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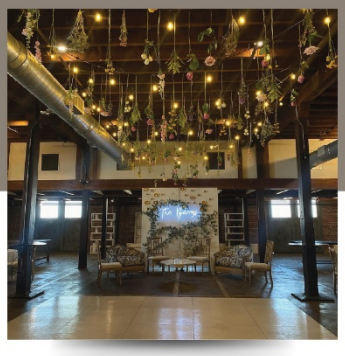
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March 24, 2026

Dear Valued Community Partners,

On behalf of Jackson Public Schools, I extend my sincere appreciation for your continued support and partnership. Your commitment to our scholars, families, and staff makes a lasting difference across our district. Through your generosity, collaboration, and shared dedication to educational excellence, you help create opportunities that inspire achievement and open doors for the future.

This year, our theme reminds us that We Are All In This Together. This message reflects the strength of our partnerships and the collective responsibility we share in shaping every scholar's success. Your investment of time, resources, and expertise demonstrates what is possible when a community unites around a common purpose.

As we move forward, we invite you to continue standing with us—expanding opportunities, deepening collaboration, and strengthening the foundation for scholar success. Together, we will continue to build brighter futures and advance excellence throughout our schools.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey.

With sincere appreciation,

Errick L. Greene, Ed.D.
Superintendent
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March 24, 2026

Greetings to Our Incredible Community Partners,

What a joy it is to celebrate YOU! It is indeed a true honor and joy to welcome you to this year's Highlight Awards celebration. Today we gather not only to recognize excellence, but to celebrate the strength of partnerships and the incredible impact we create when we stand together with one purpose and one vision. When we link arms, we multiply impact. When we share responsibility, we strengthen our results. When we move together, we transform communities.

Our theme, *"We're All in This Together,"* is more than a statement. It is the foundation of our success and the spirit that fuels our mission that states, "We develop scholars through world-class learning experiences to attain an exceptional knowledge base, critical and relevant skill sets, and the necessary dispositions for great success." As Helen Keller wisely said, *"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."* Those words reflect exactly what your partnership represents. Together, we are building stronger systems of support, expanding opportunities and creating brighter futures for our scholars and educators

Each community partner plays a vital role in advancing our work. Your contributions are both seen and deeply valued, whether through volunteer service, mentorship, advocacy, in-kind donations, financial support, program collaboration, or showing up consistently when it matters most,. You have invested invaluable resources driven from your belief that our future generation is better, in partnership with a caring and consistent community.

Thank you for your steadfast commitment to our mission and for walking alongside us in this important work. Your unwavering collaboration and consistent support demonstrate each day that when we stand together, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

We are grateful. We are inspired. And we are proud to continue this journey…together.

Gratefully,

Thea Thomas-Faulkner, Director
Jackson Public Schools
Partners in Education

2025 - 2026
Highlight Awards Program

Mr. Jeff Rent, Program Guide
President and CEO, Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership

Welcome	Pastor Kevin Reid CityHeart Church
	Thea T. Faulkner, Director Partners in Education, JPS
Greetings	Errick L. Greene, Ed.D., Superintendent Jackson Public Schools
Greetings	Mayor John Hohrn City of Jackson
Vocal Performance	Landon Price Murrah High School, class of 2026
Invocation	Dr. CJ Rhodes, Pastor Mt. Helm Baptist Church

Breakfast is Served

Prepared and served by JPS Child Nutrition Department, Special Events division
Sponsored by Southern Farm Bureau and Keesler Federal Credit Union

Music by Wells Performing Arts Center
High School Quartet, Ms. Tammy Luke, Instrumental Music Teacher

Community Partners Recognitions	Ms. Faulkner
PIE Anniversary Awards	Mr. Rent and Ms. Faulkner
The Rising Award Recognition	Ms. Faulkner
Campus Contacts Recognitions	Ms. Faulkner
Closing Remarks	Mr. Rent
Benediction	Bradley Dean Blake, D. Min; Ph.D., Assistant Principal, Forest Hill HS, Worship Leader, Adult Education Minister, Meadowbrook Church of Christ

Adopt-A-School
Anniversary Awards
2025 - 2026

45 Years

Green Elementary School and MINACT, Inc.

25 Years

Pecan Park Elementary School and National Coalition of 100 Black Women Inc.

