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Three Paths to Success



Superintendent's Message Dr. David Daigneault

Last month, I made an appeal to Grenada High School's incoming ninth graders: get serious about your academic future. It's never too early to start making yourself an attractive candidate for universities.

But what if you're not sure about four more years of schooling? Maybe you have family responsibilities that prevent you from moving away from Grenada, or you're afraid the financial constraints of higher education are too great. Maybe you slacked off the first few years of high school and barely made the grade before you got serious about your future. What then?

You're very fortunate to live and attend school in Grenada, where, if you play your cards right, you can still get a good job and even earn a degree — often without paying a dime or even leaving town.

Let's start with the student who's chomping at the bit to get a job right away. You can actually start building your career in high school by taking classes at the Grenada Career and Technical Center. New high school certifications have made it even easier for a student to find a job with professional credentials.

In the GCTC's welding and carpentry classes, students take the NCCER exam, while auto repair students may take the ASE test. Passing scores on these exams will earn them certification cards like the professionals carry. Employers recognize the skill required to earn these credentials, which often increases a student's chances of being hired and may even enhance their starting wages.

The GCTC's new culinary arts kitchen is nearly finished, and this fall, students will be able to learn in a professional-grade kitchen before taking their ProStart certification exam, which gives them an advantage seeking employment in the restaurant and hospitality industry.

Certification isn't the only advantage to taking GCTC classes. The school continues to make new in-roads with local industry. If students aren't on-site touring the local facilities, industry leaders will often stop in to meet students and talk about their profession. Automotive instructor Ricky Jones says he is always fielding calls from local mechanics looking for skilled workers.

Then there are local companies that go above and beyond to work with GCTC to attract the next generation of home-grown employees. Modine is coming in this summer to update our welding shop with new lights, equipment, and brazing techniques, which will give our students highly sought, specialized training that will make them desirable hires right out of high school.

What about the student who would like to go to college, or maybe just travel the world in an exciting line of work, but they have no idea how they'll ever pay for it all? Consider Grenada's prestigious NJROTC program.

Most kids entering high school can't imagine the range of opportunities that come with a career in the military. Stop in and talk to Chief Newtroin Foreman, who took over GHS's NJROTC program five years ago and has doubled the number of cadets. The program has received regional recognition as the "most improved unit" out of 50 schools in five states and rank second in the state for physical fitness.

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Showcase Draws Leaders to Witness Grenada's Innovation

By Jamie Kornegay GSD Reporter

The word is out on Grenada's success as a District of Innovation. On April 10, a delegation of community leaders, industry partners, state educators, and even one top-level state government official visited Grenada to see what all the talk was about.

"It's evident that there are great thing going on in the Grenada community," said Tate Reeves, the Mississippi Lieutenant Governor who joined a group of approximately 60 community leaders from around the state. "I've toured Districts of Innovation, the few that we have around Mississippi, and I always see a lot of energy, a lot of excitement. You can't have success without that energy and excitement, not only in the schools but also in the community. And that's what we see right here in Grenada."

The showcase was designed to spotlight some of GSD's cutting-edge programs and to form alliances with local industry. When word got out, educators from several school districts around the state — including Oxford, Vicksburg, and Madison — wanted to see how teachers and administrators at Grenada have implemented the Pre-K collaborative and Project Lead the Way (PLTW) classes into the school system. Superintendent Dr. David Daigneault and assistant principal Cole Surrell welcomed the delegation to Grenada with a brief orientation in the high school auditorium before the visitors split into groups and toured the high school's engineering and biomedical

The education partners interacted with students in Matthew Gardner's engineering lab and Sherry Cook's biomedical lab, two top classes in the district's PLTW program.

The in-class visit provided engineering students a great opportunity to speak with representatives from local industry Resolute Forest Products — including production manager Dan Hogan, general manager Rob Wise and human resources manager Vicki Brannan — whose operation they toured earlier this year. It also gave William "Bill" Buck, CEO of UMMC-Grenada Hospital a chance to see all the biomedical training high school students



Rocky Valadez, Vice President of Engagement for Project Lead the Way, observes Grenada Elementary Pre-K student Preston Lee during the showcase tour of Grenada School District.

were receiving right here at home.

The group then traveled to Grenada Elementary School to visit the three-and four-year-old students in the new Pre-K classes. GSD Superintendent Dr. David Daigneault thanked Lt. Gov. Reeves for helping pass new legislation to make it possible for the school district to start the Early Learning collaborative with Grenada's HeadStart program. "One thing we have learned in one year of education with our four-year-olds is that our test scores have improved by about fifty points," Dr. Daigneault said. "In education, that is an amazing gain."

