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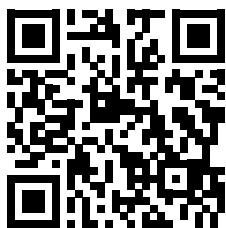
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BLACK BUSINESS MONTH

AUGUST IS BLACK BUSINESS MONTH, a month for uplifting and supporting Black-owned businesses. While the Black community currently makes up an estimated 51% of Mobile's population, just 3.1% of Mobile businesses are owned by Black entrepreneurs. And during the pandemic, Black-owned businesses in Mobile were twice as likely to be closed during the pandemic than their white counterparts, and only received about 12% of the PPP funding they asked for.

But we know that Black-owned businesses are essential to the fabric of the Mobile, and they help define the character and feel of a community and enhance the identity of our economic makeup. We also know that there is tremendous potential for more Black-owned businesses to start and grow. That's why we working to actively address this disparity and build generational wealth in the Black community.

We know that entrepreneurship is the most viable solution to address the racial wealth gap, and this newly reignited future starts here with the MABCC. This August and beyond, we will continue to honor our commitment to equity of opportunity. This means balancing our economic scales in a way that thoughtfully cultivates the many talents and needs of a historically diverse population so that everyone can participate. Mobile does this best when we work together.

The Chamber invites you to call, click, or stop by to learn more about the area and our member businesses. We encourage you to think and shop local! By supporting our member businesses, you are reinvesting in your community! As we continue to enjoy our success, the Mobile Area Black Chamber of Commerce will be here to do our part in supporting you with networking and growth opportunities along this journey as we continue to Educate, Empower and Encourage business growth and expansion.

As Chairman of this organization, I value constructive feedback. It's the only way we can grow as individuals and as an organization. Please email (info@mabcc.org) any feedback and/or suggestions you have for ways in which we can further serve you and your business needs.

In closing, I'd like to Thank our Chamber members for being part of our growing community. I look forward to having you join us as a member AND partner in, not only YOUR success, but the success of OUR communities. Please allow YOUR story to become a part of OUR story.

**We Encourage You To SUPPORT BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES
This August and Year-Round!**





LAUGHTER

I KNOW THE LAW!!!

A cop was patrolling late at night in a well-known lover's spot, famous for all obscene activities. He sees a couple in a car, with the interior light brightly glowing. The cop carefully approaches the car to get a closer look. Then he sees a young man he knows, Leroy, behind the wheel, reading a computer magazine. He immediately notices a young woman in the rear seat, knitting. Puzzled by this surprising situation, the cop walks to the car and gently raps on the driver's window. Leroy lowers his window. "Uh, yes, officer?" The cop says: "What are you doing Leroy?" The young man says: "Well Officer, I'm reading a magazine." Pointing towards the young woman in the back seat the cop says: "And her, what is she doing?" Leroy shrugs: "Sir, I believe she's knitting a pullover sweater." Now, the cop is totally confused.. A young couple, alone, in a car, at night in a Lover's lane... and nothing obscene is happening! The cop asks: "What's your age Leroy?" The young man says "I'm 22, sir." The cop asks: "And her...what's her age?" Leroy looks at his watch and replies: "She'll be 18 in 11 minutes and 27 seconds!!!" ☺

WHERE AM I???

A husband and wife were driving through Louisiana. As they approachedatchitoches, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town. They argued back and forth; then they stopped for lunch. The husband said to the young man behind the counter, Leroy, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are very slowly?" Leroy leaned over the counter and said, "Burr-gerrr Kiiing!!!" ☺

CLOSE TO HOME!!!

Leroy lay sprawled across three entire seats in a posh theater as people were taking their seats for the show. When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to Leroy, "Sorry, sir, but you're only allowed one seat." Leroy groaned but didn't budge. The usher became impatient. "Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the manager." Again, Leroy just groaned, which infuriated the usher, who turned and marched briskly back up the aisle in search of his manager. In a few moments, both the usher and the manager returned and stood over the man. Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move him, but with no success. Finally, they summoned the police. The cop surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "Alright buddy, what's your name?" "Leroy," the man moaned. The cop asks, "Where ya from, Leroy?" With pain in his voice, Leroy replied "... the balcony!!!" ☺

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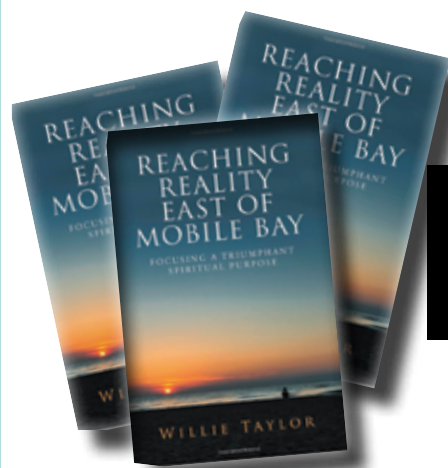
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SEPTEMBER

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

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EMBARKING ON A MISSION... ROUND 2

It sure feels great to be back in the saddle, writing some more columns.

Hopefully, this time around, we'll be able to do stuff more on a consistent basis. From time to time, I will give my thoughts about numerous national subjects, such as the January 6 hearings, gun violence, and the economy. Of course, I'll be sure to put in my two cents worth on local issues, such as voting, redistricting, and Africatown.

Ah yes, Africatown...several things have happened over the past few weeks which have really perked up my interest. From the play 'Ocean in My Bones' to having a sit-down Q & A with artistic director Terrence Spivey, to checking out ceremonies marking the 162nd landing of the Clotilda, there is enough material for two years' worth of writing.

Africatown certainly has to be at the forefront, because as Africatown goes, so does Mobile. It's going to be crucial to put the word out about the importance of revitalizing it properly, and making it a shining star for not only Mobile, but for the nation and the world.

With all that has happened in the world, whether it is mass shootings, climate change, and cases of police brutality, there are times when you have to get the perspective from a local point of view. That's where I and others who are contributing to this publication come in. If all goes well (and I certainly hope it does), you will be able to read our thoughts and our views on a more consistent basis, whether you agree with them or not.

