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The University of Southern Mississippi selected Hattiesburg Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Robert Williams as its 2020-2021 Outstanding Administrator, awarded by the Mississippi Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE).

"The annual MACTE Awards celebrate the finest teacher interns, students, educators, and administrators across the state of Mississippi. In this year's outstanding group of honorees, we are proud to recognize Dr. Robert Williams for his exceptional leadership and contributions to enriching the lives of children in the Hattiesburg Public School District," said Dr. Trenton E. Gould, president of MACTE and dean of The University of Southern Mississippi College of Education and Human Sciences. "Beyond his role as HPSD superintendent, this recognition also acknowledges his dedication to investing in the lives of tomorrow's P-12 leaders. As an adjunct faculty member for USM's educational administration programs, Dr. Williams contributes real-time, real-world experiences that equip aspiring school administrators to also thrive in the field. It is truly an honor to present this award to an individual who makes such a significant difference in his community."

Dr. Williams has worked in the Hattiesburg Public School System for over 20 years. During his tenure as superintendent, the school district has seen improvements in academic proficiency, financial stability, and facility upgrades. Dr. Williams' vision is to graduate all students prepared for success in life, college, and the workforce. He currently serves on the Lt. Governors Administrator Advisory Council. Williams serves on the Board of Directors for the Southern Region Education Service Agency. (S-RESA). A former finalist for Mississippi Administrator of the Year, Williams has previously served as principal of N.R. Burger Middle School.

Dr. Williams is married to Angela Givens Williams, an Assistant United States Attorney with the Office of the United States Attorney, Southern District of Mississippi. They are the parents of Anna-Grace Williams and Louis Alexander Williams, and both are enrolled at Woodley Elementary School.



Martin Hankins

Alumni Spotlight

Martin Daniel Hankins is from Hattiesburg, and is a 2003 graduate of Hattiesburg High School. Mr. Hankins serves as the Lamar County Circuit Clerk and is currently serving his second term. He previously served as an Alderman at-large in Purvis, Mississippi from March 2014 until January 2016. While serving as an Alderman, Hankins worked as an Investment/Insurance Advisor with his father who has been in practice for 42 years in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Hankins began his collegiate career at Southeastern Louisiana University on a full-tuition, athletic football scholarship. After two years, he transferred to the University of Memphis, where he played three seasons and later received his Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree with a concentration in Business Communications and Sports Management. Martin is currently a member of the Mississippi Association of Circuit Clerks, Lions Club International of Sumrall, and the Exchange Club of Hattiesburg. Martin and his wife, Kayla Hankins, reside in Purvis, Mississippi including their daughter, Lillian Kate, and son Daniel Klein.

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Dr. Gary B. Crosby has been unanimously selected by the Saint Elizabeth University (SEU) Board of Trustees to serve as the institution's eighth president in Morristown, New Jersey. He has nearly 20 years of advanced and innovative administrative experience in higher education.

"I am deeply honored and humbled, and I want to thank the SEU Board of Trustees for their unanimous vote of confidence in my ability to advance the university's mission while doing the work that I am most passionate about, which is advocating for and developing the next generation of leaders and change agents," Crosby said. "This is a fantastic feeling, like capturing lightning in a bottle."

SEU bills itself as a leader in diversity, equity, and inclusion since 1899. With that, Crosby becomes the first African American, as well as the first male, to hold this position in the school's 121-year history.

"Although my selection is historic, it is not about me as much as it aligns with the university's history and mission. It is about people who have been either historically disenfranchised or discriminated against that enrolled or will enroll at SEU," Crosby said. "They desire and deserve to receive a high-quality yet affordable education, ultimately impacting their lives for the better."

Crosby currently serves as the vice president for Student Affairs at Alabama A&M University. Prior to joining AAMU in 2015, he served in various capacities at Jackson State University. Specifically, Crosby secured a multimillion-dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Education in support of faculty and student research, leadership development, and scholarships. He was also instrumental in securing the university's successful reaffirmation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.



Gary Crosby

Student Spotlight

WYNTER FAIRLEY
7TH GRADE
"UNTITLED (HOPE) POEM"
MEDIUM: A VIDEO
PRESENTATION OF POETRY
RECITATION



Congratulations to Wynter Fairley and Jaylah McClendon from N.R. Burger Middle School. They were recognized for their participation in the Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education Voices of Hope competition. Their pieces were featured during the MAAE Awards Celebration broadcasted live on social media.