"This is going to make a difference, not only in these individual kids' lives, it's going to make a difference in the economy of this community," said Lt. Gov. Reeves.

The group moved on to see the Kidzeum, where elementary students were having so much fun with their lesson on the science of bubbles that they barely noticed the large group of adults in their midst. Next the group went up the hill to the 4th and 5th grade to see how the school blends PLTW with science curriculum to create more effective, hands-on learning at the Discovery Lab.

The showcase wrapped up at the headquarters of Regions Bank, which sponsored a box lunch. Guests listened to remarks by Lt. Gov. Reeves as well as a panel discussion featuring Dr.

Grenada High School engineering student Dallin Foreman (center) demonstrates a class-built machine for school representatives Duncan Gray (left) of Oxford Intermediate School and Paige Morgan (right) from Vicksburg-Warren School District's Academy of Innovation.

Daigneault; Dr. Dana Bullard, who works with innovative programs for the Mississippi Department of Education; Matthew Harrison, executive director at Grenada County Economic Development District; and Rocky Valadez, Vice President of Engagement for Project Lead the Way.

The panel was moderated by Sherry Worsham, Director of School Engagement for PLTW in Mississippi and Alabama, who was instrumental in bringing together the different groups, including representatives from the Tennessee Valley Authority, Novipax, and Entergy.

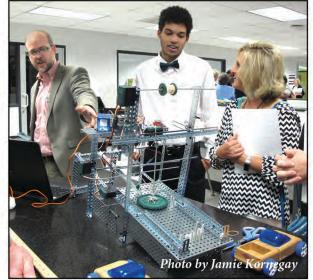
"The idea was to pull people together and look at our common resources to see how we can improve the community," Worsham said. "It starts with education. We wanted to make sure people know what Dr. Daigneault has made possible here. The only way to truly know is to have people go into the schools and see for themselves."

Dr. Bullard from MDE praised the leadership and community involvement in Grenada. "This small community is a great example for even the big communities in the state because of community support," she said.

With the innovative programs at GSD showing success, Dr. Daigneault said the district's next focus is solidifying industry partners. "Our end goal is to create a place for students to move back, to have a job, and lift the standard for everyone in this community," he said.

Rocky Valadez had already heard that Grenada's program was a benchmark PLTW school, and he was interested to see how the national program worked. "What makes Grenada different is there's already a sense that they're on the path," he said. "The students here are going to continue to push their educators for more. The educators are going to push the administration and local community for more. I think they sky's the limit for Grenada Schools."

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GHS Class of 2018



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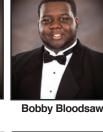


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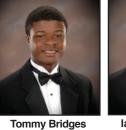
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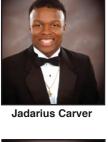
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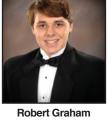
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Kaila White



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Araya Williams



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Alumni Spotlight - Dr. Ernie Hughes



By Jamie Kornegay GSD Reporter

Grenada native Dr. Ernie Hughes (Class of 1984) has spent his career advancing through the ranks of collegiate administration, often requiring him to pack up and move his family. Whenever he arrives in a new town, he searches for three things: a Baptist church, the local Rotary Club, and a runners group.

"Wherever I go," says Hughes, "I can become ingratiated into the community within six months based on my associations through church, Rotary, and running."

Hughes currently heads his own consulting firm, E. Hughes and Associates, helping churches and non-profits fundraise and develop their organization. Knowing how to navigate through society and form alliances, he says, have been key to his success.

His ultimate goal is to become a college president, and early on he learned what was required to achieve that. He earned the appropriate degrees — a degree in business and finance, as well a master's degree in marketing from Mississippi State University, and a PhD in human resources from LSU — as well as attended leadership seminars and joined various boards. He has learned how to network, and how to use his strong leadership skills to earn trust and responsibility.

One of his most cherished inspirational quotes he adapted from Stephen Covey. "Begin with the end in mind." And that's how it started for him in Grenada.

Hughes recalls his high school job at

Piggly Wiggly, where he first heard the maxim, "The customer is always right."

"My boss, Mr. Bowers, always made us dress professionally and taught us that our customers will talk about this business," Hughes says. "They could hurt us or give us more positive publicity than all the ads we could hope to buy. I still use that philosophy today."

