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AT&T CONTRIBUTION SUPPORTS BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS OF MVSU

ITTA BENA, Miss. – Efforts to keep local students connected to a positive future got a boost as AT&T, which has been connecting people for well over a century, contributed \$21,000 to help support the Boys and Girls Clubs and 21st Century Community Learning Centers of Mississippi Valley State University.

MVSU's afterschool programming provides academic support for existing school work and exposure to Science, Technology, Education and Math (STEM) related hands-on, computer based projects. The programming is designed to reduce the prevalence of dropouts in grades 9 – 12, helping students develop life and work skills needed by Mississippi employers.

"Mississippi Valley State is dedicated to assisting students reach their potential through holistic endeavors," said Dr. William B. Bynum, Jr., president. "The University is grateful for incredible corporate citizens like AT&T, who

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From left are Ro'Shaun Bailey, advisory board member, Boys & Girls Club – MVSU Unit; Dr. Kathie Stromlie Golden, chair of the advisory board, Boys & Girls Club – MVSU Unit; Dr. William Bynum, MVSU president; Gunner Goad, AT&T Regional Director of External Affairs; David Dallas, CEO, Boys and Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Delta; Michael Walker, executive director of external relations; and Dr. Abigail Newsome, corporate advisory board member and incoming board chair, Boys & Girls Club of the Mississippi Delta.

HENRY AKAEZE RECOGNIZED AT 28TH ANNUAL TMCF AWARDS GALA



Photo courtesy of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund
Each year, the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) selects two students to deliver testimonies during its Gala. Henry Akaeze was the first student from Mississippi Valley State

University to receive this honor during TMCF's 28th Awards Gala.

Henry's testimony outlined his life in Nigeria after losing both of his parents to chronic health diseases. His mother passed away from cancer when Henry was six. At the age of 13, Henry lost his father to diabetes. He's the youngest of eight children. Henry spoke of the struggles

he faced while raising the younger children.

Through these life altering challenges, he recalled his father wanting all of his children to receive a college degree. Henry thought

back to a trip he took with his father and sister to Germany. His father promised him that he and his sister would be able to attain a college education abroad. That promise is evident today; Henry is a junior double major – computer science and mathematics - who holds a 4.0 grade point average.

This was his second year attending TMCF's Leadership Institute. During his first year, he was able to attain an internship with Walmart's Corporate Office. Although the corporation did not accept sophomores into its program, an exception was made for Henry. He was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from Microsoft and a position as a TMCF ambassador.

After his testimony, Henry was given a \$5,000 scholarship from actress and singer V.Bozeman. Bozeman received acclaim from appearing on Fox's Empire.

To hear more of Henry's story, go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZjLv_6QJAA.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY WINS 2016 SOUL BOWL



(L-R) Dr. William Bynum, President, MVSU; Dawn Woods, MBS Delta Marketing Rep; Deborah Bynum, First Lady, MVSU; Marques McNeal, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity member, Zeta Phi Chapter; Dominique R. Burks, Scholarship Recipient; Kendrietrich Tucker, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity President, Zeta Phi Chapter; Mr. Marion Boyd, Senior Vice President, Regions Bank.

Mississippi college sports inspire traditions and loyalty throughout the state and all schools contend for the coveted championships in their divisions. Students and alumni proudly support their schools but only a few obtain the status of campus heroes.

However, Mississippi Blood Services (MBS) knows everyone has a hero inside of them. Using the championship bowl games as a model, MBS proudly sponsors the annual Soul Bowl Blood Drives. Each year the friendly competition is held at Mississippi Valley State University, Jackson State University and Alcorn State University. The goal is to see which school can raise the most blood donations. The prize is a \$1,500 scholarship to a student blood donor from the winning school, along with displaying the Soul Bowl Trophy and a year's bragging rights.

The 2016 Soul Bowl winner is Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU). They had a total of 96 students register to donate blood. MVSU student Dominique Burks of Yazoo City is this year's winner of the MBS scholarship. Domnique started donating blood while attending Yazoo City High School in 2013.

In 2014, MVSU was recognized by MBS as its College of the Year. MVSU has won fourteen out of the eighteen competitions due to hard work and efforts on the part of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. - Zeta Phi Chapter.

"While only one school can claim the championship, all blood donors are heroes," Dawn Woods, MBS marketing representative for the Delta said. "Donating blood saves lives. When high school and college students donate blood we hope they begin a lifelong

commitment to MBS and Mississippi hospital patients. Dominique represents the best in Mississippi students."

