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PARNELL DICKINSON NAMED TO BLACK COLLEGE HALL OF FAME

(Atlanta, GA) – The Black College Football Hall of Fame (BCFHOF) announced its Class of 2017. Six inductees were selected from a list

of 25 Finalists who had been determined earlier by the BCFHOF Selection Committee.

The Class of 2017 includes Parnell “Paydirt” Dickinson (Mississippi Valley State), Harold “Sunny” Jackson (Jackson State), Gary “Big Hands” Johnson (Grambling State), Robert Porcher (South Carolina State, Tennessee State), Isiah “Butch” Robertson (Southern) as player inductees and Coach Billy Joe (Cheyney, Central State, Florida A&M, Miles College).

Dickinson went from the Brighton High School Bears to play for Mississippi Valley State, where he was the quarterback for the Delta Devils from 1972 through 1975.

Dickinson was an All-SWAC pick four times, left the league as its all-time leader in total offense with 7,442 yards and was a member of the inaugural class of the SWAC Hall of Fame in 1992.

In his 37-game collegiate career, Dickinson completed 599-of-894 passes for 6,326 yards with 83 touchdowns and 33 interceptions.

Dickinson is on the Divisional Player ballot for the College Football Hall of Fame’s Class of 2017.

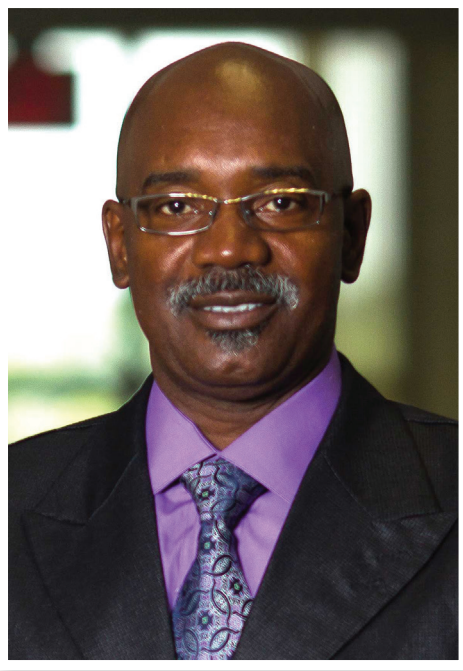
Dickinson was the first quarterback drafted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, selected in the seventh round of the 1976 NFL Draft by the expansion team.

“This class is another representation of the immense football talent that has played at historically black colleges and universities,” said BCFHOF Co-Founder and 2012 Inductee James “Shack” Harris. “All five players were college All-Americans, and three were first round NFL draft picks.”

Votes were tallied from the 12-member Selection Committee, comprised of prominent journalists, commentators and historians, as well as former NFL General Managers and executives, and from previous BCFHOF inductees to determine the Inductees.

The Class of 2017 will be honored at the Eighth Annual Black College Football Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Presented by the Atlanta Falcons on February 25, 2017. The Induction Ceremony takes place at the College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Inductees will also be recognized at the Celebration Bowl in Atlanta on December 17th.



Dickinson

MISS. COURT OF APPEALS TO HEAR CASE AT MVSU

JACKSON, MISS. - Mississippi’s Court of Appeals will visit Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) on November 10 at 1 p.m. in the Sutton Administration Building - Auditorium 103.

The court will meet Thursday at MVSU in Itta Bena, where it will hear the criminal appeals of three men convicted of charges related to an April 2013 home invasion burglary in Greenville.

The Jackson-based court hears occasional cases at colleges so students can learn about court proceedings and judges can answer questions about court operations. There will be a 30 minute question and answer session.

Cell phones, cameras, and backpacks are not permitted in the hearing.