At Grenada High School, Hughes fell under the influence of several teachers who challenged his thinking, including counselor Charles Smedley and Bobby Knight, who organized the Upper Bounds Club.

But the organization that really changed his life, he says, was led by Martha Cofer. "In

class one day, Mrs. Cofer assigned me the task of passing out supplies. She noticed how I kept track of everything, who had what, and after class she asked me, 'Have you ever thought about DECA?' And that started a conversation."

Grenada High's DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) chapter is still thriving and continues to teach students valuable business and leadership skills. Hughes joined the club and moved up in the ranks, serving as district vice president and winning the chapter's Outstanding DECA Student award.

"Of all the plaques and the awards I've accumulated over my professional life, I still cherish the DECA club's Person of the Year award," Hughes says. "I keep the award right here on my desk."

The values he learned in DECA student government, and from his mentors pushed Hughes to excel in future pursuits. After his senior year, he joined the Army National Guard where he graduated first in his training group. He went on to earn his degrees at MSU and took his first job in education at Southern University in Baton Rouge, where he worked his way up from community development specialist to an executive in fund-raising.

From Louisiana, his next job took him all the way up the Mississippi River to Minnesota's Winona State University, "where you could walk across the river in winter." Most recently he moved to Atlanta to work with Morehouse School of Medicine before starting his own firm last summer.

Drive and determination, he says, make all the difference. Throughout

his career, he's had many opportunities to travel and visit schools in various African countries. "The difference I see in the students here and there is striking," he says. "The students there, even if they attend class in the humblest shack, with only two pieces of paper to write on, they have a strong desire to succeed. I come back and tell students here, you live in the most advanced country in the world. If you develop the drive and form networks with people, you'll be amazed how you can navigate through this system."

Dr. Hughes has been married to his wife Deadra for 26 years. They have three kids, Troy (24), Doyon (22), and Kaylen (17). He returns to Grenada to visit family — brothers Homer and Oliver Hughes, as well as sisters Clara Lumas, Janie Williams, and Betty Salley — and has shared his inspiration with the

community on more than one occasion.

He came back to GHS as graduation speaker in 2001 and was instrumental in bringing Andrew Young — former Atlanta mayor, Georgia congressman, and Civil Rights leader — to speak to students at Grenada High School in 2015.

These days, if Dr. Hughes in town, you may see him running up Highway 8. An avid runner, he participates in marathons all over and finds it keeps him mentally and physically in top condition.

Running has also proven to be an apt metaphor for his life, and he's adapted the principles of running a successful marathon to life. "I'll probably never win the marathon, but I'll beat the person in front of me and just keep doing that," he says. "Ultimately, of course, the race clock runs out. Wherever you finish, you know that you ran your best race."

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Worsham said the showcase has already started a broader conversation and expected to hear exciting developments in the weeks and months to come.

One such opportunity arrived the next week in response to the showcase. Raymond Liberto of MedStat EMS and Allen Green of Holmes Community College paid a visit to Sherry Cook's biomedical class to show them EKG and blood pressure measurements.

"When I saw the students, I thought they'd be able to advance in our EMT class," said Green. "A senior taking this course could finish in May and then go straight to work on an ambulance crew. For kids with aspirations to go to medical school, this is a great place to start."

GSD Band Fundraiser



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GHS Boys Track



(front I to r) Devonne Wilson, Fredarion Eskridge, Jasper Williams, Dontavious Shipp, Deon House, (middle I to r) Jaylen Townes, Isaac Horton, Demarquese Gibson, Alex Seeden, Mykel Yates, Zion Lee (back I to r) Kashun Williams, Jamarius Robinson, Trajerrion Brown, Jordan Harris, Jadarius Steen, Javarious Boclair

Coker Chosen as Mississippi School Nurse of the Year



During the 25th Annual Mississippi School Nurse Association (MSNA) Conference on April 12, 2018, Grenada Middle District nurse Stephanie Coker was awarded Mississippi School Nurse of the Year. Nurse Coker is based at Grenada Middle School, where she provides nursing care and education for students and staff

Nurse Coker was first chosen by her peers in the North Region as North Mississippi School Nurse of the Year in last October. Each regional School Nurse of the Year was required to submit a narrative describing their professional activities, leadership and volunteer activities in community organizations or programs, and their personal contributions to nursing throughout their career. One of the 464 school nurses in Mississippi is chosen as Mississippi's School Nurse of the Year.

