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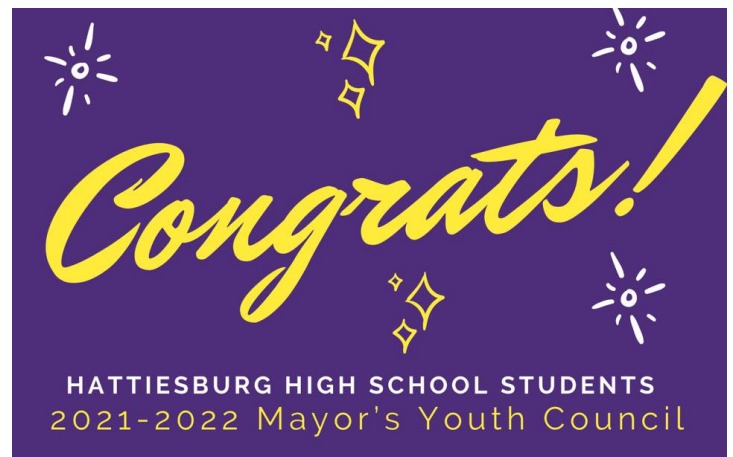
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### **Student Spotlight**



Congratulations to our Hattiesburg High School students selected for the 2021-2022 Mayor's Youth Council! We are so proud of you and look forward to seeing you continue to grow and impact our city!

Graham Clark, 10th  
Gabrielle Cox, 10th  
Mackenzie Tart, 10th  
Joel Bradford Vaughn II, 10th  
Chinonyerem Eneh Excel, 11th  
Logan Green, 11th  
Kymrie Lofton, 11th  
Victoria Nelms, 11th  
Ashlyn Payton, 11th  
Kayla Smith, 11th  
A'dymun Walker, 11th  
Mason Cathey, 12th  
Ameria Ellis, 12th  
Bayleigh Fizer, 12th  
Moriah Harrell, 12th  
Rachel Johnson, 12th  
Angelique Proctor, 12th  
Laikyn Tart, 12th

## Forensics Shines at Stennis

This past weekend, Hattiesburg Speech and Debate competed at the John C. Stennis Novice Invitational sponsored by the Stennis Center for Public Research. Schools representing Oklahoma and Mississippi were in attendance. (NOTE: Speech and Debate competitions within MHSAA and abroad are not divisional or class events. Hattiesburg students compete against the best and brightest from Public, Private, and Perichol schools from across the country.)

Gabby Cox led the novice team by capturing the Championship, 1st place, in Dramatic Performance. She also placed 2nd in Prose Interpretation.

Noel Castillo finished 3rd in Prose Interpretation.

Sydney Smith and Excel Eneh advanced to the FINAL ROUND of the Congressional Debate. Sydney Smith finished 3rd overall in the event that saw 5 hours of floor debate in two chambers on bills dealing with Pandemic Response, Homelessness, and the World Economy.



## Grace Christian Board Spotlight

Congratulations to our October Board Spotlight students from Grace Christian Elementary School!

These students earned perfect scores and level 5 scores on the MAAP Exams!



Perfect Scores: Waylen Washington (ELA)

Level 5 in ELA: Waylen Washington, Elizabeth Blakely, Caralena Steward, JaZiyon Hollingsworth

Level 5 in Math: Xian Hines, Tylan Lowe, Caralena Steward, JaZiyon Hollingsworth





**Chloe Rai' Parhm**

Chloe Rai' Parhm! She received the top score, 92 percent on the Science Standards Mastery!

I-Ready Standards Mastery provides flexible assessments designed to measure specific grade-level standards. Built to map to your scope and sequence, Standards Mastery allows educators to quickly identify when reteaching or remediation is needed as standards are covered across the year. The program's intuitive reports visualize student performance on recently taught material and guide teachers on how to address common misconceptions that may prevent students from making progress in their learning.

Congratulations Treyvon Johnson for being selected as the Hattiesburg High School Band Member of the Month!



## HATTIESBURG

## HIGH SCHOOL BAND

### MEMBER OF THE MONTH!



**Treyvon Johnson**

**Q: What is your favorite memory in band?**

**A: My favorite memory is the battle of the bands in Heidelberg. I really like competition and sticking out.**

**Q: What are you looking forward to the most this year?**

**A: I have the most fun during parade season.**

**Q: What are your plans for the future?**

**A: I plan to attend Alcorn State University, continue to participate in the band while I'm there and become a history teacher.**



# DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT

Hattiesburg Public Schools hit the Children's Village stage and participated in the #MobileStreetFestival on October 2, 2021 with informative booths and student performances! Great job Tigers on showing your skills and talents!





**The Hattiesburg Oaks District Historic Neighborhood partnered with Hattiesburg Public Schools to host the National Night Out event! Thank you to the Oaks Neighborhood and everyone who came out for fun and fellowship!**





# Tigers Pink Out the Stadium!

Hattiesburg Public Schools donated to the Pink Lady Organization and the American Cancer Society to support Breast Cancer Research! Tiger fans "pinked" out the stadium on October 8th! Congratulations, Tigers, on another win!



## Hattiesburg Public School District Foundation

The Hattiesburg Public School District Foundation held a virtual 2021 Hattiesburg Hall of Fame live presentation on October 7th to highlight twelve distinguished alumni of Hattiesburg's city schools!

A talented cast of HPS staff, alumni, and students covered entertainment: National Champion in Original Spoken Word Poetry, Logan Green; Administrative Assistant at Lillie Burney Learning Center, Angela White-Carter; Alumnus, EYESHIA McSWAIN; and HHS Assistant Band Director, Jacobi Daugherty.