MVSU TO PRESENT PUPPET ARTS THEATRE'S THE TOAD PRINCE AT DAVIS ELEMENTARY

Mississippi Valley State University's Office of International Programs (MVSU) presents Puppet Arts Theatre production of *The Toad Prince*. The production is made possible in part by a grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission and National Endowment for the Arts. Two performances of the play will be presented at Davis Elementary School in Greenwood, Miss. on Friday, November 18 at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Kathie Stromile Golden, associate vice president and director of international programs, MVSU, stated that the MAC grant facilitates one of the University's priorities, which seeks to expose students and residents of the Mississippi Delta to the outside world. *The Toad Prince* will introduce local students to aspects of Chinese culture, while also providing local teachers with a teaching tool that meets the Mississippi Department of Education's Speaking and Listening Standards for K-5.

The show is a colorful Chinese retelling of "The Beauty and the Beast" story filled with memorable characters. In this version, Indri, a son of a Water Sprite and the King of the Toads, inherited the ugliness of his father. The transformation of Indri, the Toad Prince, physically and spiritually is an enchanting story with a moral to remember. With its delicate Oriental flavor, the play will appeal to girls and boys of all ages. The creation of this show was made possible by an Artist Fellowship Grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission.



Puppet Arts Theatre is devoted to bringing exciting and memorable performances to its audiences. Since 1968, this theater has thrilled children of all ages from Boston to Tampa and throughout the Southeast with magical and thrilling theatrical experiences. Puppet Arts Theatre is on the Performing Arts Touring Program of the Mississippi Arts Commission.

Puppet Arts Theatre is a professional touring company under the direction of Peter Zapletal, an award-winning puppetry producer and animator. Mr. Zapletal received a degree in

puppetry from the Academy for Performing Arts in Prague, Czech Republic. He will be joined on stage by Olivia Hansford and Lesley Raybon. The voices for the puppets are provided by Kimberly Stoutner, James Goodman, Oliver Stoutner, and Peter Zapletal. The puppets were designed by Erica Flannes and set design for the production was created by Jarmila Zapletal, professional puppet maker and designer.

For more information, call 662-254-3092 or 662-254-3144.

DELTA MU DELTA MEMBERS HOST CLOTHING DRIVE



Members of Delta Mu Delta International Honor Society donated the proceeds of their Clothing Drive which was held from October 3-10, 2016 to the Salvation Army in Greenwood, Miss. Chapter officers for the 2016-2017 school term are Donte' Wroten, president; Conner Sheppard, vice president; Mariana Balbao, secretary; and Felicia Johnson, treasurer. Dr. Mary L. Shepherd is the Faculty Advisor. Pictured to the left are Donte' Wroten, Mariana Balbao, Conner Sheppard, and Kenneth Cockrell, Salvation Army.

MVSU PARTNERS WITH KHAFRE, INC. FOR 5TH ANNUAL COTTON KINGDOM/SWEAT EQUITY SYMPOSIUM

Khafre, Inc. in partnership with Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU), Mississippi Humanities Council, da' House of Khafre, and the cities of Mound Bayou and Itta Bena will host the 5th Annual Cotton Kingdom/Sweat Equity Symposium and Cotton Pickers' Ball on November 10-11, 2016. The theme, *The Economy of the Cotton Kingdom and the Confederate South* reveals historical truths about African American images on U.S. currency and the sweat equity invested in the southern economy.

This year's symposium challenges that belief with scholarly discourse and visual renderings by John W. Jones, preservationist. The Symposium begins with a special *Art Talk* by Jones, on Thursday, November 10 at 12 noon. The Symposium will be held Friday, November 11 from 9 a.m – 3 p.m. Both events will be held at MVSU in the W.A. Butts Social Sciences Auditorium.

Mr. Jones is a world-famous artist and published author who traveled extensively, presenting his scholarly research titled, *Confederate Currency: The Color of Money*. The book investigates

the significance of slavery to the American and global economies and the use of African American images enhanced those currencies,

particularly in the South. Jones will present the keynote address for this year's Symposium.

Other presenters include Dr. John Zheng, April Lawrence, Shaquetta Jackson, Shundra Sims, Laneka Smith, Dr. Thomas Durant Jr., Dr. James Giesen, Dr. Joseph M. Stevenson, Karen C. Wilson, Dawn B. McLin, Kwesi Jumoke Ifetayo, Brian Williams, Mississippi Senators Willie Simmons and David Jordan, and Dr. C. Sade Turnipseed.