20 Years

Pecan Park Elementary School and Koinonia Baptist Church

15 Years

Capital City Alternative School and
Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Isable Elementary School and Walmart Vision Center (South Jackson)

Spann Elementary School and Raising Cane # 30

Kirksey Middle School and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, (Alpha Epsilon Lambda Chapter)

10 Years

Isable Elementary School and JSU Metro Jackson Community Prevention Coalition

Blackburn Middle School and JSU Department of Community Engagement

5 Years

Clausell Elementary School and Fairfield Missionary Baptist Church

North Jackson Elementary School and Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Thank You!

to our Campus Contacts

Your commitment to cultivating partnerships is vital to the success of the Jackson Public Schools Adopt-a-School Program!

HIGH SCHOOL

Crystal Collier-Hill
Callaway High

Dr. Brad Blake
Forest Hill High

Deboria Turner
Jim Hill High

Rosaline McCoy
Lanier Jr. Sr. High

Lisa Truss
Murrah High

Katory Walker Williams
Provine High

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Melissa Jones
Bailey APAC Middle

Rekesha Gholar
Blackburn Laboratory Middle

Shacoby Bailey
Cardozo Middle

Dr. Nzinger Harper
Kirksey Middle

Kim Bracey
Northwest Jackson IB Middle

Kimberli Canada-Jackson
Peeples Middle

Dr. Stacey Jones
Powell Middle

Erica Paige
Powell Middle

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Jennifer Barrett
Bates Elementary

Rolundra Brock Jackson
Boyd Elementary

Allanakiesh Vance
Casey Elementary

Stephanie Hamilton
Clausell Elementary

Jarret Benson
Galloway Elementary

Stephanie Lakes
Green Elementary

Leslie Duvernay
Isable Elementary

Erica Frazier
John Hopkins Elementary

Avis Lloyd
Johnson Elementary

Andrew Garner
Key Elementary

Dr. Latrisha Dean
McLeod Elementary

Ashley Rogers
McWillie Elementary

Regina Carpenter
North Jackson Elementary

James Atkinson
Oak Forest Elementary

Tamela Orelus
Obama Magnet IB

Dr. Temeka Griffin
Pecan Park Elementary

Shanieca Adams
Shirley Elementary

Kristen Powell
Spann Elementary

Vicky Frazier
Timberlawn Elementary

Denise Thaggard
Walton Elementary

Joseph Frost
Wells PAC

LaChrista Johnson
Wilkins Elementary

SPECIALTY SCHOOL

Chanda Rhodes
Capital City Alternative

Travita Horton
Medgar and Myrlie Evers Career Development Center

Michelle Catchings
Fast Track

Verneatha Corey
Jackson Middle College

Felisha Burton
JPS Early College High

Rebecca Allen
REAP

Varranda Love
Van Winkle Elementary

Verneatha Corey
JPS Virtual High School

School Adopters
2025 – 2026

Bates Elementary
Southern Farm Bureau
Bailey APAC
Currently seeking an adopter

Blackburn Laboratory Middle
BankPlus
MS Reading Clinic
Word of Life Church
Pecan Tree Park Neighborhood Assn.
JSU Dept. of Community Engagement

Boyd Elementary
BankPlus
Fresh Start Christian Church

Callaway High
Currently seeking an adopter

Capital City Alternative School
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Cardozo Middle
Boys and Girls Club (Sykes)

Medgar and Myrlie Evers
Career Development Center
Atmos Energy
Jackson Federal Credit Union
Visit Jackson

Casey Elementary
BankPlus, Atkins Road Branch
Cooke, Douglass, Farr, Lemons, Ltd.
Covenant Presbyterian Church
KPMG Consultants
Greater Eastover Neighborhood Foundation

Clausell Elementary
Greater Mt. Bethel Church of Christ
Holiness Fairfield Missionary Baptist Church
Visit Jackson

F.A.S.T Track
Currently seeking an adopter

Forest Hill High
Jacobs Engineering
Country Woods Church
Apostolic Restoration Ministry
Association of South Jackson Neighborhood

Galloway Elementary
Wells Memorial Methodist Church
Jackson Medical Mall Foundation

