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Friday, November 22, 2019

AAMU Business College Gains AACSB Accreditation

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB) has announced that Alabama A&M University has earned accreditation for its College of Business and Public Affairs (COBPA).

"We consider AACSB accreditation a great honor and distinction for our College of Business and Public Affairs," commented Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., president of Alabama A&M University. As we

enter our 145th year of providing quality education in 2020, this hallmark achievement is a fitting tribute to the many men and women who have worked tirelessly over the decades to ensure a

business school of which students, faculty and alumni can feel proud."



Del Smith
Dean

Local State Representatives to Host Tributes to Rosa Parks

In honor and recognition of one of Alabama's very own heroes, Representative Laura Hall and Representative Anthony Daniels are inviting the public to attend the following "Rosa Parks Day" Celebration events. Both events have been endorsed by the Alabama Bicentennial Commission.

On Monday, December 2, at 11 a.m. at the Transportation Depot/Convention & Visitors Bureau, 500 Church Street, there will be a press conference with elected officials, community leaders, local pastors as well as social, civic, and



Greek organizations representatives.

On Sunday, December 8, at 4 p.m. at Church Street Cumberland Presbyterian Church (226 Church Street), a ceremony will be held to announce the "I am Rosa Parks" youth essay winners and to recognize civil rights pioneers.

Drake State Prez Among 2019's 'Women Who Shape the State'

Drake State Community & Technical College President Patricia Sims is one of 30 Alabama women recognized for their leadership and contributions made to their communities.

Thirty women representing education, medicine, law, politics and community service were selected as Women Who Shape the State honorees by This is Alabama, a social media brand dedicated to telling the stories of people, places and culture throughout the state.

Honoree Dr. Patricia Sims has served as President of Drake State Community & Technical College since December 2018. In that time, she has worked to establish and strengthen programs that bridge the gap between students and industry.



The two-year historically black college offers flexible and affordable university-transfer and technical degrees, certificates, adult and continuing education, and customized workforce training.

"My goal is to really help people in our community grow—to help them prepare to participate in the growth and development happening in our city," Dr. Sims said.

Developing industry partnerships is also part of Dr. Sims' formula. The college recently announced a workforce development partnership with Frank Williams Dealerships. Additionally, several area companies are supporting the school, including Toyota Motor Manufacturing which recently donated two Corollas and 12 engines for the Advanced Manufacturing program,

Mazda Toyota and Five Stones Research which created a scholarship for the Computer Science students to earn program certifications.

"These women are united in their commitment to driving movements, businesses and industries that change lives and make a difference in our state," according to the This is Alabama Facebook page.

Dr. Sims is the only Women Who Shape the State honoree from a community college. She and the other honorees were recognized on Thursday, November 14, at the program's annual luncheon in Birmingham.

Honorees will also be featured in Birmingham Magazine.

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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. This week, Congress must pass an extension of the expiring temporary spending measure, known as a "continuing resolution," that is keeping the federal government open and that runs out on Thursday (Nov. 21), when the House leaves for Thanksgiving Recess. The House and Senate are expected to approve a new continuing resolution that will keep the government open through Dec. 20, but in the meantime they still must come up with a deal to agree on the 12 individual FY2020 appropriations bills' allocations – known as "302b allocations" – and then pass the bills before Congress is scheduled to adjourn for the year on Dec. 13.

2. On Tuesday, President Trump held a Cabinet meeting at the White House. On

Wednesday, he traveled to Austin, Tex., to visit an Apple manufacturing plant (where its new Mac Pro laptop will be assembled after Apple CEO Tim Cook won tariff exemptions from the Trump administration in September). On Thursday, the President and Mrs. Trump presented the National Medal of Arts and the National Humanities Medal for the first time in the Trump era (they skipped 2017 and 2018), which included recipients actor Jon Voight, singer Alison Krauss, WETA Television/Radio President Sharon Percy Rockefeller and the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard bands. On Friday, he will participate in NCAA Collegiate National Champions Day.