Coker's honor marks the second year in a row that a nurse from Grenada School District has won this state award. Grenada Elementary 4th and 5th grade nurse Kim Holland was named Mississippi School Nurse of the Year in 2017.

While working at Grenada Middle School and part-time as a private duty nurse, Nurse Coker is a Certified Asthma Educator, Certified Basic Life Support Instructor, a member of the Mississippi Tobacco-Free Coalition of Grenada, Yalobusha, and Calhoun Counties, Generation FREE Youth Sponsor, Elevate Youth Today Board Member, member of Southside Church of Christ, and an active member of the Grenada Middle School PTO. She is also a member of the Mississippi School Nurse Association, National Association of School Nurses, Mississippi Nurses Association, and American Nurses Association. Nurse Coker serves as Publicity Chair for MSNA.

She will be attending the National Association of School Nurses Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado, in 2019 as a representative of Mississippi.

21st Century Celebrates Successful Year





The 21st Century tutoring and skills program celebrated the accomplishments of students who attended classes for the year with pizza parties. Students with perfect attendance for each program had their names entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card. (Photo top) GMS Jayden Willis (center) congratulated by

21st Century Program Director Lynne Russell (left) and GMS Assistant Principal Barry Rogers (right). (Photo bottom) The GHS winner was Lula Henderson (center) congratulated by 21st Century Program Director Lynne Russell (left) and GHS Assistant Principal Emily Tindall (right).

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But this program is not just about physical training. Students also learn community service, financial responsibility, history, politics, and valuable life skills. In the past school year, students have toured military bases, met government leaders, visited NASA programs, and flown with the Hurricane Hunters of Keesler Air Force Base on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Students who commit to serve in the military branch of their choice after college will be eligible for a host of scholarships and personalliving stipends. They also qualify for higher pay grade entering the service and a host of other financial incentives. Some of Foreman's graduating seniors this year will be heading to the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and even West Point Military Academy where they'll train to serve as U.S. Army officers.

If you're looking for adventure, or even cutting-edge training and a college education, you should give some serious thought to a military career path. You're not locked into the military for life, and the opportunities can be both thrilling and affordable. Plus, it's hard to put a price on the personal structure, leadership, and discipline you'll receive as part of Grenada High's NJROTC.

Another way to earn a degree with minimal financial investment is to score a 20 or above on your ACT and qualify for free tuition at Holmes

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Community College. Grenada has its own affiliate campus just down the street from the high school. Go in with determination, keep your grades high, and with a 3.5 GPA, you could enroll in the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. Students who maintain good grades may become eligible to advance to a university such as Delta State — where full scholarships have been offered to top PTK students — and up to \$2K a semester at other regional four-year universities like Ole Miss and Mississippi State.

Holmes' career tech programs offer one- to two-year certification in jobs from forestry, computer programming, maintenance technology, engineering, heating and cooling, nursing, physical therapy, and business.

Their partnership with the University of Mississippi gives students an opportunity for a transfer scholarship. After two years at Holmes, they can attend Ole Miss classes on the same Grenada campus and take junior and senior level classes to earn their BA in elementary education, criminal justice, general business, or general studies.

So those are three ways any type of student
— as long as they have the will and are ready to
work hard — can leave Grenada High School
with a plan for the future and the momentum to
succeed.



GSD Golf Team



(front I to r) Eli Black, Hunt Young (middle I to r) Brooke Thomas, Gracie Willis, Presley Caldwell, Elora Clark, (back I to r) Coach Blake Powell, Webb Roberts, Connor McCullough, Carl Dalton, Dalton Moore, and Cody Jefferson