"The voices of African Americans who labored in the cotton fields of the Mississippi Delta have lay silent for too long," said Dr. Constance Bland, vice president of academic affairs at MVSU. "The Sweat Equity/Cotton Symposium provides a forum for their stories, contributions, and legacies to be shared and learned."

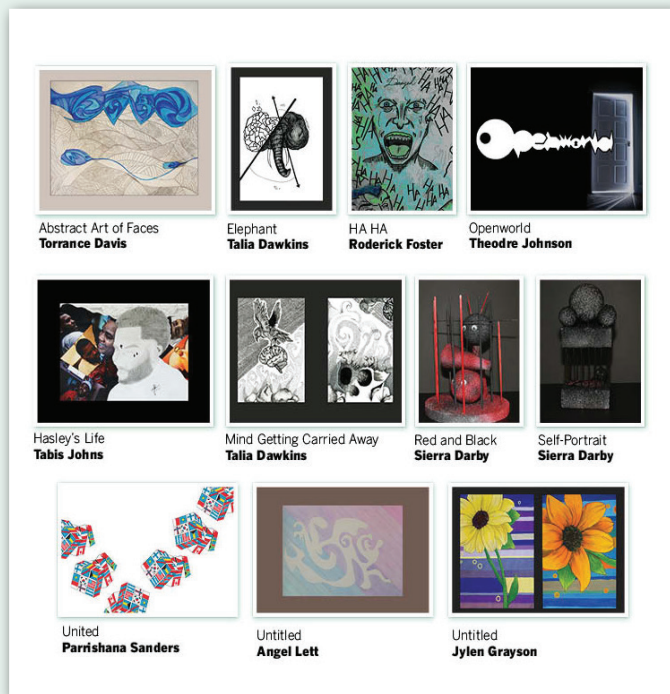
The Symposium is an interdisciplinary conference on the Cotton Kingdom, sharecropping, tenant farming and the significance of cotton to the successes of both American and European economies. This research will stimulate two days of discussion and celebration of historic preservation efforts underway.



FINE ARTS STUDENTS SHOW WORK IN INCHEON INTERNATIONAL DESIGN FAIR

MVSU Fine Arts students participated in the 2016 Incheon International Design Fair: International Design Exchange Exhibition which was held at the Incheon Art Platform in Incheon, South Korea on October 27-30, 2016.

Nine freshmen and sophomore students have created eleven artworks in their 2-D Design class taught by Assistant Professor Sodam Lee. The students are Sierra Darby, Torrance Davis, Talia Dawkins, Roderick Foster, Tabis Johns, Angel Lett, Parrishana Sanders, Jylen Grayson, and Theodore Johnson.



FIFTH ANNUAL

HOLY NIGHT

A CELEBRATION OF LOVE, UNITY & PEACE

Featured Choirs
 MVSU University Choir
 MVSU Valley Singers
 Gentry High School Choir
 Greenville High School Voices of Liberation
 Cordova High School (TN) Concert Singers

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2016
7:30 P.M.
 H. G. Carpenter Auditorium | Free Admission

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON NAMED MVSU HUMANITIES TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Pictured from left are Caroline Gillespie, left, program officer for the Mississippi Humanities Council; Washington, center, and Constance Bland, vice president of Academic Affairs.

Assistant Professor Barbara J.P. Washington has been selected by the Office of Academic Affairs at Mississippi Valley State University as the Humanities Teacher of the Year. The award is given by the Mississippi Humanities Council.

Washington delivered a lecture titled, "Teaching as a Profession/Passion" on Thursday, November 3.

Washington holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) and Master of Education degree from The University of Mississippi - both in English Education.

She joined the Department of English and Foreign Languages at MVSU in 1974 as an

instructor. While at the University, she has held numerous roles such as Honors College director, Writing Center professional tutor, and student teacher supervisor.