3. The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence held the following Impeachment Hearings this week in Room 1100 in the Longworth Building:

- o Tuesday, Nov. 19:

9:00 am: Special Advisor to the Vice President for Europe and Russia Jennifer Williams; National Security Council Director for European Affairs Alexander Vindman
2:30 pm: Former U.S. Special Envoy to Ukraine Kurt Volker; Special Assistant to the President Timothy Morrison

- o Wednesday, Nov. 20:

9:00 am: U.S. Ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland

2:30 pm: Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Russian, Ukrainian, and Eurasian Affairs Laura Cooper; Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs David Hale

- o Thursday, Nov. 21:

9:00 am: Former National Security Council Senior Director for Europe and Russia Fiona Hill

4. Last Saturday, The Washington Post reported that AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka warned House Democrats against rushing to approve the new U.S./Mexico/Canada trade agreement to replace NAFTA and stated that, if a vote were taken in the House before the Thanksgiving Recess begins on Nov. 21, it would be defeated due to concerns about Mexico's ability to implement and enforce new fair labor standards for its workers.

5. Last Friday, the State of California and 22 other states sued the Environmental Protection Agency to block the

Trump Administration from blocking California's waiver authority under the Clean Air Act to allow it to set its own fuel-efficiency standards on cars and trucks. Last year, the Trump Administration moved to freeze the standards at 37 mpg for 2020-26, while an Obama-era rule would have mandated a rise to 51 mpg by 2025. In July 2019, California announced an agreement with Ford, Honda, Volkswagen and BMW to produce vehicles averaging 50 mpg by 2026.

6. Last Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court turned down a request by gun manufacturer Remington to block a lawsuit by the families of the victims of the 2012 Sandy Hook shootings, in which 20 first graders and six school employees were killed. Remington argued that the federal "Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act," which generally gives gun manufac-

turers and sellers immunity from lawsuits shields it from liability. However, the law carves out an exception that allows lawsuits to go forward when the manufacturer or seller knowingly violated state or federal law governing the sale of guns, and that violation caused the harm at issue. Remington urged the Supreme Court to grant review of the Connecticut Supreme Court's decision allowing the case to go forward, alleging that the state court had read the exception too broadly, but the Supreme Court turned Remington down without comment.

The case is Remington Arms Co. v. Soto.

7. Pete Buttigieg called for spending \$120 billion on the Pell Grant program and making public colleges tuition-free for students eligible for those federal grants as part of his proposal released Monday to improve college

affordability. Unlike some of his primary opponents, Buttigieg isn't calling for public colleges to be tuition-free for all students, or for total student-debt cancellation. He's said families that make over a certain income threshold should pay at least some of the cost of their kids' higher education. The plan released Monday focuses on helping lower- and middle-income families.

8. Last week, 14-term Rep. Peter King (R-NY) announced that he will not seek reelection in 2020, becoming the 20th Republican Member of the House to do so.

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December 1

Candlelight Vesper Service
Alpha Omega Chapter, Eta
Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
Speaker: Elder Ted Dixie
New Market PCUSA
1725 New Market Road
New Market, Ala.
4 p.m.

December 2

Rosa Parks Tribute
Press Conference
Sponsors: Reps. Laura Hall
and Anthony Daniels
Transportation Depot/Con-
vention & Visitors Bureau
500 Church Street
Huntsville, Ala. - 11 a.m.

December 5

50th Anniversary Celebration
of University Designation
and Founding of the AAMU
Foundation
Alabama A&M University
Speaker: Dr. Michael Eric
Dyson

Author, Scholar, Activist
T.M. Elmore Building- 7 p.m.

December 6

Fall Commencement
Alabama A&M University
Von Braun Center Arena
1 p.m.

December 7

Meals on Wheels Broadcast
on 94.1 FM (with Toni Terrell)
Huntsville/Madison County
Senior Center
2200 Drake Avenue, SW
Huntsville, Ala.
10 a.m.-12 noon

December 8

Rosa Parks Tribute - "I Am
Rosa Parks" Youth Essay Win-
ners Announcement
Sponsors: Reps. Laura Hall
and Anthony Daniels
Church Street Cumberland
Presbyterians Church
226 Church Street
Huntsville, Ala. - 4 p.m.