All donors must be at least 17 years old with signed parental consent, weigh at least 110 pounds and have a valid ID.

Mississippi Blood Services offers a "mini physical" before each donation to ensure the donation process is safe for the donor as well as the recipient.

Mississippi Blood Services ensures that donating blood is SAFE, SIMPLE and SAVES LIVES. For more information, contact (888) 90-BLOOD (888-902-5663), or visit our Web site at www.msblood.com.

NPHC SERVES OVER 300 MEALS AT COMMUNITY KITCHEN



Mississippi Valley State University's Chapter of the National Pan Hellenic Council lent a helping hand at the Greenwood Interfaith Ministries Community Kitchen. The group provided 340 meals. Organizations represented include Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Pictured from left are Carlos Robinson, Kortney Haymore, Jourdan Beverly, Ro'Shaun Bailey, NPHC Advisor; Lena Thomas, Charles Warr, MVSU Pan Hellenic president; Kendal Perryman, Community Service Chair; Larenzia Lawrence, Dwayne Springs, Alexis Stevenson, and Kasey Holman.

MVSU 2016-2017 ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM & SCHEDULE

Mississippi Valley State University will officially close for the holiday on the evening of Thursday, December 22 at 4 p.m.

Beginning Friday, **December 23**, all persons entering the University campus must produce MVSU identification (employees and students; others must show official federal or state ID) at the front gate and sign in. All other entrances, including construction entrances, will be closed.

If you reside on campus, you must contact the University Police if you are entering a building other than your residence or apartment.

If you must come to work during the holiday period, please do so during regular business hours, generally 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For security and safety reasons, it is very important that you turn off all the lights and make sure doors are locked behind you when leaving a building.

You must contact the University Police Department, 662-254-3479, upon entering and leaving a building. They will provide you with an escort to and from your office.

Further, Mississippi Valley State University will implement an energy conservation program during the holiday breaks this year; most buildings' temperatures will be lowered to 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

Residence halls will remain open and will operate within the standard temperature ranges for occupied buildings.

Other auxiliary buildings online will be the J.H. White Library and H.M. Ivy Cafeteria.

NOTE: All other buildings will be officially closed and temperatures in the buildings will be 50 degrees.

The program will begin the evening of Friday, Dec. 23, 2016, and will continue until the campus resumes full operation on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Exterior building lights, however, will remain turned on throughout the holiday.

All non-essential HVAC equipment in general use classroom, athletic and office facilities will be shut off and set to fixed temperatures by Facilities personnel. Selection of affected buildings is tailored to operating schedules of the facility and the time necessary to return the facility to normal operating temperatures for opening. Laboratories (with laboratory specimens), research areas, data centers, museum and archival space facilities are not included in the setback schedule.

Exceptions are made only through special request.

Due to the importance of maintaining stable temperatures and humidity levels, some buildings will not be included in the conservation program. Facilities Management will work with the Residence Halls and Athletics to ensure that comfortable temperatures are maintained in those respective facilities as needed during the break.

Most of the main campus facilities are attached to the Chill Water Loop. All buildings will be set back by Facilities Management

Personnel. For those buildings which are centrally controlled, Facilities Management will implement temperature setbacks appropriate for holiday, night, and evening settings.

Exterior building lights, street lighting, and parking lot lighting will remain on for security reasons.

All UPS, Fed Ex, DHL and Truck Line deliveries will be suspended during the break beginning December 23.

The Campus Post Office schedule will operate as follows:

- Dec. 23 Open 9:00am to 11:00am
- Dec. 24-26 Closed
- Dec. 27 thru 30 Open 9:00am to 11:00am
- Dec. 31-Jan. 2, 2017 Closed
- The Post Office will resume regular business on Tuesday, Jan 3, 2017.

Faculty & Staff -

Building managers (or their appointed representative) are required to disseminate the message to shut off all unused office equipment any time of the day. Turn off devices/ equipment and unplug these devices and equipment in those out of the way places and places where no one has assigned responsibilities. Check out classrooms, restrooms, storage closets, etc., to ensure that someone turns off the energy-using devices.

Heating/ cooling should be addressed by the appropriate building representative.

All personal and office energy-consuming equipment and devices (**lights, computers, monitors, printers, copiers, fax machines, lamps, radios, etc.**) should be turned off and unplugged by occupants before leaving for the holiday break and/or business day. All computers should have files saved, hard drives shut down, monitors turned off and all equipment, including surge protectors unplugged from outlets.