2018 Superintendent's Breakfast

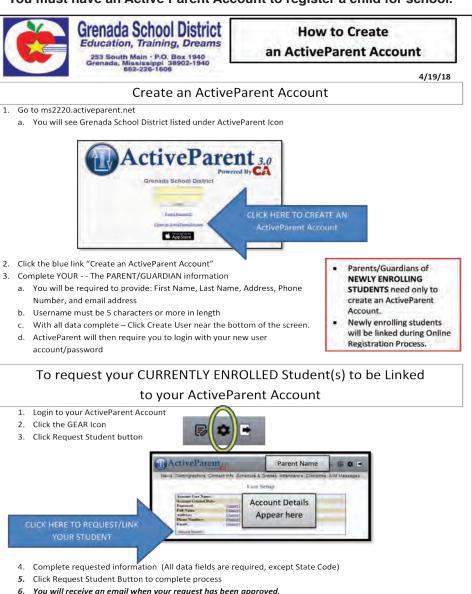
The annual Superintendent's Breakfast at Grenada School District honors the school's topscoring students who have maintained a grade point average of 90 or above in each subject. These students represent eight percent of the district's total student body. (Photo left) Grenada Elementary students (I. to r.) Marcus Mallett, Luke Viner, and Olivia Lee, posing with Superintendent Dr. David Daigneault, were four of many young scholars rewarded at the Grenada Elementary "Red Top" breakfast. (Photo right, I to r). Grenada Middle School student Peyton Willoughby, GES "Green Top" student Alyssa Duke, and GHS student Anna James pose with Dr. Daigneault at the 3-12 Superintendent's Breakfast in the high school cafeteria.

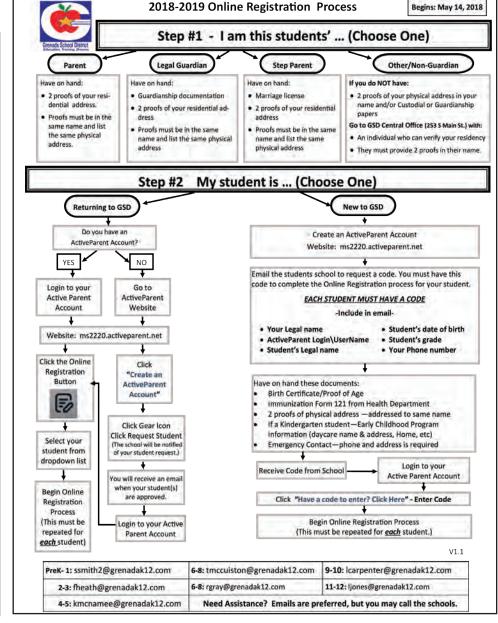




GSD Registration

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GHS Tennis



(front I to r) Madison Martin, Kailey Dorris, Lindsey Griffin, (middle I to r) Tia Topps, Heidi Clark, Naomi Wise, Carson Lollar, Molly Love, Kristian Bell, Allie Holland, Victoria Wilson, (back I to r) Arlon Wise, Tanner Vance, Ben Brasher, Russ Reid, Austin Moore, Bratton Willoughby, Webb Roberts, and Micah Williams

AmeriCorps Director

As a Grenada School District Ameri-Corps member, Shirlesha West has been dedicated to following the AmeriCorps pledge of "Getting Things Done!" Her focus has been tutoring 19 GES K-1 students and serving as team leader.

West is a member of Washington Street Church of Christ and is a graduate of Grenada High School. She attended Holmes Community College, where she majored in social work.

As program director, I have been inspired by West's dedication to her students and service in spite of her personal challenges. I love her resilience and strength to keep moving forward. She has the true spirit of AmeriCorps.

"I've been impacted by the program in so many ways," says West. "I've become more social, understanding, and committed to the children and my peers."

West says she has also been impacted by the students in many ways. "I've learned the importance of helping others and to look beyond self. My students have helped me to become more patient and have helped me to develop skills to handle students with discipline issues."

West plans to return to school in the fall to complete her degree in social

Her advice to future AmeriCorp members is "to get plenty of rest, be profes-



sional, and pray daily.'

AmeriCorps engages men and women of all ages and background in service to support their communities. AmeriCorps is good for you and your community, so get involved.

The Grenada School District Ameri-Corps Program is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 program

For more information about the Grenada School District AmeriCorps Program, contact program director Gwen Woodson at gwoodson@grenadak12.com or visit my.americorps.gov to create an account and apply.

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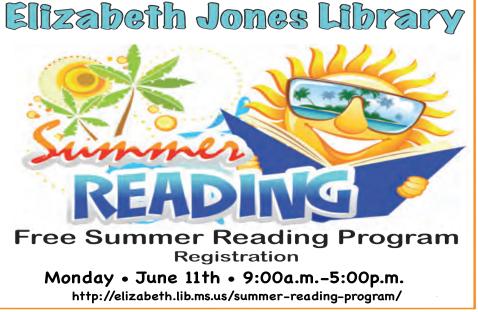
Students from the Grenada Career and Technical Center Teacher Academy Class and Health Science Class listened as Cynthia Ables (Holmes Recruiter) and Jessica Coker-Hughes (Associate Director of Admissions University of Mississippi Grenada Campus) spoke about the programs they offered at the local campus. (front I to r) Anada Small, Macayla Cummings, (back I to r) Tonea Berry, Kylie Haile, Cynthia Ables, Jessica Coker-Hughes, and Marquitte Booker