January 27

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Winter Term
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(256) 824-6183

100 Black Men Gala Set

The 100 Black Men
of Greater Huntsville,
Inc., will host its Annual
Holiday Gala on Saturday,
December 21, at the Von
Braun Center North Hall
at 6 p.m. Tables are \$500
each. For more informa-
tion, call Charles Hyder at
(256) 651-0134.

Millennials May Need to Boost Life Insurance

If you're a Millennial, you've got a lot of living to do. Still, it's not too soon to think about a key financial issue: the need for life insurance.

When should you first buy insurance? It depends on your situation. If you're just out of college, single and living in an apartment, the need may not be great. But once you move into your later Millennial years, and you find yourself with a mortgage and a family, you unquestionably must have adequate life insurance.

How much do you need? There's no one right answer. A financial professional can look at various factors – your age, your marital status, number of children, size of mortgage, etc. – to help you arrive at an appropriate level of coverage. You'll also need to decide what type of life insurance to select. Some policies offer the chance to build cash value, in addition to providing the death benefit.

In any case, don't wait too long before getting the protection you need. The future is unknowable – and as a Millennial, you've got plenty of future ahead of you.



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Perspectives on EGO-holism

by tim allston

Black Man's Success Secret Formula? A \$500 Loan from Mama! Read Proverbs 6:20

Q: Ever wonder, when TV cameras pan the sidelines at college football games, why the black players are quick with the "Hi, Mom" tributes?

A: It's probably because those tributed Moms invested time and faith in those sons - probably absent of a Dad. Historically, the mother-son bond pays rich dividends for humankind:

In spring 1974, my college Black Literature professor Dr. Nancy Bullock McGee recounted that in 1942, one of her fellow University of Chicago lunchroom colleagues used to amuse the other Negro students when fantasizing about starting a magazine about their people.

They all would laugh routinely until his single mother took out a \$500 collateral loan against her furniture so that he could establish the Negro Digest-turned-Black World, then Ebony and Jet magazines and later Ebony Fashion Fair and Cosmetics.

In 1982, John H. Johnson became the first African-American listed in Forbes Magazine's 400 wealthiest Americans; and

Also in 1974, a single mom deposited her 18-year old son on the steps of then-Oakwood College's Cunningham Hall, then pulled from her purse a tightly-rolled wad of \$500, saying, "Son: if I had more, I'd give you more. But God will provide."

Thirty-six years, three senior church pastorates, two alumnae daughters, and two doctorates later - the latter Ph.D. in academic content theology he received as the first African-American to be so awarded from Andrews University Theological Seminary - Leslie Pollard became his alma mater's 11th president.

These two single Black Moms invested \$500 in their sons, and we've all benefited from that return on investment.

Q: Can Black Lightning Strike Thrice?

I'd been stuck for three years, admittedly unclear of God's fullest calling for my life: lay ministry. After self-publishing 7 *Steps to Manage Ego Problems: The How-to Guide for "Somebody Else,"* launching related seminar-workshops, freelancing articles and preaching assignments, still the next-step piece was missing.

Then, Changing Lane Christian Wellness Ministry & Counseling Center co-founder and men's ministry partner Reuben Griffin suggested Christian Life Coaching certification, and it clicked immediately as the missing piece: one-to-one ministering. But \$500 for coursework? "I'll sponsor you," volunteered my 92-year old widowed mother, then smiled, "but as a loan, mind you!"

M'brothas: Today, go bear-hug that woman who has already invested \$500+ in your dreams!

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.



World AIDS Day Raises Awareness

World AIDS Day is observed on December 1 each year, providing an opportunity for global communities to raise greater awareness about HIV/AIDS. UNAIDS has chosen the timely theme "Communities Make a Difference" to commemorate this special day.

On Friday, December 6, 2019, Community Faith Partners will observe World AIDS Day in the Madison County area with the annual Red Ribbon Awards Breakfast that is free and open to the public. The Red Ribbon Awards Breakfast will be held from 7-8:30 a.m. in the Boone-Lacy Fellowship Hall at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 315 Winchester Road in Huntsville, Ala.