Building managers should ensure that all interior lights are turned off.

Individuals having items in the lounge refrigerators should remove those items as these appliances will be unplugged.

If you are using a portable space heater in your office during the break, it must meet the following specifications: 1) 1500 watts or 12.5 amps or less and; 2) has a safety thermal protector and tip over switch. Please do not use an extension cord when running a space heater, and do not place heaters underneath a thermostat. **All other heating devices are prohibited.**

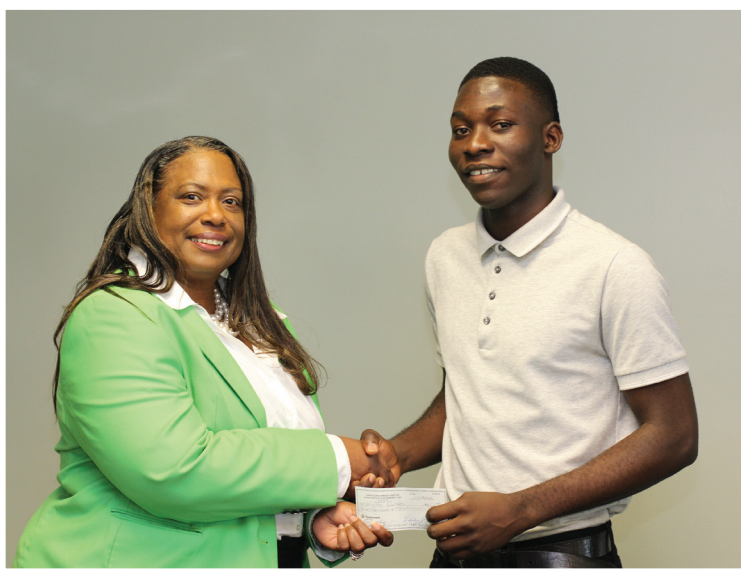
Thank you for your ongoing efforts to help us with our energy saving program at The Valley. Your support of these conservation measures is much appreciated. Conserving energy is not only the right thing to do but it frees up resources; **SAVING ENERGY SAVES JOBS.**



LOCAL GRADUATE CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA MAKES DONATION



The Kappa Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. gifts a \$2,000 donation to Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) along with two \$500 scholarships to MVSU students. The donation is a part of the sorority's Think HBCU initiative. Think HBCU highlights Historically Black Colleges and Universities and their contribution to the sorority and society. Pictured front row, from left are Joyce Dixon, Cynthia Collins, president, Alpha Kappa Alpha – Kappa Alpha Omega Chapter; Dr. William B. Bynum Jr., president, MVSU; Maxcine Rush, Earnestine Singleton; second row, Auguster Wallace, Letitia Clay, Wanda Young, Barbara J.P. Washington, Claudette Curry, and Linda Course.



Chapter President Cynthia Collins presents MVSU Student Kizito Nwaka with a \$500 scholarship.



MVSU Student Kayla M. Bailey receives a \$500 scholarship from the Kappa Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

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give so much of their time, resources and energy to support programs that make a life-changing difference for children.”

“At AT&T, we believe there is no better way to help grow communities and encourage families than by supporting the education of children,” stated Gunner Goad, AT&T’s Regional Director of External Affairs. “Young people are our future, and we are convinced that each has the potential to achieve something great. We are pleased to have the opportunity to participate in a program that positions Mississippi’s youth for success both now and in the future.”



WELCOME ABOARD



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Residential Life



Alexander Cross
Custodian
Facilities Management



Mildred Michael
Recruiter
Office of Admissions
& Recruitment



Richard Pullum Sr.
Grounds Keeper
Facilities Management



Jaquay Walls
Residence Hall Monitor
Residential Life



Kevin Yates
Custodian
Facilities Management

BUSINESS AND FINANCE CONTINUES TRADITION OF GIVING BACK



The Office of Business and Finance adopted a family in the Salvation Army’s Adopt-A-Family program through CB&S Bank. Staff members, from left are Marshell Boyd, Mikhail Collins, Cynthia Willis-Khan, Gloria Turner, Carrie Williams, Deborah Swinney and Carolyn McGee.

Two Minutes with...

Dr. Roy C. Hudson

Adjunct Professor, Department of English & Foreign Language

Tell us a little about yourself and your background.