Green Elementary
MINACT, Inc.
New Hope Baptist Church, Men's Ministry
Jackson State Hinds Alumni Chapter
Mind of a Champion
Keep Jackson Beautiful, Inc.
Judge Tabitha Britton Porter

Isable Elementary
Jackson (MS) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
Mount Nebo Baptist Church
Morrison Heights Baptist Church
Walmart Vision Center, Hwy 18
Greater St. James Missionary Baptist Church
JSU Department of Community Engagement
JSU Metro Jackson Community Prevention Coalition
Domino's Pizza (Jefferson Street)
Order of Eastern Stars

Jackson Middle College
Rotary Club of the Jackson Medical Mall

Jim Hill High
BankPlus
Metro Jackson Prevention Coalition

John Hopkins Elementary
City of Jackson Fire Department

Johnson Elementary
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Beta Alpha Chapter
Brooks W. Stewart VFW Post 9832
Progressive Baptist Church

JPS-Tougaloo Early College Program
Story Financial Partners

Key Elementary
WJTV News Channel 12
US Silica Company
Jackson Area Federal Credit Union

Kirksey Middle
City Heart Church
Anderson United Methodist Church
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Alpha Epsilon Lambda Chapter

Lanier Jr. Sr. High
100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc.
Cherry Grove Missionary Baptist Church
Lanier High School National Alumni Association
Progressive Baptist Church
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Beta Alpha Chapter
Cadence Bank
UMMC Teen Clinic
Marion Counseling

School Adopters
2025 – 2026

McLeod Elementary
Keesler Federal Credit Union
Air and Energy, Inc.
Christ United Church

McWillie Elementary
M3A Architecture, PLLC
MS State Department of Health
Trustmark National Bank

Medgar and Myrlie Evers Career Development Center
Atmos Energy
Jackson Federal Credit Union
Visit Jackson

Murrah High
Word of Life Church
Jacobs Engineering

North Jackson Elementary
Salvation Army
Entergy Nuclear
Paul Moak Subaru
Lighthouse Ministries Church
Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Northwest IB Middle
Currently seeking an adopter

Oak Forest Elementary
Jackson Medical Mall Rotary Club

Obama Magnet IB
Parent Teacher Association

Pecan Park Elementary
Irby
Koinonia Baptist Church
Word of Life Church
National Coalition of
100 Black Women Inc.

Peeples Middle
Keesler Federal Credit Union -
Boys and Girls Club

Powell Middle School
100 Black Men of Jackson
Girl Power
Morning Star Baptist Church

Provine High
United Way of the Capitol Area

REAP
Currently seeking an adopter

Shirley Elementary
Drs. Aaron and Ollye Shirley Foundation
Jackson Area Federal Credit Union
Bridging the Gap Outreach Ministries
U.S. Silica
WJTV

Spann Elementary
Northminster Baptist Church
Bellwether Baptist Church
Raising Cane's #30
Northtown Pharmacy
Balch and Bingham

Timberlawn Elementary
Currently seeking an adopter

Van Winkle Elementary
Nola Lending

Virtual High School
Rotary Club of the Jackson Medical Mall

Walton Elementary
Cade Chapel Baptist Church

Wells APAC
Currently seeking an adopter

Wilkins Elementary
Visit Jackson
Veterans Still Serving
Fondren Presbyterian Church

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School-Based Specialty Partners
2025 –2026