While honoring AIDS activism, participants will have an opportunity to enjoy a hearty breakfast and inspirational music, and hear

Rev. Rae Lewis-Thornton, an Emmy Awarding winning AIDS activist from Chicago, Ill., Thornton represented the "new face of AIDS" after gracing the cover of Essence Magazine in 1994. She has been living with HIV for more than 36 years.

Thrive Alabama will be on-site to offer free HIV testing in their mobile unit from 8:00-10:30 a.m. Results are available in one minute. Today, 1 in 7 people in the United States with HIV do not know they have the virus, and the only way to know your HIV status is to get tested. Then tune in to WJAB (90.9FM) at 4:00 p.m. on December 6 to hear radio host Marcus Sims and guests address HIV/AIDS on "Poetry Corner".

World AIDS Day 2019 partners include Alabama State Representative Laura Hall, Center Grove United Methodist Church, City of Huntsville-



Office of Multicultural Affairs, DavidPersonMedia, LLC/Phoenix, Diverse Educational Life Training Activities, Inc., First Missionary Baptist Church, and many others.

For more information about the Red Ribbon Awards Breakfast, contact Judy Edmond at (256) 509-4252, Wendi Williams at (256) 337-4781, or e-mail comfaithpartners@gmail.com.

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Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

"OVERCOMING BAD CHOICES"

Romans 7:19 says, "For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do this I do." It goes on to say in verse 21, "Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me."

You know, I wonder, do most people want to do good? Because for whatever reason now days it seems they can't. You see, it's not enough to rid ourselves of evil desires and thoughts, but we have to replace them with good thoughts and good desires. That's why I believe that we all need some kind of "spiritual covering." In other

words, it is important to read God's word on a daily basis. It's also a good idea to read a daily devotional, perhaps like "A Champion Game Plan For Life" to provide spiritual reinforcement.

We all need to realize that just because the devil leaves you alone one day, doesn't mean he won't come after you another day. So in order for us to make good decisions when it comes to doing the right thing we need a plan that will help us before a decision is made.

For example, when we look at the parable that Jesus tells in Matthew 12:43-45 about an "evil spirit". The evil spirit was driven out but nothing good was

added. Any time we try to break a bad habit like choosing not to smoke or choosing not to over



indulge ourselves when we eat, we have to replace that habit with something good. You can't take something bad out, without replacing it with something good ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

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Funeral service for MRS. BESSIE WHITE MARTIN (b. 1932) was held Tuesday, November 19, at First Missionary Baptist Church with The Reverend Dr. Darius Butler officiating and Pastor Emeritus The Reverend Dr. Julius Scruggs as eulogist.

Funeral service for MR. PATRICK TURNER (b. 1946) was held Sunday, November 17, in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for MR. MILTON L. BONE (b. 1956) was held Saturday, November 16, at the Consolidated Flint River and Running Water Primitive Baptist Association Memorial Tabernacle (2131 Highway 72 East - Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Jesse Draper officiating.

Funeral service for MS. ALICE JEAN WHITE (b. 1946) was held Saturday, November 16, at Douglas Tabernacle Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Dwight Clark officiating.

Memorial service for MRS. ANNIE PEARL RICE (b. 1945) was held Friday, November 15, in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

- Royal Funeral Home -

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Funeral service for MS. MARY MARIE FLETCHER (b. 1941) was held Sunday, November 17, at Pleasant Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (15439 Hastings Road, Athens, Ala.) with Pastor Lewis Baker officiating.

Funeral service for MR. BILL SYKES, JR., (b. 1946) was held Saturday, November 16, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor William McDole officiating.

Memorial service for MR. HERMAN ALFONZO CAUDLE (b. 1927) was held Friday, November 15, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Minister Bubba Toney officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JOHN WILLIE PUGH (b. 1919) was held Monday, November 11, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Benjamin Jones, Jr., officiating.

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Funeral service for MR. ANTHONY COBB (b. 1972) was held Saturday, November 16, at New Beginnings Christian Church, 604 Jordan Lane NW, Huntsville, Ala., with Pastor Errol Davis officiating.

Arrangements are incomplete for BABY TIA MONET BOYD, who died Nov. 14 at Huntsville Hospital Women's and Children's Center.