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GHS Boys and Girls Power Lifting



(front I to r) Ryan Pickle, Markus Ivy, Jacob Dickson, Tyler Hardwick, and Jalen Stokes, (middle I to r) Christopher Caldwell, Trace Harlow, and Phillip Cook, (back) Christian Willis



(front I to r) Shelby Moorman, Kaitlin Gammage, (second row I to r) Ty Williams, Jada Ivy, Paige Brown, Ky'Nija Robinson, Lakeshia Harbin, and Adison Bell; (back I to r) Mrs. Sidney Samples, Hailey Hoop, Kyra Edwards, Shaquala Norman and Mrs. Loretta Lawson

Career Clusters



Students, the following is a list of things you could/should do to start getting ready for college. Even though you'll need your family's help, support, or even permission for some of them, it's your responsibility. Your parents can take you places or tell you to do things, but you have to see the value for it to do any good. You have to be interested in and involved in the process.

- Read, read, read! No matter how much you read, how well or how fast you read now, you should strive to increase and improve in each area. Read the newspaper, books, magazines ... whatever interests you. Be careful not to go cross-eyed doing it (and get permission), but use the Internet to find other stuff that interests you. Even reading about motorcycles, collectible dolls, sports, politics, and horses will help you read about history or science or math. The faster you are able to read and comprehend material, the easier school will be, and the better you'll do on college admission tests.
- Take school seriously. Work hard, learn as much as you can (this isn't necessarily the same thing as getting good grades), and do your homework even when you don't have to. Know that the better you do in school and the more you learn, the easier it will be when you get to high school and when you go to college.
- Keep track of your activities such as job experiences, extracurricular activities, club participation, offices held, and volunteer experiences. Write down dates, amount of time expended, and describe experiences. All this information can

be used later for a college resume. The process of building the college resume will be so much easier if you have the data recorded.

- Get a job. Do this to make extra money and show your work ethic. It will also help develop a network of people who may be able to give you a recommendation letter later on. Think about putting some money aside in your own college account. With your family's permission and assistance, you could think about starting your own business! You could rake leaves, shovel snow, cut grass, babysit, tutor, walk dogs, etc. Talk to friends and neighbors and put up flyers around the neighborhood to generate customers. Based on those customers, go to the bank to borrow money for any necessary equipment (lawnmower, tools, dog biscuits, etc.). Call the state tax commission to see how much money you can make before you have to pay taxes. All of that will look awesome on your resume.
- Talk to your parents/family about you going to college. Ask if they went to college, and where. Talk to them about what they did in college studying, sports, classes, leadership, fun, etc. If they didn't go to college, ask why (money was probably part of the reason). Tell them you want to go to college and ask how you can work together to pay for it.
- Think about careers/majors/jobs you might be interested in. Research them on the Internet (use the occupational outlook handbook www.bls.gov/oco), and by talking to or interviewing someone who does what you're interested in doing. If possible, volunteer or get a job doing something related. Look for summer

camps that relate to what you're interested in doing, or a camp that will help you look at different careers – colleges often host these.

- Get involved in extracurricular activities. If you're not already, join clubs related to your interests, participate in sports, learn a musical instrument, take up a hobby, get active in student council or church youth activities. Run for a school office or volunteer to coordinate an event or project. Build on what you start now throughout your middle school, junior high and high school years. Try out different types of activities or stay with the same things for years.
- Volunteer your time to help people in your community. Interact with your fellow townspeople, whether it's with the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, your school or church group, or with your family. Whether it's cleaning up along the highway or delivering meals to shut-ins, serving a holiday meal, or spending time with senior citizens, you'll be helping other people and making yourself feel good in the process. Both extracurricular activities and volunteerism are highly valued by college admission committees, scholarship committees, and employers.
- Spend time on college campuses. Go to events there when you can. Tell your family you'd like to go see what a college campus is like, and go do it. You probably won't want to go on the organized campus tour (but you could if you're interested and they'll let younger students go), and may just want to wander around campus to get a feel for what it's like. Call (or have a parent call) the admissions office to see what areas

of campus are open to the public, and go visit. Try to plan extra time when visiting another town where there is a college, or going on vacation for this purpose. You'll start to understand what facilities colleges usually have, and get a feel for differences between different types of schools, and start to form opinions about what you like and don't like.