I am a native of Kilmichael, Miss., however, I grew up in Itta Bena, Miss. In my early years, I attended Amanda Elzy High. I have obtained three degrees – an undergraduate degree at Mississippi Valley State University in English Education, Master's degree at Mississippi State University, and doctorate's degree from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J. I am married to my lovely wife Dorothy Ann Hudson. We have two children together.

How do you approach providing service?

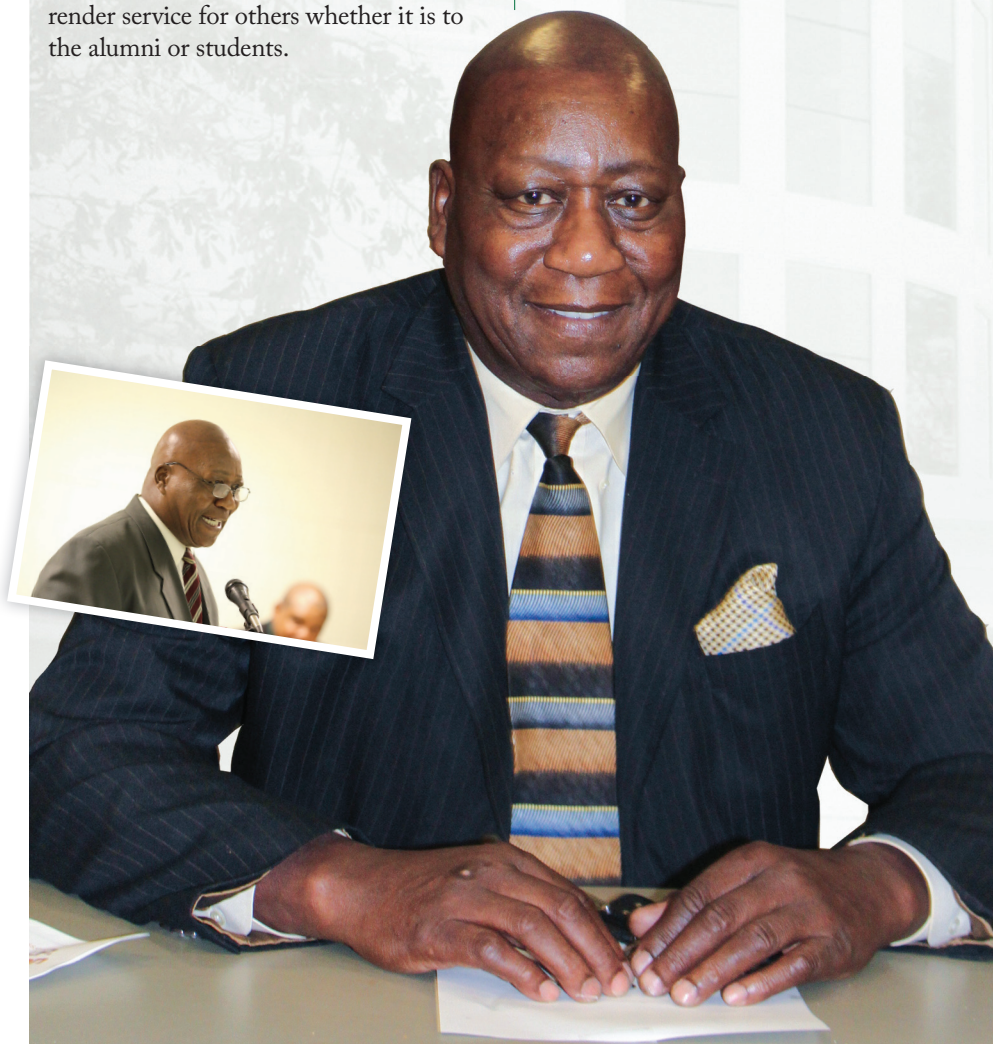
I grew up in a very modest environment. Whatever I have achieved, I must give credit to the people that helped me. Therefore, I try my best to give back and render service for others whether it is to the alumni or students.

Where are we most likely to find you when you are not at work?

When I am not at work, I am at home watching the news, sports, and old movies. I am really captivated by quiz shows like Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune for I am a fan of academic challenges. You may also find me outside, nurturing and caring for my garden or cooking outside after a football home game.

What is something we would be surprised to learn about you?

My passion for the things I love and support, such as my alma mater; MVSU, family, church, and most of all, my country. I enjoy sports greatly even though I am often mistaken as a jock. People are often surprised that I am an English major and student of the humanities.



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