But enough of that. I'm just glad Steppin' Out is back in circulation, albeit in email form. That's okay, because for those of you who are fortunate to get the publication that way, you're going to hear a lot from me, as well as others who have contributed to this publication. We have a lot to offer, and we certainly have a lot to say.

It's frustrating there are no Black-oriented newspapers in print. Back in the day, there were three newspapers, The Mobile Beacon, Inner City News, and The New Times. All three, despite owned and operated by different people, brought something to the table when it came from presenting news from a Black perspective. As one who has spent a lot of time being involved in the Black press, I can say without hesitation it was a labor of love, because it was something that had to be done.

And done it was, despite receiving a lot of criticism. It was done, because it was the right thing to do. There were times myself and others were ridiculed, but truly, we didn't care—we wanted to fight for the cause. To paraphrase the words of the late John Lewis, we were getting into 'good trouble.'

You're probably asking yourself, 'Why are you saying all of this?' Well, I, as a media type, feel it's my duty to keep you informed. It will certainly be a long road ahead, but as the old saying goes, 'a journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.' There will be times when we feel we're walking uphill, or in quicksand, but one thing is plain: We're going to keep it moving.♣

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Mobile County Probate Court and Via! Honor Senior Guardians Program Volunteers



The Mobile County Probate Court, in collaboration with Via! Health, Fitness and Enrichment Center, hosted an appreciation lunch in July to recognize those who serve as advocates or legal guardians for seniors in need through Mobile County's Volunteer Guardian Program (VGP).

Currently, 53 volunteers serve about 130 Mobile County senior citizens each month through VGP. This program is often the last line of defense for vulnerable citizens against homelessness and worsening quality of life.

If a senior citizen becomes a ward of Mobile County Probate Court, Judge Don Davis appoints a volunteer guardian to protect that person's health and safety. These volunteers are trained to advocate for senior indigent adults in long-term care facilities and group homes.

Mobile County's Volunteer Guardians Program is the only program of its kind in Alabama. It was founded in 2010 by Judge of Probate Don Davis and is an important service, especially as the senior population continues to grow.

Mobile County's Volunteer Guardians Program needs more compassionate, caring, and committed volunteers.

Those interested in learning more about the program or volunteering should contact Volunteer Guardian Coordinator Lynn Hudson at lhudson@viamobile.org -or- 251-478-3311.

The volunteer commitment is about 4 to 6 hours per month. Requirements are that volunteers be at least 21 years old, have computer access, transportation, and the ability to learn basic legal and medical information. Each volunteer guardian must complete a background check and participate in training.

For more information on Mobile County's Volunteer Guardians Program, go to <https://viamobile.org/what-we-do/volunteer-guardian-program/>.

Volunteer guardians in attendance were thanked for their service by Judge of Probate Don Davis, District 1 Commissioner Merceria Ludgood, and District 3 Commissioner Randall Dueitt, who each expressed the importance of their service to our community. Dr. Norman McCrummen served as the keynote speaker and offered an inspirational message about giving.

NOTE: Judge of Probate Don Davis, program coordinator Lynn Hudson and program volunteers can be made available for interviews about this program and its need for more volunteers.♣



MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES BETTER... **One Block at a Time!**

In past articles, I have encouraged you to get involved in your community by interacting with the political leadership and holding them accountable to fulfill their duties. By doing that, you are taking care of one aspect of building a better community. The other side of the coin is your own efforts to improve your community by getting more involved.

We all know that our governmental officials can't do it all by themselves. They need grassroots involvement to help make things better. This can range from keeping our neighborhoods clean by picking up trash, cleaning abandoned lots, working with volunteer and service organizations, and identifying needs and working to fulfill them.

Every neighborhood more than likely has a person that will go the extra mile to keep it as clean as they can. Several years ago, I wrote an article about my grandmother who lived on a street, Pearl Street, that was a few houses down from Martin Luther King Avenue (then known as Davis Avenue). She constantly picked up trash in front of and around her house that was dropped by people who had enjoyed themselves on the then bustling Avenue and dumped a lot of their refuse on her street. As a kid, I didn't quite understand why she was so vigilant in doing so but I soon understood that it was her way of trying to keep her neighborhood clean. There were other neighbors on her street that did the same but sometimes it seemed like a losing battle.

Today, we don't have as many of those people who will do that. I'm surprised at how many people will have nice cars and nice clothes but don't put as much effort into keeping their yard cut and maintained, let alone keeping the surrounding public areas clean. It seems that respect for ourselves, our surroundings, and for others has not been taught or not practiced as it should be. We must consider the village as a whole and do more for each other. Sometimes, when we give back to the community it will inspire others to do so. How can young people learn if they don't see others doing the right thing? We have all gotten desensitized to the problems and feel overwhelmed and hopeless in addressing them. But, we shouldn't give up yet.

Even the smallest effort can make a difference. I want to give a shout out to Mr. Jessie Johnson, who lives on Clinton Avenue near the McDonald's in Toulminville. He does the same thing my grandmother used to do. He's made a commitment to keeping the trash picked up along his stretch of Clinton Avenue despite the constant stream of people who still drop their trash on the street and in yards. He picks up trash, cuts the grass in front of unoccupied houses and does his best to keep his block looking neat. Now imagine if we all did the same thing. I'm sure that many of us do. So, let's try to encourage others and maybe we can make our community better one block at a time.♣



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*"When an old man dies,
a library burns to the ground."*

— African Proverb—

National NAACP Resolves to Support Raising the Clotilda Slave Ship for an AFRICATOWN MUSEUM



Ramsey Sprague
President of Mobile Environmental Justice Action Coalition and the Mobile NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice Committee Chair

The 113th National Convention of the NAACP, the US' oldest and largest civil rights organization, saw the passage of a resolution to support the raising of the notorious Clotilda slave ship wreckage from the Mobile River Delta for installation in a world-class museum in the Mobile and Prichard community of Africatown. The resolution conveys to the Alabama Historic Commission the imperative for that agency to fully and publicly commit to fundraising for the eventual raising, relocation, and preservation of the one-of-a-kind relic that represents the end of the Trans Atlantic Slave Trade.

