NBC's "The Today Show" and his stellar career as a sportscaster.**  
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Stand Up Live Huntsville  
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Alabama A&M University  
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AAMU vs. University of  
Arkansas Pine Bluff  
Louis Crews Stadium-2 p.m.

Exhibit  
Above and Beyond  
U.S. Space and Rocket  
Center

"Gucci Mane"  
Alabama A&M University  
Homecoming Concert  
Von Braun Center - 7 p.m.

**October 10-15**  
Motown - The Musical  
Von Braun Center  
Concert Hall  
Downtown Huntsville

**October 13**  
Kimberly Fails Jones  
Memorial Foundation  
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Survivors Celebration  
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Hall  
Huntsville, Ala.  
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**October 14**  
Alabama A&M Football vs.  
Mississippi Valley State  
Louis Crews Stadium-1 p.m.

**October 21**  
The Urban Music  
Symposium  
The Mane Room  
Speakers: Thalia Ewing,  
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**October 30**  
UNCF Golf Classic  
Oakwood University  
Robert Trent Jones

# HBCUs Reflecting on Likely WHI Head

The White House is expected to name entrepreneur and consultant Jonathan Holifield as the next executive director of the White House Initiative of HBCUs, a long-awaited appointment which will be a signature feature of its revamped convening for black college presidents.

Two HBCU presidents and a source with ties to the Congressional Black Caucus confirmed the pending appointment to the *HBCU Digest*.

According to his biography, the former NFL running back and West Virginia University graduate is the founder of ScaleUp Partners, former vice-president with the Cincinnati USA Chamber of Commerce and founding executive director of the city's nonprofit tech incubator, CincyTech.

Holifield has not held any executive positions within the HBCU sector, but sources say he has served as a consultant to organizations like the National Association for Equal Opportunity

in Higher Education (NAFEO).

Speaking on the condition of anonymity, one HBCU executive called the hire a signal of "tone deaf" engagement between the White House and the HBCU community.

"We expected a non-traditional hire in the office, but not a complete disconnect from the schools and their partners. It shows an apparent struggle for the administration to identify with the pressing needs of the community, and to pair willing talent around which the community can rally to build real bridges of communication and progress."

The announcement comes as the White House faces increasing controversy surrounding staffers and their influence on the Oval Office.

POLITICO reports that the Office of the Public Liaison is expected to undergo massive changes in personnel and focus.

- *HBCU Digest*

# Valley Scopes

by Melissa Wilson/Seloma

## OCTOBER

### Taurus

Juno is at a trine with Pallas, and your latent qualifications are enabling you to adequately express, use and benefit from your creative intelligence, accordingly.

### Aries

During a time when Jupiter is opposite Uranus, good luck is likely to follow a decision that you may have been hesitant to make.

### Leo

Saturn's trine with the north node is placing emphasis on your mastery of a certain skill as onlookers come to terms with an issue regarding your unveiling of bits and pieces of your intimidating potential.

### Aquarius

Mars, at a square with Saturn, is apt to have found you in a situation where you're courageously testing limits in some capacity.

### Libra

Mercury, in opposition to Chiron, possibly, finds you feeling unconvinced about something, in general, which will only lead to you intentionally getting a more complete view of facts in the long run.

### Capricorn

Pluto's trine with Pallas means that you're likely within a process of making improvements in regards to some device or process which has captured your attention.

### Cancer

The sun's conjunction with Vesta, which rules small, confined spaces, means that your ability to center both yourself and your attention will be enhanced, as you continue to dedicate your focus on the goals that you have--no matter where you go or work.

### Scorpio

Chiron, squaring Pholus, likely has you in a position where your ability to offer words of comfort or an understanding touch is in the process of sparking an unannounced experience or change in someone's awareness.

### Sagittarius

Saturn's trine with Uranus is emphasizing the potential that you have to allow your natural abilities to work for you in some distinctive way.

### Gemini

The sun's conjunction with Mercury is aligning your mind and ego, and someone who notices this through conversing with you could ask you to be the speaker for an upcoming event, so that you can share the wisdom that you have acquired.

