

# e, more markers are to be added June 20th

**Jeff Brantley** is next on the Trail of Honorees. A baseball pitcher and commentator, Brantley was a Major League Baseball relief pitcher who played for the San Francisco Giants, Cincinnati Reds, St. Louis Cardinals, Philadelphia Phillies and Texas Rangers. He was a member of the 1989 Giants team that won the National League Pennant and was an All-Star in 1990. Brantley was a commentator for ESPN and in 2007 joined the Cincinnati Reds broadcast team. He was inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 2010.

I hear the rhythm of a woodpecker rapping on a tree, then, by a happy coincidence, come upon the plaque for **Keith Carlock**, a quite famous musician and drummer from Clinton. He literally started his career as a drummer with a bang, playing with the original Blues Brothers Band in 1998, performing worldwide. Since 1998, Carlock has performed with Steely Dan and toured with the band since 2003. He played drums on Steely Dan's album *Two Against Nature*, which won four Grammys, including 2001 Album of the Year. He was voted number one pop drummer, fusion drummer, and Best All-Around drummer in Modern Drummer's 2009 Readers Poll.

Renowned Clinton natives, however, haven't been confined to Earth. Clinton native **Jimmy Byrd** was a materials scientist with NASA. He obtained a patent for silazane, a product that has been used both for spaceship heat shields and for patching craft at space stations prior to returning to earth. Byrd's research earned him ten patents related to the incorporation of organic chemistry into space science.

**Lance Bass**, a Clinton native, is known as a musician and member of the band "NSYNC," and has won numerous awards and achievements for his musical career. In 2003, he was the youngest person to be inducted into the Mississippi Hall of Fame. However, something not as well known about Bass is that he became a NASA certified Cosmonaut while training for a mission to the International Space Station. Had the trip materialized for Bass, he would have been the youngest person to travel to space.

**Nevada Barr** is a *New York Times*



Photo by Doris Bynum

Pictured (l to r) at the inaugural Trail of Honorees ceremony are Dr. Sam Gore, Wyatt Waters, James Sclater, Lance Bass, Larry Myricks, Terri Blackstock, Ted DiBiases, Sr., Rosie Byrd (representing Jimmy Byrd) and Ted DiBiase, Jr.

## Quisenberry Library Trail of Honorees new additions Thursday, June 20 10 a.m. Quisenberry Library 605 East Northside Drive 601-924-2221

Bestselling Author best known for her Anna Pigeon series of novels. Barr lived in Clinton for more than six years, working as a writer, an actor and as a park ranger on the Natchez Trace Parkway. Her books, *Deep South* and *Hunting Season* feature Mississippi and the Natchez Trace.

Next to Nevada Barr on the trail is writer **Terri Blackstock**, a Christian suspense writer from Clinton. She has written more than eighty books, some of which have been *New York Times* Bestsellers. She has sold more than seven million books worldwide and is the winner of the Christy Award, multiple Carol Awards, the Inspy Award and a Romantic Times Career Achievement Award, among others.

On Thursday, June 20, the trail of

honorees at the library will become even more populous, as the City of Clinton will add fourteen individuals who either grew up in Clinton or spent time in the city during the span of their achievement of excellence in their area of expertise.

The event, set for 10 a.m., is the second installment of the city's Walk of Honorees, located on the one-mile trail at the library. Each year, the Walk of Honorees Committee selects as honorees individuals with a connection to Clinton who best meet the criteria of excellence in the fields of visual or performing arts, sports, science, and writing, considering both the extent to which the person has had a profound and enduring effect at a local, statewide, or national lev-

el and also the extent to which each person's work enhances Clinton's image. These individuals either grew up in Clinton or spent time in Clinton during the span of their achievement of excellence. Each of them made a significant contribution to Clinton's greatness, as well as their mark on Clinton's history.

This year's honorees are Baylus Richard Albritton, Jr; Mark Childress; Meredith Edwards Collins; Eddie Cotton, Jr; Shelly Fairchild; Dr. Archie Germany; Jaret Holmes; Doug Hutton; Daniel Curtis Lee; Nathaniel Lee, Jr.; Plautus Iberus Lipsey, Jr.; Scott Savage; Jarekus Singleton and Robin Whitfield.

The recipients, their families, and the Clinton community are all invited. The library is located at 605 East Northside Drive.

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