The Clotilda was chartered by notorious slaver Timothy Meaher to sail in 1860 from present day Mobile County, Alabama to the present day country of Benin to purchase and return with a shipment of enslaved Africans to make what became the last documented journey of the more than four century long Trans Atlantic Slave Trade to North America from the African continent.

African Town was originally founded in 1870 by a group of survivors of The Clotilda's illegal and sinister voyage who managed to maintain and transmit an oral tradition of their African indigenous lives, traditions, language, and culture. Today, many descendants of the founders of African Town are still residents in the community situated along the Mobile River where the Chickasaw and Three Mile Creeks meet in the City of Mobile and stretching into the City of Prichard, east of the Toulmin Springs Branch creek.

The Clotilda slave ship was scuttled immediately upon its return in order to conceal evidence of the slavers' crimes, but its wreckage was identified in a stretch of the Mobile River in Mobile County, Alabama by researchers in 2019 as the most intact ship to be sailed as part of the Trans Atlantic Slave Trade ever found anywhere in the world.

Extensive interviews have provided critical insight into the descendant community's thoughts and feelings about what should happen with The Clotilda wreckage, and all local political representation has expressed resolve to raise and preserve The Clotilda wreckage in the Africatown community for the benefit of the community and its contribution to world heritage.

In affirming its support for the raising and preservation of The Clotilda wreckage in the Africatown community, the NAACP "urges the Alabama Historic Commission to immediately commit to raising the funds necessary to safely re-locate the Clotilda wreckage to a facility in the Africatown community built for housing the incredibly rare and era-defining world heritage artifact, the last slave ship to North America from Africa, The Clotilda." ❖



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MAKINGS OF A PLAY

by Arthur Mack



Terrence Spivey plans to put Mobile on the map when it comes to Theatre

Spivey, who has joined forces with Steppin' Out publisher Greg Cyprian, is the artistic director for the IMANI Theatre, which is the city of Mobile's first Black Theater. Cyprian is the executive director.

Spivey, who is a Cleveland, Ohio resident, has a Bachelors in Arts in Theatre Arts from Prairie View A & M. He has been commissioned to write and direct 'An Ocean in My Bones' for the Clotilda Descendants Association's Fourth Annual Sprit of the Ancestors Festival in Mobile. Plans are to make the play a full-length production.

"In November, Greg and I will be talking about getting IMANI Theatre off the ground in terms of workshops, putting up some plays and panel discussions, and also work on a full-length version of the play," he said.

Spivey is also the founding artistic director for Powerful Long Ladder in Cleveland. He also served as artistic director for Karamu House, the oldest black theatre in the country. While there, he has had numerous theatre credits, and has earned numerous accolades, including the National Black Theatre Festival Longevity Award, the Centennial Award and the New York AUDELCO 2013 Repertory Theatre of the Year Award.

In addition, Spivey has been awarded 2005 Best Theatre Honcho by Cleveland Scene 2010, along with a proclamation from Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson for his artistic contributions locally and nationally. He was also the selected keynote speaker for the United States Institute for Theatre Technology 55th anniversary in 2015 at the Duke Energy Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Spivey, who has spent the month of July doing workshops throughout Mobile, is very excited about Ocean in My Bones, as it comes from the view of ancestors of Africans who were illegally brought to the United States in 1860.

"It's a collection of monologues interweaved with music and dance," he said. "It tells the story about the Clotilda survivors from Africatown who came over from Benin on July 9, 1860, illegally smuggled in by Timothy Meaher. It's basically a collection of stories of some of their ancestors. They talk to the audience and let them know who they are.

"This is the first piece about them that has come out play wise. Normally you get books or documentaries, where you hear the descendants talking. In books, you read about what is written. This time, one gets to hear the ancestors' voices."

What makes the play even more remarkable is that local talent was exclusively used. Spivey said he was thrilled to work with the talent and was impressed by what they brought to the table.

"I was really amazed, and it was so open and it was so real and raw," he said. "They listened; they were an open vessel in terms of learning about not only acting itself but playing the characters. It also gave them the chance to connect—living here, they heard about Africatown, so they started reinvesting themselves in research about learning the history."

Spivey said because of a lack of black theatre in Mobile at the time, the participants were eager to be a part of something special.

They committed themselves," he said. "They would come in every day because there's no black theatre in the city for part of something that was going to make a big difference in Mobile. So, I think it was exciting that they were doing a play about the story that has been going on for years, and the fact it was happening with the books and documentaries. We got a chance to get with Ben Raines (to ride out to where the Clotilda was discovered), and when they came back, they were really gung-ho in rehearsals and commitment."

Working with the Clotilda Descendants Association was an added plus.

"The Clotilda descendants got in touch with me about a year ago," Spivey said. "Joycelyn Davis and Darron Patterson got in touch with me because of Greg. I've known him for over 10 years, and he talked me up.

It was going to be their fourth Spirit of the Ancestors Festival, and the year before they were doing virtual because of the pandemic. The first two years were live, and they had keynote speakers.

"Joycelyn said, 'Let's do a play now,' and they reached out to me. They knew me because of Greg. In working with them and interviewing them, what is amazing me is working the play itself. It was a chance to invest so much interviewing the descendants. You're hearing their dialogue talking about their ancestors.

"One thing that was so unique was that some of them didn't want to go on Zoom; they wanted to go on phone. I told them I wanted them to go on Zoom because I wanted to watch their mannerisms while they talked. That's going to help me with that blunt memory of the characters, doing research and how they would behave because of their descendants. I also suggested that to the actors too—they got out and got a chance to research the ancestors they were playing." ♣



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PROPOSED ONE-TIME BONUSES

Mayor Stimpson proposes one-time bonus for retired City employees and first responders

During its meeting on August. 02, the Mobile City council will consider a proposal from Mayor Sandy Stimpson to give retired City employees and retired first responders a one-time bonus.

Earlier this year, the Alabama Legislature gave cities and counties the ability to extend bonuses to retirees in the Retirement Systems of Alabama. The bonus amounts to \$2 for every month of service. That would mean a \$600 bonus for retirees with 25 years of service or \$720 for members with 30 years of service. If the council approves Mayor Stimpson's proposal, retired City employees will receive bonuses in October.