### Pisces

Mars, which is currently in opposition to Neptune, points toward deceptiveness at a time when you're likely feeling irresolute in some challenging matter; however, your will to pull through is keeping you going now.

### Virgo

Venus, at a trine with Pluto, means that your integrity may be on the line at just the time when someone else's ethical sentiments and good manners are impressing to you.



**AAMU Student Athletes Give Big:** *The AAMU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee held a healthy competition between athletic teams to collect donations for Hurricane victims in Florida. Students collected water, non-perishable goods, toiletries and more! Victory World Outreach, a church in Huntsville, will drive to Miami to deliver the donations later this week.*

# Names for 2017 Atlantic Tropical Storms

**Franklin**  
**Gert**  
**Harvey**  
**Irma**  
**Jose**  
**Katia**  
**Lee**  
**Maria**

Nate (unused)  
Ophelia (unused)  
Philippe (unused)  
Rina (unused)  
Sean (unused)  
Tammy (unused)  
Vince (unused)  
Whitney (unused)

*Frequent Hurricane Origin: Ethiopia*

*Kimberly Fails Jones Memorial Foundation, Inc.*

*presents*

## *The Seventh Annual Breast Cancer Survivors Celebration*

Friday, October 13, 2017  
VBCC North Hall  
Huntsville, Alabama

Tickets are \$40.00  
Doors open at 6:00  
Event is from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Tickets are available from any board member or you can call  
Edna Fails - 256-537-0574  
Dwight Pope - 256-468-1756  
Sandra Cross - 256-412-5143

or by visiting the website  
[www.kjffoundation.org](http://www.kjffoundation.org)



Kimberly Fails Jones Memorial Foundation, Inc. is an 501(c)(3) tax exempt foundation determined by the Internal Revenue Service, founded in memory of Kimberly Fails Jones by her parents, William and Edna Fails

## WEEKEND FOOTBALL

Saturday, September 30

Alabama A&M vs. UAPB  
 Alabama vs. Ole Miss  
 Alabama State - OPEN  
 Arkansas vs. New Mexico  
 Auburn vs. Mississippi State  
 LSU vs. Troy  
 Mississippi State @ Auburn  
 Ole Miss @ Alabama  
 Texas A&M vs. South Carolina  
 Florida vs. Vanderbilt  
 Georgia @ Tennessee  
 Kentucky vs. Eastern Michigan  
 Missouri - OPEN  
 South Carolina @ Texas A&M  
 Tennessee vs. Georgia  
 Tuskegee @ Lane College  
 Vanderbilt @ Florida

## Alums Holding Golf Tournament for HBCU Stillman College

*Huntsville-Madison  
 Tennessee Valley Alumni  
 Chapter of  
 Stillman College to Host  
 Annual Golf Tournament*

The Huntsville-Madison Tennessee Valley Alumni Chapter of Stillman College is planning a scholarship fundraiser to be held at Colonial Golf Course on Friday, October 6, 2017.

Lt. General Willie Williams, USMC, Retired, is the Honorary Chair of this worthwhile event.

All proceeds will assist in providing scholarships for current and future students of Stillman College. The tournament is open to all, including amateur golfers



with no handicap index eligibility.

Entry fee is \$95 per golfer, which includes breakfast and lunch. The format is a two-person scramble with a shotgun tee time of 8 a.m. sharp. Official rules will be provided at the opening ceremony.

Please support Stillman's friends and alums in their efforts to enhance the scholarship program by registering a team,

becoming a Tee Sponsor, sponsoring two (2) players, or making a donation to benefit the Stillman College Scholarship Fund.

Huntsville-Madison Tennessee Valley Alumni Chapter of Stillman College  
 P.O. Box 1133  
 Madison, AL 35758

Please contact Marian Guidry at [mguidry@mediacombb.net](mailto:mguidry@mediacombb.net) or JR Richards at [jrrichardson94@gmail.com](mailto:jrrichardson94@gmail.com) for additional information. society since its inception. Located in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, the college was founded by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in 1876.

## City Council Meetings



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



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