

Alcorn Alumni Donates Over \$1,000 to Central High Choir



On March 27th, the Holmes County Alumni Chapter of Alcorn State University presented a financial donation to the Holmes County Central High School Choir in support of their efforts to perform at Carnegie Hall, New York City. Pictured front row: Mr. Gallion, Choir Director and Ms. Hathorn, President of Holmes ASU Alumni. Back row: Maria P. Shannon, Michelle Wilson, Daisye McGee, Claranett Hathorn, Mary Kimes and Mr. Frank Kimes.

Jackson State Temporary President Pledges Integrity in Role

The temporary acting president of Jackson State University says she intends to focus on student success, academic excellence and research

By Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The temporary acting president of Jackson State University said Monday that she intends to focus on student success, academic excellence and research at Mississippi's largest historically Black university.

Elayne Hayes-Anthony was named to the leadership role Thursday after the governing board for Mississippi's eight public universities voted to put Thomas K. Hudson on paid administrative leave as JSU president.

Trustees for the state Institutions of Higher Learning have not disclosed why they moved Hudson aside from the job he has held since November 2020. They will discuss JSU's future leadership during their meeting March 23.

"The goal of my adminis-



Elayne Hayes-Anthony, temporary acting President at Jackson State University answers reporters questions during an on-campus news conference in Jackson, Miss., Monday, March 6, 2023. (AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis)

tration is to move the university forward with integrity; also, transparency and accountability," Hayes-Anthony said during a news conference Monday, according to WAPT-TV. "We recognize that trust is earned, and I intend to earn your trust."

Hayes-Anthony has been chairwoman and professor in JSU's Department of Journalism and Media Studies since 2015. She said she will lead the university as long as she's needed.

JSU's enrollment for the fall semester was about 6,900, down from nearly 7,100 a year earlier. Enrollment at most of Mississippi's public universities decreased from 2021 to 2022.

Jackson State University's football team is rebuilding after the departure of coach Deion Sanders. The Tigers are now under the leadership of head coach T.C. Taylor.

"Athletics will be huge in my administration," Hayes-Anthony said. "I am a huge sports fan."

From 1998 to 2015, Hayes-Anthony was professor of communications and chairwoman of the Department of Communications at Belhaven University. Earlier in her career, she worked at JSU for 10 years, first as director of graduate studies for the Department of Mass Communications and later as head of the department. She also was assistant superintendent of public information for Jackson Public Schools before working at Belhaven.



The Family Egg Hunt

Spring – What a beautiful time of year! The weather begins to get warmer, flowers and trees are beginning to bloom, and Easter is just around the corner. All the special candies and toys for Easter have been in the stores for weeks now. Moms are getting those special Easter Sunday outfits ready for the big day. What do most kids have on their minds? Finding all those Easter eggs at the yearly school and church egg hunts. I have never been able to find Easter eggs. I quickly learned that there is always a prize for the least amount found – I usually got that at the hunts I attended.

My husband's family had an annual tradition of a family egg hunt the Saturday before Easter. It started out as an activity for the young grandchildren – all 10 of them! The yard was divided into sections according to the children's ages. There was a prize for the most found, least found and the golden egg. As the children got older, just to make things interesting, the eggs became plastic with money in them! That put a whole new light on the subject. Just watch some teen-agers fight over eggs at an egg hunt when money is involved. What really got interesting was when my mother and father-in-law decided a few years later to

have a special egg hunt for their children and spouses.

I married into a very tall family, and it is really entertaining to watch five adults ranging in height from about 5'11" – 6'6" grabbing those baskets and fighting tooth and nail for those eggs. They are also a very competitive family – they take no prisoners! My sister-in-law and I decided after the first hunt when we got knocked down and ended up being bruised and battered that the egg hunt was not for us. As the old saying goes, "What's mine is mine and what's his is mine!" We decided to just share whatever our husbands can manage to find.

The first Easter after we married, I invited my family for Easter Sunday lunch. I used all our new china, sterling and crystal to served my first really big family meal. These 3 dishes are part of the menu I served and have remained some of my favorites. Hope you can use them for your family meal. Thanks for reading.