Because former police officers and firefighters are not part of the RSA system, Mayor Stimpson is also proposing an equivalent bonus to eligible members and surviving beneficiaries of the City's Police and Fire Pension Fund. During tomorrow's meeting, the council will consider both proposed bonuses.

"This is the first bonus that we've been authorized to give RSA retirees in more than 15 years, and we're grateful to the state legislature for giving us the ability to do this," Mayor Stimpson said. "We also want to ensure our retired first responders receive the same bonus as well. Given the rising cost of living and national challenges with inflation, these bonuses could not have come at a better time."

The one-time bonus for City retirees will cost approximately \$470,000, which the City will pay incrementally through its annual contributions to the RSA system. The bonus for police and fire retirees will come from the City's general fund surplus and cost an estimated \$465,000.



Public Health Observes National Breastfeeding Month and World Breastfeeding Week

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The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) will observe August as National Breastfeeding Month and August 1-7, 2022, as World Breastfeeding Week. The ADPH encourages infant breastfeeding as a proven primary prevention strategy that builds a foundation for lifelong health and wellness. ADPH endorses The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) position that "Infant nutrition should be considered a public health issue and not only a lifestyle choice."

Human milk is a unique, living composition, with properties that support the child's developing immune system. The AAP recognizes breastfeeding and human milk as the normative standards for infant feeding. The AAP recommends exclusive human milk feeding for infants in the first 6 months of life and continuing breastfeeding, with complementary foods, starting around 6 months, for 2 years or beyond, as mutually desired. In addition to breast milk, complementary foods should be started around 6 months.

The known protective health benefits of breastfeeding and human milk are extensive and expanding with new research. Breastfeeding mothers are at lower risk for excessive uterine bleeding after delivery. Breastfeeding for 12 months or longer is associated with maternal protections against diabetes, high blood pressure and cancers of the breast, endometrium and ovaries. Breastfed infants are at lower risk for sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), and infants (and children who were breastfed as infants) are more protected against numerous disorders, including ear and respiratory infections, eczema, asthma and childhood obesity. Human milk is considered an essential lifesaving medical intervention for medically fragile and premature infants. If the mother's own milk is not available, pasteurized human milk, rather than infant formula, is the preferred substitute for these high-risk infants. ADPH urges parents to strongly consider the significant health benefits of breastfeeding and human milk feeding when making decisions about feeding their infants.

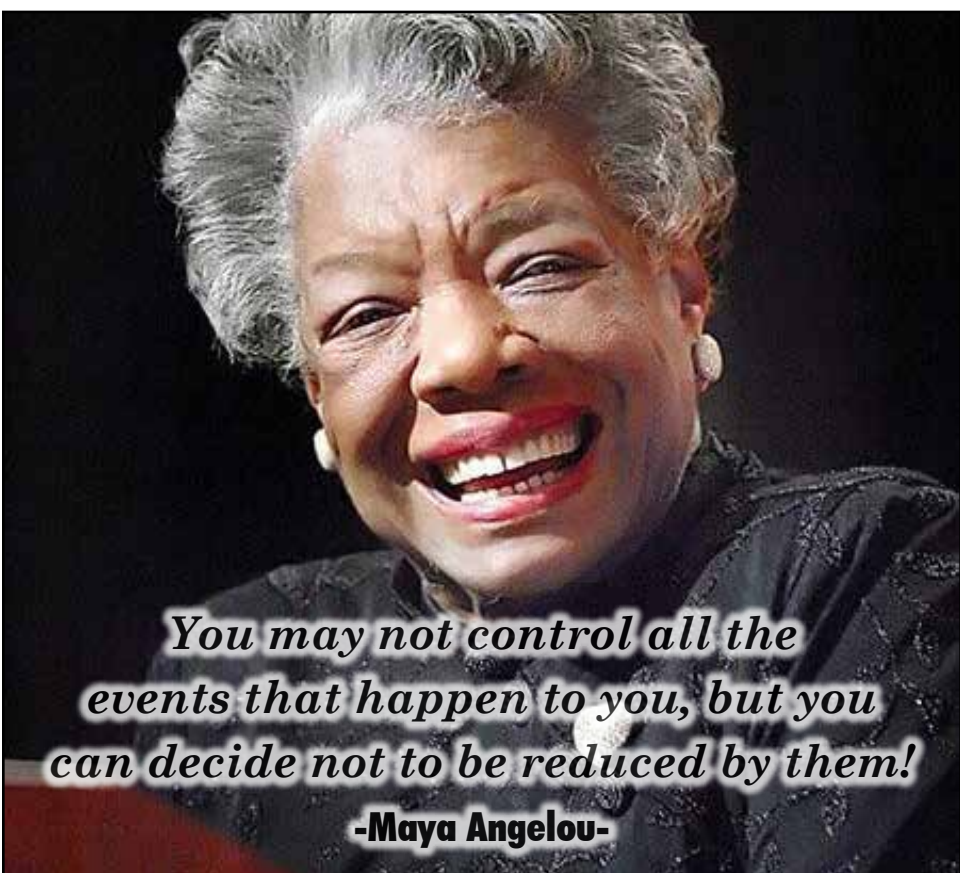


Fannie E. Motley

Born in 1927, just outside of Monroeville, Alabama, Fannie E. Motley became the first African American student to graduate with Honors from Spring Hill College, a white Jesuit university in Mobile, Alabama, in 1956.

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-Maya Angelou-

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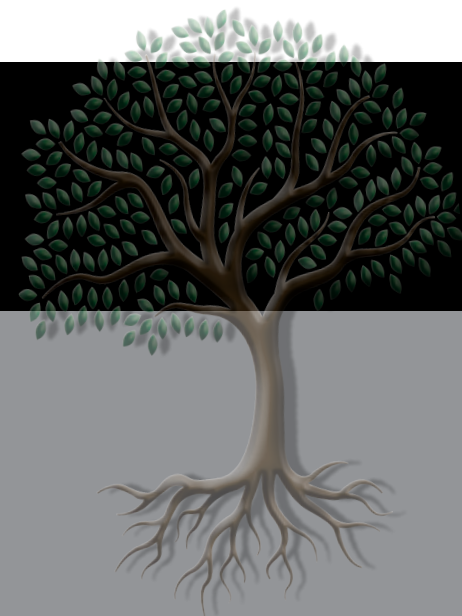
- **Rebecca Lee Crumpler** was the first Black woman to become a doctor of medicine in the United States.
- **The practice of vaccinations** was brought to America by a slave.
- **Bayard Rustin**, an LGBTQ rights activist, orchestrated the Civil Rights Movement from behind the scenes.
- **Cathay Williams**, once enslaved, disguised herself as a man to serve in the U.S. Army after the Civil War.