For parents:

- Help college become a part of your kid's consciousness, part of their goals, part of their life plan, and part of their future. Talking about it, showing it to them, and helping them experience parts of college will make it more likely that they'll go when they get older.
- Save, save, save! If you haven't started, it's not too late. If you have started, consider saving more. You are the foundation of your student's college finances, and money saved today (regardless how much or how little) is easier on you than it will be when they're in college. Even \$500 saved over time is \$500 you won't have to come up with or \$500 your child won't have to borrow in college and pay back later in life. Also, talk to them about their responsibility to pay for a portion of their college expenses and help them plan for it.
- Check out the Mississippi Affordable Savings Program. This state college savings program has added three investment options that will enable Mississippi parents to make a plan for their children's college expenses. The tax advantages can make the process more affordable and part of your overall funding strategy. https://www.ms529.com



Summer Programs at GSD



(photo left)
Madelin Holliday
(left) and Keelin
Bender participate in
outdoor activities at
last year's reading
camp for Grenada
Elementary 4th and
5th graders.

Kornegay says she plans on teaching every weekday throughout the summer with morning and afternoon classes on alternating days. For questions or reservations, email kkornegay@grenadak12.com

"Green Top" Reading, Math, and Science Camps

After the success of last summer's camps for 4th and 5th graders, Grenada Elementary's "Green Top" is offering extended, five-day camps for students in reading, math, and science.

The reading camp will be held June 11-15. Students will read and discuss the novel *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies. Students who love reading will enjoy the discussion and the many handson activities that relate to the book.

The combined math and science camp will be held June 18-22. This session plays off the novel read by the reading campers, and students will design their own lemonade stand with business plans and a *Shark Tank*-style sales pitch.

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By Jamie Kornegay GSD Reporter

Summer school is held throughout the month of June for students who need to make up credit in grades 3-12. But that's not the only thing going on at Grenada School District this summer. Here's a look at what's happening this summer at GSD:

Pre-K Summer School

Four-year-old students already enrolled or coming into the Grenada Elementary Pre-K program are eligible for day-long summer school from early June to the end of July. The program started last year and has proven useful for keeping young students up to speed on newly learned skills. The teachers incorporate plenty of fun summer activities such as water play and dress-up days.

"Red Top" Fitness Classes

The Grenada Elementary School "Red Top" building offers fitness classes open to school district employees as well as parents and community members. Both classes include minimal fees to cover expenses.

Assistant Principal Dawn Walls holds aerobics classes year-round and will continue throughout the summer at 3:45 on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons. Her high-energy classes include boot camp exercises, step aerobics, and weight-lifting.

A new addition to the afternoon fitness schedule at the Red Top is Kelly Kornegay's yoga classes, which meet Mondays in the Kidzeum and Wednesdays and Fridays in the library. The certified yoga instructor helps students achieve strength and calmness, no matter their body type, and students have been amazed by the increased flexibility.

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GSD Regional Science Fair Winners



GES Red Top Regional Science Fair winners are (front I to r) Inorganic Chemistry - 2nd place - Halle Holcomb; Inorganic Chemistry - 3rd place - Marcus Mallett; Microbiology - 4th place - Allye Carollo; Microbiology - 5th place - Jayla Gholston; Organic Chemistry - 5th place - Hailey Hayward; (back I to r) Computer Science and Math - 3rd place - Tanner Wilbourn; Engineering - 3rd place- Savannah Melton; Computer Science and Math - 4th place - Jennah Winter.



GES Green Top Regional Science Fair winners are (front I to r) Organic Chemistry - 3rd place - Cali Grace Rupp; Behavioral & Social Sciences - 1st place - Mary Taylour Wilbourn; Botany - 3rd place - Trista Yates; Earth & Environmental Sciences - 4th place - Rylee Ryals; Engineering - 2nd place - Seth Dorroh.



GMS Regional Science Fair winners are (front I to r) Medicine & Health - 5th place- Blair Johnson; Organic Chemistry - 4th place - Lillie Brown; Inorganic Chemistry- 2nd place - Angela Reeves; Robotics & Intelligence Design - 2nd place - Alyssa Smitherman; (back I to r) Inorganic Chemistry - 1st place - William Sykes; Biochemistry- 2nd place - Sophia Kornegay; Organic Chemistry - 5th palce - Ethan Klink; Behavioral & Social Sciences - 4th place Jay Patel; Engineering - 3rd place - Walker Staten; Engineering - 4th place - Dalton Elliott.