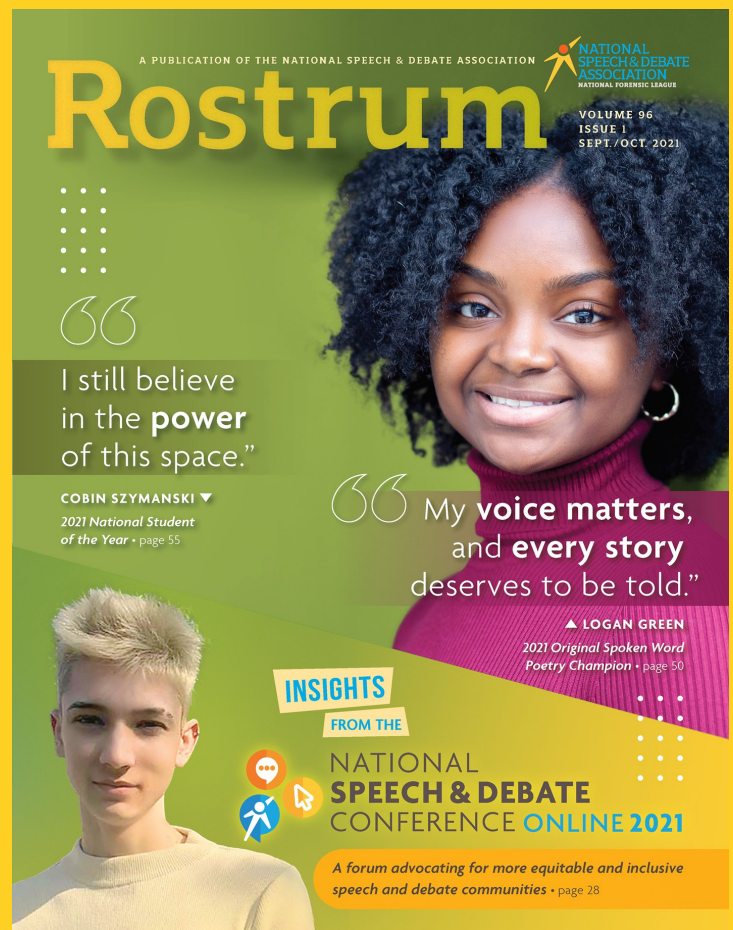


JAYLAH MCCLENDON
7TH GRADE
"I HAVE HOPE"
MEDIUM: MONOLOGUE



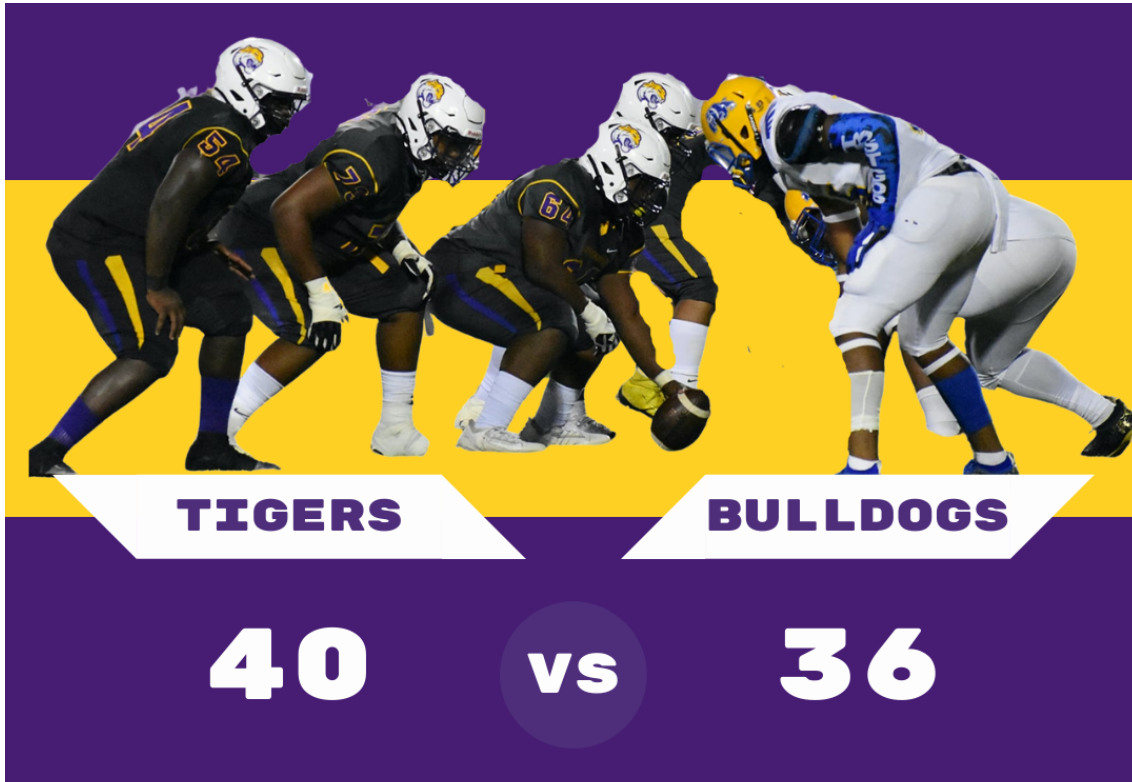
Hattiesburg High School student Logan Green, the 2021 National Speech and Debate Association Champion for Original Spoken Word, is on the cover of the Rostrum, a publication of the National Speech and Debate Association! Check out her two-page article below!