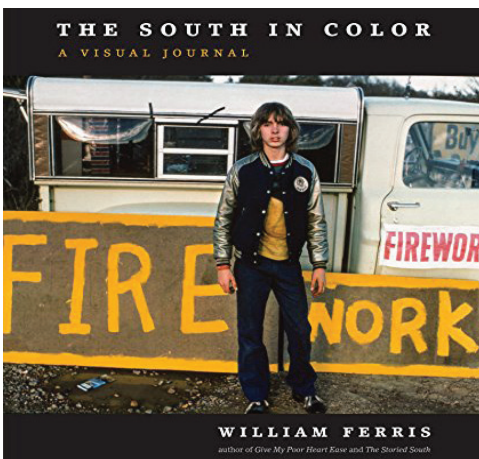
Her professional memberships include the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Mississippi Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Phi Delta Kappa, National Council of Teachers of English, Mississippi Congress of Parents and Teachers, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Washington has served as an Education Advisory Committee member for the Leflore County School District, advisor for Alpha Chi Honor Society, Region IV Director of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, and head coach and co-coach of the Honda All-Star Academic Team.

Distinguished Alumni, and William Winter Faculty Scholar of the Year, SACS Outstanding Services Rendered, just to name a few.

She has actively served her community through local, state, regional and national organizations. Washington served as secretary, northern regional coordinator, publicity coordinator and director for the state Parent Teacher Association; numerous roles for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; PTSA president – Leflore County Elementary and High Schools; Sunday School teacher; among a host of other volunteer efforts.

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES PRESENTS THE ZELMA T. HOWARD LECTURE SERIES



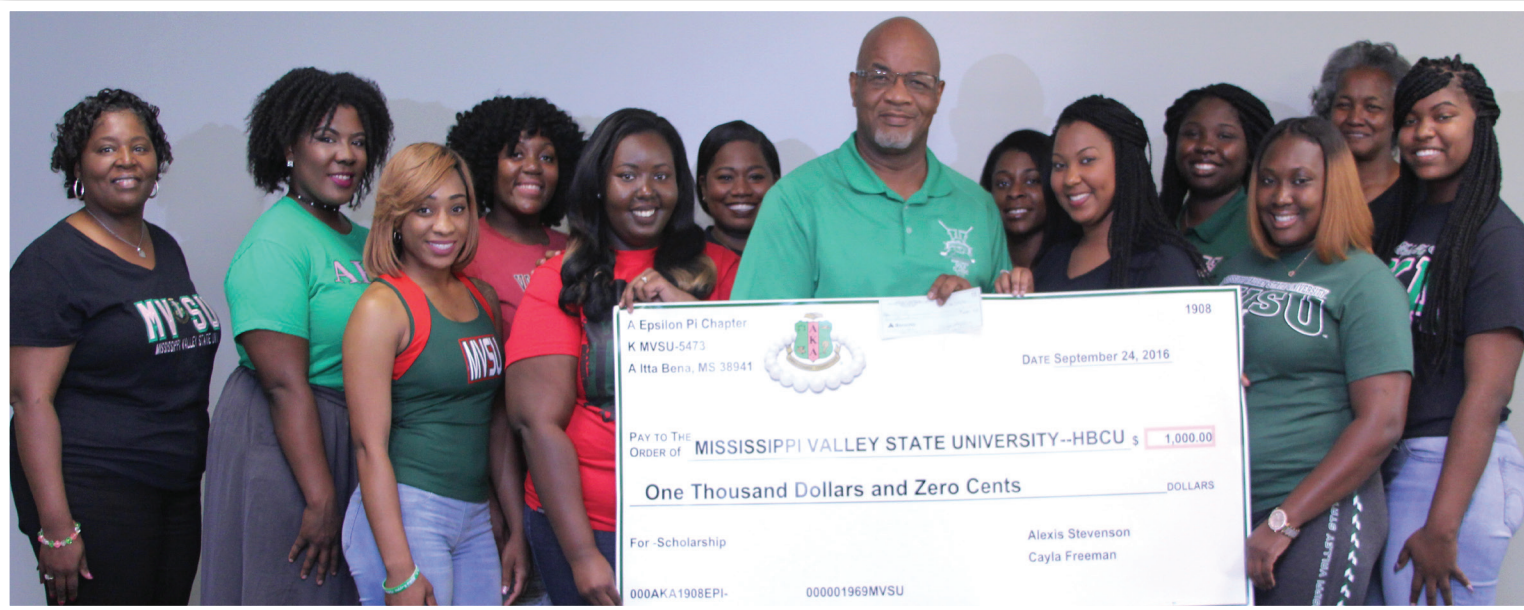
English graduating seniors will present the Zelma T. Howard Lecture Series featuring Williams Ferris's *The South in Color: A Visual Journal* in the Technical Education Building - Room 169 at 11:00 a.m. on November 17.

