

Holmes honor students to attend Delta Council event

On Friday, June 1, 2018, Delta Council will hold its 15th Annual Salute to Delta Honor Graduates Event during the 83rd Annual Meeting of the regional organization at Delta State University. The Honor Graduate event is slated for 9:00 a.m. on the lawn under the trees outside of the Bologna Performing Arts Center.

Honor graduates from Holmes County that are slated to attend are: Jon’na Bailey and Cianna Hooker from Holmes County Central High School; Ke’Shaella Parker and Rha’Leijah Roberson from Durant High School; and Hannah Brown and Stephen Coleman Frank from Central Holmes Christian School.

Alcorn State University President and incoming Commissioner of Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), Dr. Alfred

Rankins, Jr., will be the keynote speaker for the event, and State Senator Briggs Hopson of Vicksburg, Vice-Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and a member of the Universities and Colleges Committee, will serve as co-host.

“We are pleased that two exceptional Mississippi leaders - Dr. Rankins and Senator Hopson - will be there to underscore the importance of continuing their educational and professional pursuits to these top young men and women of the Delta,” said Delta Council Educational Policy Chairman Cass Pennington of Indianola. “The Delta Honor Graduate event is designed to raise the level of awareness of parents, teachers, and our local communities of the importance of bringing these bright young minds back to the Delta af-

ter they have completed their formal and advanced education.”

Dr. Alfred Rankins is the 19th president of Alcorn State University, where he serves as the chief executive officer of the Nation’s oldest public land-grant HBCU. He previously served as deputy commissioner for the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, where he served as the IHL system’s chief academic and student af-

fairs officer. While serving as deputy commissioner, Dr. Rankins also served as acting president of Mississippi Valley State University. He is currently the commissioner-elect for IHL.

A native of Greenville, Mississippi, Dr. Rankins received a Bachelor of Science degree from Alcorn State University and both Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Mississippi State University. He is married to Juandalyn Rankins.

Co-hosting the event will be Mississippi State Senator Briggs Hopson. Senator Hopson is currently the Chair of the Judiciary, Division A,

Committee and Vice-Chair of the Appropriations Committee. Other committees Senator Hopson serves on include Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency; Education; Energy; Environment Protection; Conservation and Water Resources; Judiciary, Division B; Public Health and Welfare; Tourism; and Universities and Colleges.

Senator Hopson is an attorney by occupation and adjunct professor at Mississippi College Law School. He resides in Vicksburg and is married to the former Alison Quaid.

The Honor Graduate Event is designed to bestow special honor upon two exemplary

students from each of the high schools throughout the Mississippi Delta Region, including public, parochial and private schools. Students are selected as a Delta Honor Graduate by school administrators based on grade point average, extracurricular activities, and community service.

In addition, a \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to the top Delta Honor Graduate as selected by higher education officials in the Delta.

The top Delta Honor Graduate will be recognized from the stage of the Annual Meeting during the Business Session, which begins at 10:30 a.m.

Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project to co-sponsor free legal clinics

The Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project (MVLP) is co-hosting several free *pro se* legal clinics across central Mississippi to assist low-income residents with their uncontested family law matters. Grandparents, relatives or family friends taking care of children who are not their own are encouraged to attend one of the clinics below. Clients will receive legal court documents prepared by licensed Mississippi attorneys and legal advice on specific matters. The legal clinics

are open to the public; however, interested participants must register online at <http://www.mvlp.net/pro-se-legal-clinic-schedule/or> contact MVLP at 601-882-5001.

On Friday, June 29, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. – Madison County Family Law Clinic is open to Holmes, Leake, Madison and Yazoo counties.

Individuals will receive assistance on irreconcilable differences divorce, emancipation and name change matters.

The clinic is co-sponsored by MVLP, Madison County Bar Association, Eleventh Chancery District and Butler Snow LLP.



CAREY WILLIAMS Holmes native graduates from MSMS

Carey Richard Williams, former student of Holmes County Central High School, graduated from the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS) recently.

Williams is the son of Chandra and Spencer Williams. He plans to attend Tougaloo College in the fall where he plans to study chemistry.

MSMS is the state’s residential high school for academically advanced eleventh and twelfth graders.



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