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2021 HOMECOMING

Congratulations Hattiesburg Tigers!



Congratulations to
Hattiesburg High
School's 2021
Homecoming Queen
Gabriel Eaton and
Homecoming King
Triston Flowers!



2021 HOMECOMING COURT

HATTIESBURG HIGH SCHOOL & N.R. BURGER MIDDLE SCHOOL



Teacher Spotlight

Random Acts of Kindness

Random Acts inspires acts of kindness around the world, both big and small! Hattiesburg Public Schools recognizes our amazing educators that spark growth and encourage students each and everyday. We can't thank you enough for all of your dedication and hard work!! The Random Acts of Kindness Initiative is supported by the Hattiesburg Public School District Foundation.



COVID-19 Information

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NUMBERS](#)



Hattiesburg Public Schools make weekly reports of cases among students, teachers and staff, number of outbreaks, and teachers and students under quarantine of COVID-19 exposure to the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH). The numbers included in the report are from BOTH on-campus and off-campus incidents. If you do not see a school in the MSDH report, it is because MSDH only lists schools with reported cases.



Wear a mask.
Wear a face cover.
Wash your hands.
Keep a safe distance.
Save lives.

Did you Know Facts and Tidbits about HPS?

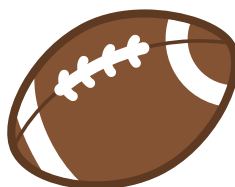
- Outperformed the State of Mississippi during 2018-2019 State assessments in the following Reading subgroups
- Black Students: HPSD proficiency (32.6%) State proficiency (27.3%)
- Economically Disadvantaged: HPSD Proficiency (33.4%) State Proficiency (32.4%)
- English Second Language: HPSD Proficiency (20%) State Proficiency (19.4%)
- Outperformed the State of Mississippi during 2018-2019 State assessments in the following Math subgroups
- Black Students: HPSD proficiency (36.5%) State proficiency (32.3%)
- Hispanic/Latino: HPSD proficiency (52.2%) State proficiency (51.7%)
- Two or more races: HPSD proficiency (59.1%) State proficiency (53.7%)
- Economically disadvantaged: HPSD Proficiency (37.8%) State Proficiency (37.2%)
- English Second Language: HPSD Proficiency (36.7%) State Proficiency (34.7%)
- Military-Connected: HPSD Proficiency (80%) State Proficiency (72%)
- Outperformed the State of Mississippi in English Learners attaining English Language Proficiency in 2018-2019 (HPSD:18.8% vs. State Average: 17%)

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Click here to view the full HPS Sports Schedule

**BURGER
BUILT**

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SCHEDULE](#)



N R BURGER MIDDLE VS LAUREL MIDDLE
Football - 7th/8th Grade
Mon, Oct 4, 2021 at 5:00 PM

HATTIESBURG TIGERS VS PETAL PANTHERS
Football - 9th/JV
Mon, Oct 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM

HATTIESBURG TIGERS VS FLORENCE EAGLES
Football - Varsity Pink Out
Fri, Oct 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM

HATTIESBURG TIGERS VS LAUREL TORNADOES
Volleyball - JV,Varsity
Thu, Oct 7, 2021 at 5:30 PM