William Ferris's *The South in Color: A Visual Journal* is a visual documentation of the American South in the 1960s and 1970s. Different from his two previous volumes, *Give My Heart Ease: Voices of the Mississippi Blues* and *The Storied South: Voices of Writers and Artists*, that feature voices of blues musicians, southern writers, scholars, and artists with

black-and-white photographs, *The South in Color*, which completes a trilogy of Ferris's work on the South, is a personal memory of diverse racial landscapes through color photographs taken at the time when he began to use color photography to document the South and, particularly, the Mississippi Delta.

Faculty and students campus-wide are welcome to join DEFL in this research activity.

EPSILON PI CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA PRESENTS DONATION



The Epsilon Pi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated made a \$1,000 donation to Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU). 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 from left are Joyce Dixon, assistant advisor; Breana Johnson, Faith Mitchell, Kayla Washington, Tykevia McDaniel, Larenzia Lawrence, Dr. William B. Bynum Jr., MVSU president; Alexis Stevenson, chapter president; LaNatra Simpson, Jocelyn Robinson, Tayla Frizzell, Gabrielle Nicosia-McCoy and Claudette Curry, advisor.

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Dr. Rochelle McGee-Cobbs

Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice

Tell us a little about yourself and your background.

I am a native of Moorehead. I am also the undergraduate coordinator and faculty advisor of Alpha Phi Sigma, Zeta Tau Chapter, here at MVSU. I have been teaching here at the Department of Criminal Justice for about eight years. I received my Ph.D. in juvenile justice from Prairie View A&M University. I also hold two master's degrees in a criminal justice and education with a concentration in sociology from Delta State University. In addition, I have completed Ph.D. level course work in public safety with concentration in criminal justice at Capella University. Prior to joining Mississippi Valley State University, I was a Mississippi Certified Law Enforcement Officer and instructor for several years. I have been a Chief of Police in two Mississippi towns/cities and a Chief Investigator for the Mississippi Department of Corrections at Parchman, Mississippi. I have taught criminal justice and sociology courses at Mississippi Delta Community College for approximately ten years. In addition, I have published scholarly articles in professional academic journals and anthologies. I am married to Alfred Cobbs and we have five children—Gavin, Germanica, Shenicia, Jernicia, and DeAndre.

How do you approach providing service?

It is my duty to not simply instruct but to engage our students in such a meaningful and intellectual way that they will begin to seek answers to life's most challenging questions; that they academically thrive, advocate for position societal change, and ultimately strive to better the human condition.

Please note that the ultimate test of service is how much one is willing to give of him/herself to better the lives of others. Khalil Gibran says that when one gives or serves for recognition, the gift is unwholesome, but when one gives without recognition and when no one else is looking, then he has truly given. He further goes on to say that there are those who have little to give but in giving little, they give all that they have. We know when we have served our students well when as a result of our efforts, they are able to see the inherent dignity in every individual and know that each has something of value to contribute; that they look upon others with respect, cherishing their differences; that above all, high educational achievement and or administrative position doesn't make you superior to your fellow man or woman, instead leads to the enlightenment that you have a responsibility to reach down and create the conditions that will allow him or her to rise with you.

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

When I am not at work, you mostly will find me at home with my wonderful family; and/or working from home.

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

During the time I am not working at MVSU, I love cruising on my motorcycle and hunting. I am also involved in activities that strengthen and promote collaboration among the African American community to advance its political and economic objectives.



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