Watch the full presentation here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v404eBLh0r4>



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Hattiesburg Publishing is a proud sponsor of the Hattiesburg Hall of Fame Class of 2021.

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# Tiger Connect

Tiger Connect is BACK! Don't miss our first session of the year on **Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 12:00 PM**, where we discuss the topic: Understanding the College and Career Readiness Standards and Online Learning Tools!

Join us via Zoom: [https://hattiesburgpsd.zoom.us/j/93483201509?](https://hattiesburgpsd.zoom.us/j/93483201509?fbclid=IwAR0Un4GQXHTVPV5CX_ohZG8f2K68KMJiz6jeO8NJi87rbvvBChwMQi1-2fM)

[fbclid=IwAR0Un4GQXHTVPV5CX\\_ohZG8f2K68KMJiz6jeO8NJi87rbvvBChwMQi1-2fM](https://hattiesburgpsd.zoom.us/j/93483201509?fbclid=IwAR0Un4GQXHTVPV5CX_ohZG8f2K68KMJiz6jeO8NJi87rbvvBChwMQi1-2fM)

You can find all of our Tiger Connect Sessions on our YouTube page @HPSDcommunications!



★During the October 12, 2021 Board of Trustee's meeting, The First, A National Banking Association gave \$155,000 to support the Hattiesburg Early Learning Collaborative! The donation is a direct investment in preparing Hattiesburg's youngest students.

★The donation will fund resources that will significantly impact students' positive attitude toward school and love for learning.





# Employee Spotlight

## GRACE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Ms. Leslie Leflore



Mr. Larry Rush

## Leo W. Seal Innovative Teacher: Andria Wade



The Hancock Whitney Leo W. Seal Innovative Teacher Grant program salutes remarkable teachers who selflessly commit their "today's" to ensure students are ready for their "tomorrows." Last month, 12 superior South Mississippi educators won Seal grants for educational excellence and creative learning projects that support in-class and state curriculums.

[Click here to watch the YouTube video](#)



HATTIESBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS



# School Spotlight



Lillie Burney Learning Center hosted a "Kindness Kickoff" event on October 14, 2021, in celebration of being chosen for the Choose Kindness Foundation.

Choose Kindness Foundation awarded Lillie Burney \$5,000 to initiate kindness activities throughout the school.

Thank you to all the Lillie Burney partners: NAACP, The First Bank, A National Banking Association, Trinity Episcopal Church, Kensington Woods Church of Christ, Team Griffin, and Dr. Johnny Dupree!





# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## Brandon K. Hersey

Vice-President and Chair of Audit and Finances  
Seattle Public Schools  
Class of 2010



Born and raised in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Brandon Kyle Hersey is the son of Roosevelt and Von Kyle Hersey. Before her passing in 2003, his mother, Von, served as one of Hattiesburg High's most beloved AP History and US Government teachers. During his time at Hattiesburg High, Brandon was an active member of student government, serving as Student Body President his senior year, and a core member of the nationally renowned Forensics Program.

**[CLICK HERE TO LEARN  
MORE ABOUT OUR ALUMNI  
SPOTLIGHT](#)**

Upon graduation, Brandon attended the University of Southern Mississippi Honors College as a Lucky Day Scholar majoring in Political Science and Communication Studies. During his tenure at USM, he continued to stay active in student government and partnered in resurrecting the long inactive debate team with former HHS Forensics Teammates, Samantha Rayborn and Michael Sims under the coaching of Stacy Ahua.

He currently serves as board Vice-President and Chair of the Audit and Finance committee overseeing Seattle Public School's \$1.5 billion budget. Brandon credits his success to his loving father, sisters, Brandi and Brittney, and the giants on whose shoulders he stands. Brandon believes if it wasn't for his amazing education in the Hattiesburg Public School system he would not be where he is today.





# COVID-19 Information

[VIEW HPS COVID  
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?

Hattiesburg Public Schools has been consistently recognized at the Mississippi Partnership Conference for the past 5 years, building and sustaining outstanding partnerships within the community to positively impact student achievement (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020). For the 2020-2021 school year, the following schools were recognized:

### **2021 Governor's Award Middle School / Jr. High Level**

- N.R. Burger Middle School and Community Partners

### **2021 Governor's Award Elementary School Level**

- Grace Christian Elementary School and Community Partners
- F.B. Woodley Elementary and Community Partners
- Hawkins Elementary School and Community Partners
- Thames Elementary School and Community Partners

### **2021 Governor's Award Pandemic Partnership Response**

- Hawkins Elementary School and Community Partners
- N.R. Burger Middle School and Community Partners
- Thames Elementary School and Community Partners

### **2021 Partnership Excellence Award Elementary School Level**

- Hattiesburg STEAM Academy and Community Partners
- Rowan Elementary School and Community Partners

### **2021 Partnership Excellence Award Multi-Level**

- Mary Bethune Alternative School and Community Partners

### **2021 Partnership Excellence Award Pandemic Partnership Response**

- Rowan Elementary School and Community Partners

# SPORTS SCHEDULE

*Click here to view the full HPS Sports Schedule*

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SCHEDULE](#)



## **BROOKHAVEN PANTHERS VS HATTIESBURG TIGERS**

**Football - Varsity**

**Fri, Oct 15, 2021, at 7:00 PM**

## **HATTIESBURG TIGERS VS WEST JONES MUSTANGS**

**Football - Varsity Senior Night**

**Fri, Oct 29, 2021, at 7:00 PM**

## **HHS TIGERS VS NORTH FORREST EAGLES**

**Soccer - Varsity Soccer**

**Tue, Nov 2, 2021, at 5:30 PM**

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