RASPBERRY-GLAZED HAM

3 lb. canned ham
3 Tbsp. honey
1 tsp. ground cloves
1 (3 oz.) pkg. raspberry jell-o
Mix together the honey, cloves and jell-o. Rub over

ham, wrap in foil and bake at 350 degrees for 1 ½ hours. Open foil and bake an additional 20 minutes. Slice and serve.

*This is a very pretty presentation.

ITALIAN GREEN BEAN BUNDLES

Canned Whole Green Beans
Wish-Bone Italian Salad Dressing
Bacon Slices, cut in half
Drain green beans and marinate in salad dressing overnight or at least 4 hours. Drain and wrap 8-10 beans in ½ slice of bacon; secure with toothpick. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes.
*Everybody loves these. I serve them for family meals year-round.

MANDARIN ORANGE CAKE

Cake: 1 box butter recipe yellow cake mix
4 eggs
½ cup vegetable oil
1 (8 oz.) can mandarin oranges, undrained
Frosting: 1 (16 oz.) Cool Whip
1 (3.4 oz.) box vanilla instant pudding mix
1 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple, drained
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine cake ingredients and mix well. Pour into a greased and floured 13 x 9 inch pan. Bake 35 to 40 minutes, or until done. For frosting, beat ingredients, mixing well. Frost cooled cake. This can also be made into a layer cake.

*This is pretty as a 3-layer cake.

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Biden's Military Budget Falls Short

Funding Should Reflect National Security Priorities

Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit this week with Russian President Vladimir Putin should be a wake-up call for the United States. China and Russia, our country's most significant strategic adversaries, are looking to enhance their relationship during Russia's brutal assault of Ukraine. In light of the united stand by these two dictatorships, this is no time for the United States to signal a lack of resolve.

Biden's Budget Projects Weakness, Not Strength

As our enemies attempt to show solidarity, our defense spending should project strength. Instead, Biden's recently released budget projects weakness. For the third year in a row, he has requested military spending that does not even keep up with inflation.

On the other hand, China has increased its military investment every year for the past 20 years. This month, the Chinese Communist Party announced a 7.2 percent increase in its military budget – about six times the rate of Biden's proposal. That increase is probably an understatement of China's true spending.

In the three decades since we emerged as the world's sole superpower, the sheer

force of our military might has largely discouraged China and Russia from aggression. But China is expanding its military at a faster pace than any army in human history, threatening our ability to prevent war and to be victorious if we are attacked.

Today with Russia's invasion of Ukraine, there is a real threat China may have similar designs toward its neighbor, Taiwan. If China succeeds, it will control a broad swath of the Pacific Ocean, and the global balance of power will tilt. Our children and grandchildren would not live in an American-led 21st century. Current military investment is not enough to ensure China does not invade Taiwan, and that must change.

The Budget We Need

Fortunately, there is a blueprint available for the force we need. For years, military commanders have said our Navy fleet – which is essential to defend us from China – is too small. In 2017, I authored, and President Trump signed, the SHIPS Act, which made it the policy of the United States to reach a 355-ship fleet. Unfortunately, the administration has ignored this requirement, and our fleet is

just 290 ships compared to China's 340-ship fleet.

As we build our fleet, the budget should set aside funds for the specific types of ships we need most. In the last budget cycle, I was successful in raising the threshold for amphibious ships. According to the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, General David Berger, we must build these ships so his Marines can "go global" and protect American interests in the Pacific and beyond. President Biden's budget would zero out this critical category, shrinking our fleet while China expands its power over the seas.

American Shipbuilders Stand Ready

To build these ships, we need significant infrastructure improvements. The Secretary of the Navy warned recently that just one Chinese shipyard has more building capacity than every American shipyard combined. This alarming fact demands increased investment, something President Biden's budget fails to promote.

Congress and President Biden should unleash American shipbuilders by improving the shipyards found all over our nation – from Mississippi to Wisconsin and Hawaii to Maine. These companies can help prevent war and create jobs at the same time. This is worth the investment: It will cost a lot to deter China, but it will cost a lot more if we do not.