Emlen Lewis Tunnell

Sometimes known by the nickname “The Gremlin”, Tunnell was an American professional football player and coach. He was the first African American to play for the New York Giants and also the first to be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

BLACK THEN



The Mis-Education of the Negro

In the book, "The Mis-Education of the Negro," Carter G. Woodson wrote, "Herein are recorded not opinions but the reflections of one who for forty years has participated in the education of the black, brown, yellow, and white races in both hemispheres and in tropical and temperate regions."

How we have arrived at the present state of affairs can be understood only by studying forces of effective in the development of Negro education since it was systematically undertaken immediately after Emancipation & the end of the civil war. To point out merely the defects as they appear today will be of little benefit to the present and future generations. These things must be viewed in their historic setting. The conditions of today have been determined by what has taken place in the past, and in a careful study of this history we may see more clearly the great theatre of events in which the Negro has played a part. We may understand better what his role has been and how well he has functioned in it.

The idea of educating the Negroes after the Civil War was largely a prompting of philanthropy. Their white neighbors failed to assume this responsibility. These Black people had been liberated as a result of a sectional conflict out of which their former owners had emerged as victims. From this class, then, the freedman could not expect much sympathy or cooperation in the effort to prepare themselves to figure as citizens of a modern republic. From functionaries of the United States Government itself and from those who participated in the conquest of the secessionists early came the plan of teaching these freedmen the simple duties of life as worked out by the Freedmen's Bureau and philanthropic agencies.

Inasmuch as most Negroes lived in the agricultural South, moreover, and only a few of them at first acquired small farms there was little in their life which any one of them thought could not have easily understood. The poverty which afflicted them for a generation after Emancipation held them down to the lowest order of society, nominally free but economically enslaved.

The participation of the freedmen in government for a few years during the period known as the Reconstruction had little bearing on their situation except that they did join with the uneducated poor whites in bringing about certain much-desired social reforms, especially in giving the South its first plan of democratic education in providing for a school system at public expense.

Neither this inadequately supported school system nor the struggling higher institutions of a classical order established

about the same time, however, connected the Negroes very closely with life as it was. When the Negroes found himself deprived of influence in politics, therefore, and at the same time unprepared to participate in the higher functions in the industrial development which this country began to undergo, it soon became evident to him that he was losing ground in the basic things of life. He was spending his time studying about the things which had been or might be, but he was learning little to help him to do better the tasks at hand.

Since the Negroes believed that the causes of this untoward condition lay without the race, migration was attempted, and emigration to Africa was again urged. At this psychological moment came the wave of industrial education which swept the country by storm. The educational authorities in the cities and states throughout the Black Belt began to change the courses of study to make the training of the Negro conform to this policy.

The missionary teachers from the North in defense of their idea of more liberal training, however, fearlessly attacked this new educational policy; and the Negroes participating in the same dispute arrayed themselves respectively on one side or the other.

For a generation thereafter the quarrel as to whether the Negro should be given a classical or a practical education was the dominant topic in Negro schools and churches throughout the United States. Labor was the most important thing of life, it was argued; practical education counted in reaching that end; and the Negro worker must be taught to solve this problem of efficiency before directing attention to other things," according to Woodson. In paragraph three, Woodson wrote about a sectional conflict that the former slave owners had emerged out of as the victims.

The slave owners wrote the narrative, so they wrote the history, which would be beneficial to them in the future. The audacity of that mindset still remains today where information is being disseminated by Fox News & other Right Wing medias that white men are being discriminated against. The thinking hasn't been destroyed because the descendants of the slave masters are still in charge today.

Brothers and sisters, I was born in 1939 in Marion, AR, so I lived during segregation where Black people suffered immensely without any help from the white authorities because they were part of oppressive state. I am hoping that you can connect spiritually with your ancestors for growth into a positive future. ❖



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We Have a Responsibility to the Village Institutions

If you are a native Mobilian, there is a good chance you and/or your parents grew up east of I-65. Across the United States I have witness African-American families seeking the American dream of better housing, and advanced education. There is nothing wrong with that vision.

Here is my point... Affluence, education or prosperity does not remove your responsibility to the Village. Too often in the flight to move out of 'the hood', we forget about the people and institutions that were and are important. African-American schools did not fail until the priority and funding was moved elsewhere. Institutions like, Bishop State Community College, Dearborn YMCA, Heart of Mary, St. Peter Claver, and African-American Churches (especially A.M.E.) were the icons of my youth. The first two provided opportunities when discrimination blocked or sought to deter career advancement, recreation and social services.

Dearborn YMCA in the 1970's had the only Olympic pool that was available to African-Americans. In addition, the Urban League and other social services had offices inside Dearborn Y. Now Dearborn YMCA is one of only three Heritage YMCAs (built in African-American neighborhoods) remaining. It serves over 3,000 Elders and Youth.

While serving on Dearborn's Board of Directors, I actively recruited career professionals and youth. It was frustrating to see how many turned down the opportunity, while accepting a Board position at a primarily mainstream organization.

Recently, the YMCA of South Alabama closed its Downtown Mobile and Downtowner Boulevard sites. A Lagniappe reporter Dale Liesch said, "The two closures mean that Mobile is left without a YMCA". I immediately emailed him to correct this falsehood. His response... "Dearborn is not affiliated with the local YMCA." Dearborn is not (a point for another story) but it is sanctioned by the National YMCA. I am not finished with him.