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

City of Huntsville Garbage Schedule

No Collection on Thursday, Nov. 28
Thursday's garbage will be picked up Friday, Nov. 29

NAAACC Meetings

The North Alabama African American Chamber of Commerce (Huntsville) meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 12 noon.

The meeting location varies. Call (256) 564-7574.

Called 2 Preach

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

"Summoning Your Strength"

2 Chronicles 25:2,11

This chapter begins with the chronicling of the reign of King Amaziah, king of Judah. Two things are said about him that warrant attention.

First, it is said that he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, but not with his whole heart.

It was this vacuum that would have spoiled his victory over the army of the Edomites, had he not listened to the man of God. This lack of wholehearted loyalty to God had left him in a position of compromise and consternation that prompted him to hire an additional 100,000 troops from Israel, at a time

when the kingdom was divided.

The man of God told him that God was not with Israel and that to go in with those troops was one of the signs of his halfhearted loyalty to God. He was told that if he went into battle with those troops, God would cause him to stumble and he would lose.

The second thing that was said of Amaziah was that, after hearing from the man of God, he summoned his strength, went into battle and won. The strength

that he summoned was not more troops, but rather, more trust. He went from a crippling trepidation to conquering trust; from disloyalty to devotion.

God honors those who honor Him and without faith it is impossible to please Him. The next time you find yourself at a cross-roads in a crisis of faith, summon your strength.



"We can never be gods, after all--but we can become something less than human with frightening ease."
- NK Jemisin

Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Mr. Robert Wilson

Robert Wilson was born January 23, 1939, in Gastonia, N.C. Wilson received a Bachelor of Science degree (1960) in mechanical engineering from North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, N.C. He continued his studies in professional management at Florida Institute of Technology (1975-77).

His work assignments in engineering and management were in the states of New Jersey, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky and Alabama. His winning management style led to numerous honorary and other awards. In 1968, Wilson became a movie star for his role in a movie titled "Maintainability of Nuclear Warhead

Sections," which won an award in an industrial competition. Wilson retired in 1994.

Wilson became a Presbyterian in 1963, was ordained an elder in 1964 and was ordained a deacon in 1972.

As an inactive elder at Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, Ala., he chaired the Christian Education Committee; served as past president of the Presbyterian Men; and assisted the staff of the Fellowship After-School Study and Tutorial (FASST) Program.

Additionally, Wilson volunteered his time and talent as secretary/treasurer, vice president and presi-



dent of North Alabama Presbytery, Presbytery Men, where he earned the "Church Man of the Year Award."

He married Dr. Patricia Isles Wilson, retired professor of Alabama A&M University. They have one son and four grandchildren.



NOVEMBER 29 - Politician and civil rights activist **ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR.**, was born in New Haven, Conn. In 1944, he was elected as a Democrat to the House of Representatives, representing the 22nd congressional district, which included Harlem. He was the first black Congressman from New York. - BlackinTime.info

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MCERA Acknowledges Retired Teachers

Retired Teachers' Day is Tuesday, November 19 2019. The Madison County Education Retirees Association (MCERA) joins other associations in the state by acknowledging the contributions of its retirees.

Recognizing the contributions retired educators have made, the Alabama Legislature passed Act No. 90-183 to honor Alabama's education retirees. The joint resolution sets aside the Tuesday of American Education Week each year for recognition of the state's retired education personnel.

The MCERA is just one of over 75 local units of the Alabama Education Retirees Association, Inc. (AERA), which represents more than 23,000 retired educators.

"Everyone's life has been enriched by a retired educator," stated Otis Threath Sr., President of the MCERA.

"Even in our retirement years, retired educators continue to touch the lives of those around us by volunteering in the community. In 2018, our members volunteered 12,018 service hours in Madison County; a monetary value of \$296,724.42," Threath continued.

MCERA members will



hold their annual E.H. Wilburn Scholarship Auction on December 5, 2019, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntsville, Alabama. Proceeds from auction will fund a scholarship for one student for four years who attends college to become a teacher.

"All citizens are encouraged to join together in paying tribute to the retired educators of Madison County," stated Threath.

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