

# Men vs. Men Mentoring, Inc. recognizes September Star Students

**Press Release**

True to their motto of “Striving for a better community one child at a time,” the Men vs. Men Mentoring, Inc. staff traveled to all of the Holmes County Consolidated School District buildings to recognize students with a certificate and gift card for their accomplishments during the month of September.

The students honored were chosen not simply for their academic success, but also because they demonstrated tenacity, perseverance and integrity through their social behavior, community service and endurance to master a task.

Founder and president, Derrick Scott said, “Many students may not view school as a place where they feel wanted because they may struggle academically. We provide positive attention for them to instill a sense of pride and increase their involvement in school. We want students to feel valued in the classroom and school community.”

Men vs. Men Mentoring, Inc. is a newly formed organization with a mission to create strong social bonds by intervention to mentor at-risk youth, particularly those who have been in the juvenile court system. Working with schools, the mentors may also see students with behavior referrals and influence them to avoid the court system through positive activities.

The September Star Students are: Kentavious Hardy and Erkyia Fletcher of Durant Elementary; Trederius Quinn and Ariel Groves of Goodman-Pickens Elementary; Walter Townsend and Jasmine Carthan of Holmes County Central High School; Demetri Meeks and Tiana Edwards of S.V. Marshall K-5; Dylan Jenkins and Aaliyah Granderson of S.V. Marshall 6-8; Jamerian Guice and Trenya Woodley of William Dean, Jr. Elementary; and Pat Porter, III and Lola Hopkins Williams-Sullivan Middle.



Jamerian Guice (holding certificate) pictured with William Dean, Jr. Elementary Principal Bridgett Wheaton (center), Erika Haymer and Derrick Scott of Men vs. Men Mentoring, Inc. (Photo submitted)



Walter Townsend (second from right) and Jasmine Carthan (second from left) are pictured with Holmes County Central High School Principal Dr. Kerry Gray (right), Erika Haymer and Derrick Scott of Men vs. Men Mentoring, Inc. (Photo submitted)



Dylan Jenkins (second from left), Aaliyah Granderson (third from left) and Demetri Meeks (second from right) are pictured with Erika Haymer, Derrick Scott and Joey Head of Men vs. Men Mentoring, Inc. (Photo submitted)



Trederius Quinn (second from left) and Ariel Groves (center) is pictured with Goodman-Pickens Elementary Principal Karen Williams, Erika Haymer and Derrick Scott of Men vs. Men Mentoring, Inc. (Photo submitted)



Pat Porter, III (second from left) and Trenya Woodley (center) is pictured with Williams-Sullivan Middle School Principal Jamie Kyles (right), Erika Haymer and Derrick Scott of Men vs. Men Mentoring, Inc. (Photo submitted)



Kentavious Hardy (second from right) and Erkyia Fletcher (second from right) are pictured with Durant Elementary Principal Eddie Allen (center), Erika Haymer and Derrick Scott of Men vs. Men Mentoring, Inc. (Photo submitted)