But I want you to take a look at who you support with your donations and/or time. I am requesting that you remember how vital these institutions that are 'in the hood' to the future careers of our youth, to our elders and the economic impact of the neighborhoods. By the way, Dearborn has purchased the old YWCA building in Toulminville and is currently remodeling for a Fall 2022 opening.

As always... **CONTINUED SUCCESS!** ❖



Local Foundation Provides Assistance to Families Who Have Lost a Child

OCTOBER 30... a day most people spend joyously preparing for Halloween, is a day that brings unspeakable pain to Foley, AL resident, James Painter III and his family.

In 2016, OCTOBER 30, Painter's beloved three-year-old daughter, Fallon Kay Painter, along with her grandmother, Debrah Kay Irwin, were tragically killed by a drunk driver in Lake County, FL. The driver, operating his vehicle with a suspended license, struck Debrah's vehicle at 110 mph. Without regard for anyone else and with a dozen traffic citations, he died in the crash as well.

Through unexplainable tragedy, the Pink Butterfly Foundation was born. Painter created the foundation to support families who are dealing with the loss of a child, whether that be financially or interpersonally. He stresses the fact that the death of a child presents overwhelming challenges to parents and families in the grieving process. The Pink Butterfly Foundation's policy is to donate one hundred percent of its donations.

Painter explained that he took his greatest loss, and was able create some-thing good while keeping Fallon's spirit very much alive. "I have been able to find passions, including helping families through our charity. Seeing firsthand the losses that these families are experiencing and talking to them about our shared experiences, fuels my passion to help others."

Having ties to Baldwin county his entire laif and moving back home in 2019, Painter has made it his mission to reach more individuals in the area. He has hopes to connect with local families to share support and listento each other's stories. The work Painter does with the foundation is one of his biggest passions and a large part in honoring his daughter's life.

Painter enjoys sharing the remarkable story behind the name of the foundation. The name, Pink Butterfly Foundation, was derived from Fallon's favorite color, Pink, which she always supported in endless debates with her Dad (whose favorite colors are Auburn University's orange and blue). On the day of Fallon's burial, hundreds of monarch butterflies hatched at the Painter's home—an event unheard of in Florida. This was the first of several signs of Fallon being the Painter's guardian angel as her loving spirit lives on.

Painter acknowledged that tragedy strikes us all at some point, but the most important thing we can do is get back up and help those who are suffering.

"Life always knocks us down at some point in our lives – the key is "getting up" and helping others in their time of tragedy and need – that's why, in life and in the present moment, don't leave a kind word unsaid – If you feel like you need to say something to someone you love or care about, say it – you may not get another chance."

Families seeking support after the loss of a child and individuals interested in donating can find more information about The Pink Butterfly Foundation at www.thepinkbutterfly.org -or- contact info@pinkbutterfly.org -or- (407) 340-0226. ❖



Clotilda Descendants Association On The Move

Clotilda Descendants Documentary
Has Been Acquired By Netflix
And Released By Obamas'
Production Company.

(PICTURED L-R)

Former President **Barack Obama**

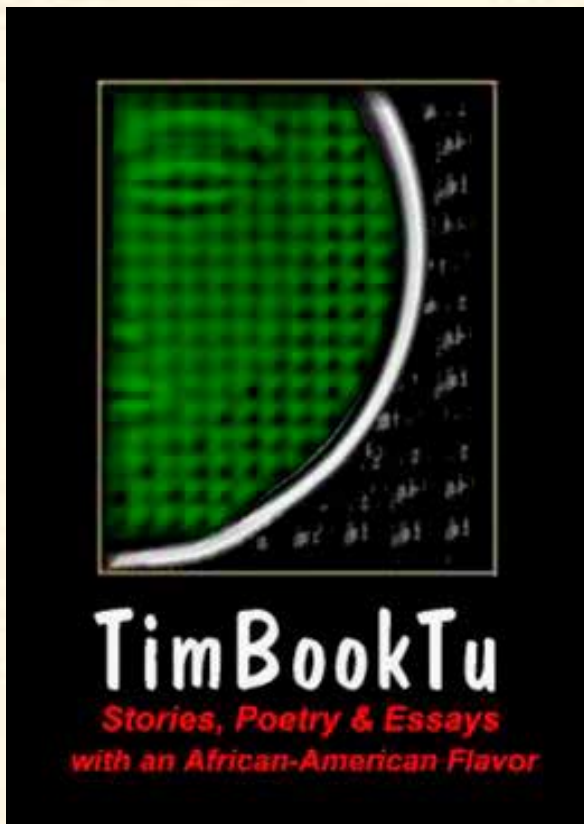
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LITTER-FREE LEADER 1st Award Winner

Local businesses recognized for taking steps to prevent, collect and eliminate litter in our community. The goal was to encourage businesses to get involved in addressing litter near their storefronts, promoting litter-free efforts with customers and participating in community clean-up events.

KEITH GALLMON JR

Senior South Alabama Safety



For the second straight season named to **WUERFFEL TROPHY WATCH LIST!** Gallmon is one of 115 individuals from the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) level in consideration for the award honoring college football's top community servant.



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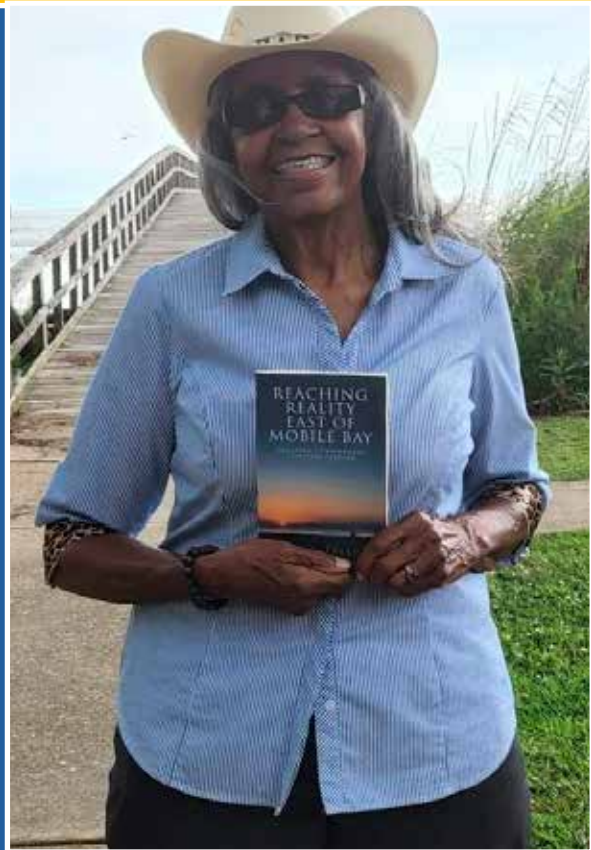
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Spring Hill College Expands Military Scholarship Program