Shanna Melton; Botany- 1st place - Abby Williams; Inorganic Chemistry - 5th place - Takiyah Booker; Robotics & Intelligent Design - 1st place - Elizabeth Gustafson; (back I to r) Computer Science & Math - 2nd place - Calop Brown and Olivia Pollan; Robotics & Intelligent Design - 1st place - Joseph Easley; Organic Chemistry - 2nd place - Braden Waugh; and Organic Chemistry - 1st place- Joshua Lott. Not pictured Inorganic Chemistry - 6th place - Carnell Farmer; Organic Chemistry - 1st place - Ethan Brasher; Computer Science & Math - 6th place - Alison Holland and Savannah Murphree; and Robotics & Intelligent Design - 1st place - Colton Gray

GCTC Students Earn NCCER Certification



GCTC Director Joey Carpenter presented GCTC students Chris Kyzar, John Poole, Nathanial Perry, Nathan McCullough, Daniel Fike, Austin Beach, and Joshua Lott,with NCCER (National Center for Construction Education and Research) Certificates.



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Grenada Middle School Students of the Month



Sixth grade Students of the Month for April are (front I to r) Cayden Mitchell, Jackson Staten, Anthony Carollo, (back I to r) Assistant Principal Jamie Harrison, Chris McCrary, Chandler Jolly, Maci Kent, and Diamond Woodall. Not pictured: Calyx Spencer



Seventh Grade Students of the Month for April are (front I to r) Emma Brasher, Zakevion Spearman, Olivia Fulgham, Briella Simmons, (back I to r) Assistant Principal Jamie Harrison, Reid Cannon, Antonio Purnell, and Dajnea Antoine.



Eight Grade Students of the Month for April are (front I to r) Angelica Thrash, Stanesha Dubard, (back I to r) Assistant Principal Jamie Harrison, Lauren Brogan, Chris Booker, Teekeo Conley. Not pictured: Ryan Jennings

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They'll learn budgeting and marketing as well as converting measurements and science experiments with lemons. The goal is to create an actual working lemonade stand in the community.

The camps will be held 9 a.m. to noon each day. The sessions are \$25 each or \$40 for both and open to entering 4th and 5th graders. (Wait list applications will be accepted for entering 6th graders.) The deadline for registration is Friday, May 25, and completed applications should be returned to the Green Top office.

21st Century Skills

Grenada School District, through its 21st CCLC Grant for middle and high

schoolers, will offer free skills classes for students in grades 6-12. The daily classes will be held June 4-29, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Skills classes include Podcasting/Music Production, Photoshop/Media Design, Pottery/Ceramics, Urban Agriculture/Archery, Building Trades (Grades 9-12 only), Automotive/Welding (Grades 9-12 only), and Culinary Arts (Grades 9-12 only). All classes will include free snacks and bus transportation to school and back home. Space is limited, so parents should contact the middle or high principal, or call the Parent Center at 227-3370.





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Driver's Ed

Coach Montgomery's Summer Driver's Education classes start May 29 and will be held through June 11 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. each week day. The 30-hour course includes driver simulator training and six hour on the road. Students must be at least 15 years old to be eligible and should have their permit or license before the scheduled driving dates. In addition to driving skills, students will learn how to change a flat, use jumper cables, the importance of insurance, and other practical driving knowledge. The cost for the class is \$215, due upon registration at the high school office.

Camps & Practices

The high school football team will meet Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings for most of the summer, and the cheerleading squad meets for most of the summer as well. Visions Showchoir Camp is scheduled for June 4-8 in the GMS gym. The camp helps orient new members and allows time to choreograph and design their competition show. The Grenada Band will host its summer band camp to learn the fall season's halftime show. Color guard and percussion meet July 16-20, and the full band meets July 23-27. The directors were tight-lipped about this year's halftime show, details of which will be revealed to parents and students on Tuesday, May 8.

GHS Girls Track

(front I to r) Peyton Trotter, Ny'Lasia Randle, Ti'Ericka Reece, Jamya Harris, Kiarra Clemons, Prashauda West, Shikira Brown, Tania Young (back I to r) Aliyah Elliott, Hailey Tompkins, Serina Tompkins, Janay Noel, Tyeshia Mays, Deanna Townes, and Shaquala Norman



