

HCCHS student receives The John M. and Annie N. Clark Memorial Scholarship

Durant, MS—Migration Heritage Foundation is pleased to announce its first recurring scholarship was awarded to Zamiah Brownlow of Tchula (MS). Brownlow, a 2021 graduate of Holmes County Central High School (HCCHS) in Lexington, was awarded The John M. and Annie N. Clark Memorial Scholarship for \$2,000. She will have a chance to receive an additional \$1,000 for each of seven (7) recurring semesters she studies as an undergraduate. She has been accepted at Mississippi College and intends to begin in the fall of 2021 as a pre-med major.

To meet heritage-related requirements for the award, Zamiah described how her ancestors motivated her to succeed. "My great grandmother," she wrote, "is the



ZAMIAH BROWNLOW

definition of strength and overcoming hardships. She was brought up during, the Great Depression. She worked in the fields to support her family while furthering her college education to become a teacher for over 35 years."

The John M. and Annie N. Clark Memorial Scholarship is sponsored by John M. Clark, Jr. and Pearl Clark, his wife, to memo-

rialize his parents. John M. Clark, Jr. is a successful retired business executive. He and his wife Pearl frequently reach out to support the educational needs of deserving youth. The fund was established to assist aspiring undergraduate students who have financial needs, who distinguish themselves in the academics, and who perform community service in an unselfish fashion. The scholarship provides an initial amount of \$2,000 for a student seeking an undergraduate degree in a chosen discipline at an accredited college or university. For subsequent semesters, the award provides \$1,000 per semester for any student MHF selects to receive the recurring award. By making funds available on a recurring basis, awardees are more likely to persist in college to graduation.

The senior Clarks, for whom the Fund is named, were among the first families to secure a homestead in the Mileston Community,

near the town of Tchula. The Mileston Community was established for Blacks during the 1930's by the Department of Agriculture under one of United States President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal Programs. The area was then hailed and known as the "showplace" for Blacks in Mississippi. The senior Clarks were pillars of the Mileston Community. Their hard work

and community involvement helped to make the community an economically successful Black Christian community. Mr. John M. Clark, Sr. served for a time as a Trustee of Mileston Vocational High School during the tenure of the school's first principal, the late S.V. Marshall.

MHF has awarded more scholarships to more than 40 needy youth since 2013.

This first recurring award represents an accomplishment milestone. With support from donors, the Foundation moves closer to realizing its vision to document the past and shape the future by providing educational and other opportunities for marginalized populations. For more information, e-mail Dr. Sylvia Reedy Gist at info@mhtr.us, or visit MHF's web site at www.mhtr.us.

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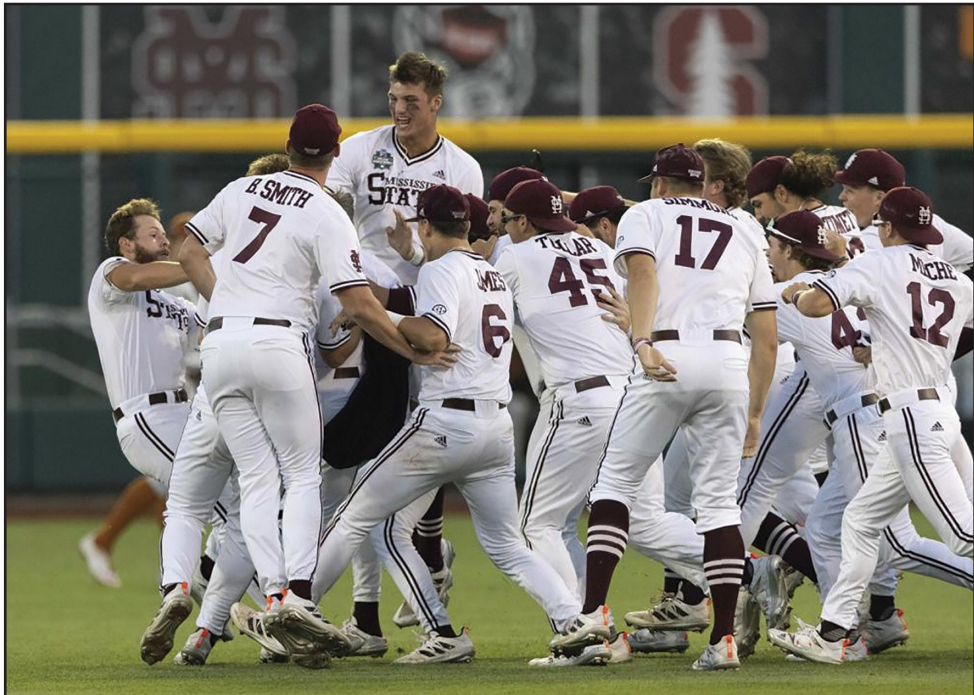


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Mississippi State walks off Texas, advances to College World Series Finals vs. Vanderbilt



Mississippi State players celebrate their walk-off run to win against Texas during a baseball game in the College World Series Saturday, June 26, 2021, at TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha, Neb. (AP Photo/Rebecca S. Gratz)

By: Crissy Froyd

This wasn't anything like Friday night -- in fact, the two games couldn't have been much different.

Mississippi State played a clean and steady game against the No. 2-ranked Texas Longhorns on Saturday evening, ending off the night with a 4-3 victory thanks to Tanner Leggett's walkoff single in the bottom of the ninth inning.

The game-winning hit was set up by pinch runner Brayland Skinner, who replaced Kellum Clark (hit by pitch with two strikes), stole second base to get into scoring position.

This one came down to the wire in a different way than what we've seen in games MSU has played like the matchup against Virginia, when the team overcame a four-run deficit in the eighth

inning to get the win.

The 8-5 victory that Texas recorded over MSU just the previous night -- and the way it did it -- left plenty of reason to believe this might end up being a high scoring affair in which both teams would really have to get the bats going to get the win.

Instead, this one stayed close for the most part. Texas came out swinging at the top of the second inning with two runs when Cam Williams homered to right field, scoring Ivan Melendez. That made it 2-0 before the Bulldogs scored their first run of the game at the bottom of the third inning when a single up the middle from Tanner Allen scored Kellum Clark.

The Bulldogs trailed the Longhorns until the sixth inning, when they tied it up at 3-3. Texas brought pitcher Cole Quintanilla to the

mound after that, shutting things down offensively for Mississippi State.

It looked like an inning that could easily have not panned out in the Bulldogs' favor, with Brad Cumbest grounding out to third, Williams throwing the lead runner out at the plate, Kellum Clark struck out looking, and Josh Hatcher struck out swinging before Leggett took care of business.

After having the odds stacked against them many times in 2021, the Bulldogs have shown the country that they're a team that just doesn't die -- and they can continue to prove that as they face the Vanderbilt Commodores in the finals.

The two teams will face each other Monday for the first contest of a three-game championship series for the ultimate title in college baseball.

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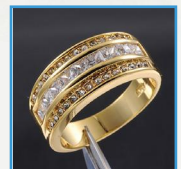
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