(Mobile, Ala.) Spring Hill College values the service, sacrifice, and commitment of our Nation's military personnel. As such, the College is pleased to announce an expansion of the military scholarship program, now offering substantial tuition discounts for active duty and reserve members, military spouses, and Coast Guard civilian employees. This expansion dramatically increases the opportunity for these valued members of our community to advance in their military and civilian career paths.

Patrick Sprague, Director of Spring Hill's Center for Online Learning said, "The Center for Online Learning is extremely proud of active duty service students and considers it an honor to serve those who serve."

Captain Chris Hulser, Commanding Officer of the U. S. Coast Guard Aviation Training Center in Mobile, said, "Without question, our personnel recognize the seamless connection between Spring Hill College's mission 'to form responsible leaders in service to others,' and the Coast Guard's ethos 'of being responsible leaders in service to others.' Furthermore, our members deeply appreciate Spring Hill College's dedication to cura personalis, and the concern for the spiritual, social, and intellectual growth of each individual. In a recent meeting with President Joe Lee, Captain Hulser thanked Spring Hill College "for their extraordinary commitment to the lifelong learners of the U. S. Coast Guard."

Spring Hill first began its partnership with Mobile's U. S. Coast Guard Aviation Training Center in 2009. Since then over 600 service members utilized their Tuition Assistance funding to earn various degrees. Today, these graduates serve in the halls of Congress, corridors of fortune 500 companies, and decision-making offices of Coast Guard headquarters in Washington, D.C.

In 2017, Spring Hill launched the first online MBA program with workforce tracks in leadership, logistics and supply chain management, project management, and data analytics. Concentrations are invaluable to military personnel as they progress in their organizations or separate from service to pursue civilian employment.

Today Spring Hill offers 19 different online e-programs with tracks in Business, Healthcare, and Liberal Arts. This convenient format affords our military personnel the opportunity to prepare for their next mission at home or abroad. Learn more about how to start at Spring Hill College.♣

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The 2nd Amendment

A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

Historical Lesson for Survivin & Progress-2

Tim Wise is a civil rights Activist, and he discussed the 2nd Amendment on MSNBC. He said, "The founding fathers established the 2nd Amendment because they were concerned about Black people and Native Americans.

The second Amendment was passed on December 15, 1791. Tim Wise is among the most prominent anti-racist writers and educators in the United States. He has spent the past 25 years speaking to audiences in all 50 states, on over 1500 college and high school campuses, at hundreds of professional and academic conferences, and to community groups across the country.

According to Britannica.com, "The 3/5th compromise agreement between delegates from the Northern and the Southern states at the United States Constitutional Convention (1787) that three-fifths of the slave population would be counted for determining direct taxation and representation in the House of Representatives." Although the 3/5 was done for representation purpose, it disseminated a message that Black people were inferior to white people.

On June 21 2022, Nicholas Reimann, Forbes Staff wrote, "Arizona House Speaker Rusty Bowers (R) testified to the January 6 committee that former President Donald Trump told a lie on Tuesday claiming Bowers told him "the election was rigged," adding that Trump's legal team repeatedly pressured him to overturn the results of the 2020 election but failed to present any evidence of fraud. Bowers said he voted for Trump and wanted him to win the 2020 election, and he would vote for him again," according to Reimann.

What is it about white voters who continually support #45, who is a womanizer and a scumbag? He is the last hope for maintaining America as a white supposedly Christian country. White Evangelic has elevated him as a God-fearing man Although #45 hasn't exhibited any values that reflect Jesus Christ. He is standing in the breach to "Make America White Again" (MAWA).

Canaries are used in mines to let the men know when they are breathing negative fumes. Black people are at the top of the spear for being oppressed in America. The history of oppression should give Black people a sensitivity discerning danger. A General Positioning System (GPS) is used to guide people to their destination. Knowing the history of the ancestors will be Black people guide in assisting them during their travel in life.

I am providing historical information primarily to brothers and sisters who were born after the 1970s because they need this information to survive in America. With historical information, you have a chance to prepare for the coming storm because it has always faced Black people. The problem is Black people have been brainwashed to the effect that they believe white people will not destroy them. If you observed an action in America that doesn't make logical or common sense, you should look below the surface and research the first sin in America, which was slavery.

If Black people had studied the past, they would have been prepared after the 1960s when we made progress because we knew what happened at the end of slavery in the 1800s.♣

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WIC Program to Expand Services

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) special supplemental nutrition program will once again offer services on Saturdays starting on August 06. This had been suspended in response to the COVID - 19 pandemic.

"This clinic will be available from 8 a.m. to Noon on Saturdays at our Keeler Memorial Building location (251 North Bayou Street in Mobile) and will provide the same services as our Monday to Friday clinics," said Claris Leigh Perkins, MPH, RDN, LDN, the District Nutrition Director.

"If a participant so chooses, they may schedule an appointment on Saturday to certify, pick up breastfeeding supplies or special formula, and have a chance to speak with a nutritionist. This is a service we previously offered and are happy to resume offering as an option for our participants."

Participants in the program receive free nutrition education and breastfeeding peer counseling support. Food benefits are redeemable at WIC-authorized stores throughout Alabama and are issued through electronic food benefits statewide.

WIC participants must have both limited income and nutritional needs. Families who receive Medicaid, SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), or Family Assistance (formerly known as TANF or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) already meet the income qualifications for WIC. Families who do not qualify for these programs may be eligible for WIC because of its higher income limits.

Under the latest federal poverty guidelines, more families may be eligible for the program. WIC is open to participants with incomes up to 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. In addition, if you or another family member has lost income because of the COVID-19 pandemic, you may also be eligible for WIC.

To be eligible for WIC, one must be a pregnant woman, breastfeeding woman, postpartum woman, or a child less than 5 years of age. Pregnant women and children 1 to 5 years old may receive yogurt, milk, eggs, cheese, juice, cereal, whole grains, beans or peanut butter, and fresh fruits and vegetables. Breastfeeding women may get all these foods, canned tuna or salmon, milk, cheese, and eggs. Infants may receive infant formula, if not fully breastfed, and infant cereal, fruits, and vegetables after 6 months of age.

The Mobile County Health Department's Office of Nutrition Services manages the local WIC program. A monthly average of 11,272 participants received WIC food instruments during the Fiscal Year 2021.

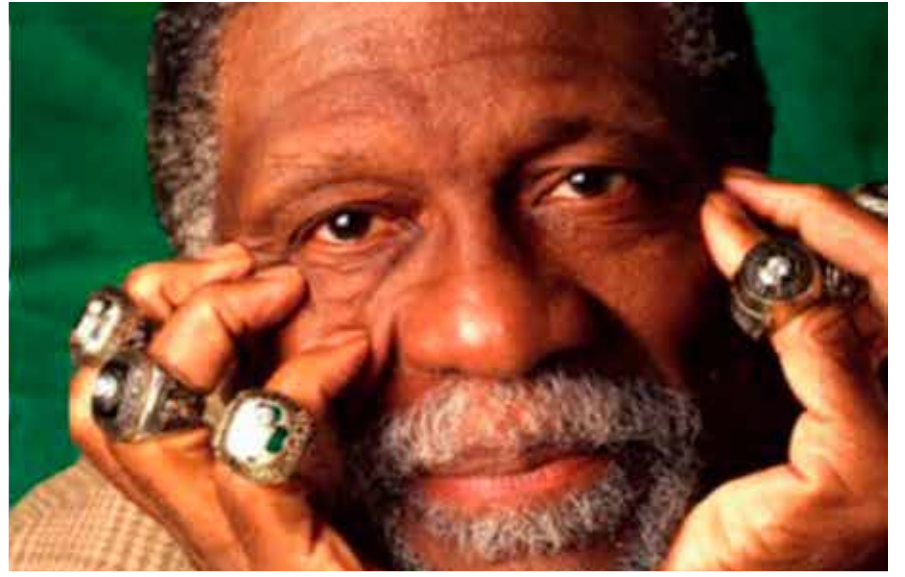
To qualify, a person must meet the income guidelines, be a resident of Alabama, and have been seen by a health professional at the WIC clinic. For more information, visit <https://mchd.org/wic> or call (251) 690-8829. ♣

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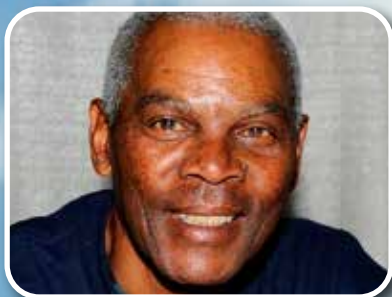
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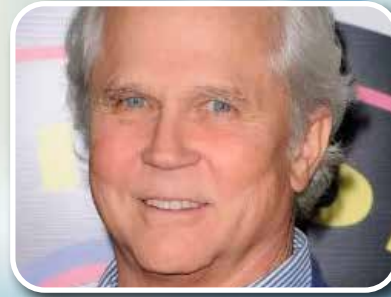
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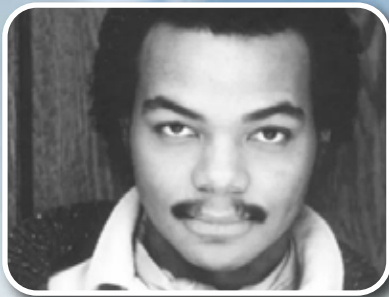
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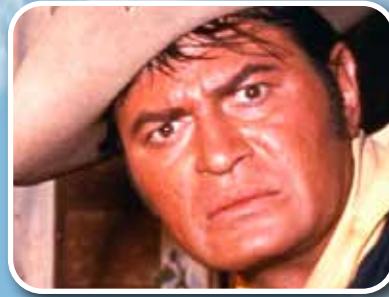
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Y.E.S. FALL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM City of Mobile Accepting Applications

APPLICATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 12, 2022



Y.E.S. FALL PROGRAM

The Y.E.S. Fall Program applications are officially open! This program seeks to hire rising Juniors and Seniors in college that are interested in exploring the Mobile, AL workforce.

Hiring Period: November 1 through December 16, 2022

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The City of Mobile is accepting applications for its upcoming Y.E.S. Fall Internship Program, which can help connect rising college juniors and seniors to local job opportunities.

Mayor Sandy Stimpson's administration launched the Y.E.S. (Youth Empowered for Success) Initiative in 2016 in response to a troubling trend of youth violence in the community. The goal was to connect teenagers and young adults in Mobile to available resources to assist with education, life and job skills training, employment opportunities and productive enrichment. Last month, the Y.E.S. Summer Internship Program celebrated its sixth graduating class of high school students. In the fall, a similar program has also helped college students find employment opportunities over the last several years.

Since 2016, more than 4,000 young people in the Mobile area have been connected to paid internships with City Departments and local businesses through the Y.E.S. Initiative's programs. Many of those have turned their Y.E.S. experience into extended internships and full-time employment opportunities.

"Talented young adults are one of Mobile's greatest assets, but they are often one of our greatest exports," Mayor Stimpson said. "In addition to providing training and job opportunities, the Y.E.S. Initiative is helping to connect college students to a broader network of local employers and peers. We want our best and brightest to have the connections and resources they need to build great lives right here in Mobile."

Applications for the 2022 Y.E.S. Fall Internship Program officially opened this week, and rising juniors and seniors in college have until August 12 to apply. This year's program will run from November 01 through December 16, 2022. Y.E.S. program participants are paid \$11 an hour for up to 20 hours a week. For additional information or to submit an application, please visit <https://www.yes251.org/>

More on the City of Mobile's Y.E.S. Initiative:
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