100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc.
A3- Artists, Advocates, and Accolades
Aldersgate United Methodist Church
Alfa Insurance - Hobb's Agency
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Beta Delta Omega Chapter
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
American Medical Recovery
Art-N-C by ArtSmithC
Atmos Energy
Attorney Gayle Sanders
BankPlus
Bee Inspired
Belhaven College
Belk Department Stores
Bottrell Insurance Company
Boys and Girls Clubs of Central MS
Brothers of Mississippi
Bully's Restaurant
Capital Area Sunset Rotary Club
Central Community Church of God
Central United Methodist Church
Choose to Grow Foundation
City Heart Church
CLS Plasma
Community Foundation of MS
Country Woods Baptist Church
Crossgates Baptist
Daughters of Destiny
Day Spring Community Church
Delta Technical College
Domino's
Downtown Rotary Club of Jackson
Eastover Foundation
Eastern Mennonite University
Eaton Aerospace
EJES Engineering
Entergy Corporation
Exxon
Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott, Jackson North
Faith 4 Life
First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS
First Commercial Bank
FLM Insurance Agency
Fondren Church
Fondren Renaissance Foundation
Federal Bureau of Investigations, Jackson Division
FOX 40 News
Girl Power
Grace City Church
Greater Bethlehem Temple
Greater Easter Neighborhood Foundation
Greater Peace International Ministries
Greener Living Real Estate, LLC
Hinds Community College
Highlands Presbyterian Church
Holiday Inn Express and Suites
Jackson Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi
Jackson Convention Complex
Jackson Preparatory School
Jackson State University
Jackson State University Trio Program
John M. and Vera Perkins Foundation
JSU Air Force ROTC
JSU College of Engineering, Science and Technology
JSU Computer Science Department
Juanita Sims Doty Foundation
Junior League of Jackson
New York Life Insurance Company
Newk's
Nucor Steel
OES Queen Makeda 699
Operation Shoestring
Paul Moak Subaru
Pear Street AME Church
PetSmart
Pine Lake Church
Pierre, Pierre LLC
Raising Canes
Rand Corporation
Refill Friday Forum
Reformed Theological Seminary

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School-Based Specialty Partners
2025 –2026

Regions Bank
Rehoboth Church
Republic Services
Spectra Energy
St. Andrews Episcopal School
T.C. Almore Lodge #242
TEC of Jackson
Terrance Carter
The Greene Family
The Institute for Southern Jewish Life
The International Community Ambassadors Network
The Juanita Sims Doty Foundation
The Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute
The Nellums Foundation
The Salvation Army
The She Project
The Trophy Shoppe
Tools for Life
Tougaloo College
Trustmark Bank
UMMC Base Pair
UMMC Schools of Dentistry, Nursing and Medicine
United Fellowship Baptist Church
Vernell Lewis, Broker
Walgreens, multiple locations
Walmart Supercenter of Jackson
Warrior Nations
We Care Church
West Jackson Lowe's
West Jackson Neighborhood Association
Williams CPA Firm, PLLC
Women for Progress of Mississippi
Word of Life Church
Youth Solutions
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter



District-Level Partnerships
2025 – 2026

100 Black Men of Jackson
Aldersgate United Methodist Church
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Epsilon Lambda Chapter
Alpha Kappa Alpha, Rho Lambda Omega
Amiable Arts Foundation
Annie E. Casey Foundation
Apostolic Restoration Ministries
Arise2Read Foundation
Atmos Energy
Baker, Donelson Law Firm
BankFirst
BankPlus, multiple locations
Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Mississippi
Brice Media
Bridging the Gap Outreach Ministries
Capital Area Sunset Rotary Club
Casey Family Programs
Century First Federal Credit Union
Central MS Realtors
Christ United Church
CityHeart Church
City of Jackson Fire Department
City of Jackson, office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter
Eaton Aerospace
Elim's Art Concepts
Fahrenheit Group
Federal Express
First Presbyterian Church
Fondren Church
Fondren Presbyterian Church
Foundation for the Midsouth
Get2College Center
Greater Pearlie Grove Baptist Church
Half Shell Oyster House
Hope Credit Union
I Be Dog Gone Food Truck
Jackson Area Federal Credit Union
Jackson Council PTA
Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health Center
Jackson Medical Mall Foundation
Jackson Medical Mall Rotary Club
Jackson State University
Jacobs Engineering
Juanita Sims Doty Foundation
Junior League of Jackson
Keesler Federal Credit Union
Kroger, I-55 North
Lanier High School Alumni Association
Lifeline Children's Services
Lowe's, Highway 18
Mac Haik Ford, Jackson
Magnolia Islamic Center, Madison
Mangia Bene Restaurant Group
Marion Counseling Services, PLLC
Mary Hudson
Mississippi Army National Guard
Mississippi Association of Educators
Mississippi Children's Museum
Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services
Morning Star Baptist Church
Morrison Heights Baptist Church
Mount Nebo Baptist Church
Mt. Helm Baptist Church
Nissan-USA
Northtown Pharmacy
Operation Hope – Huntington Bank
Parents for Public Schools, National Office
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Mu Beta Chapter
Regions Bank
Rotary Club of Jackson
Sheriff Tyree Jones
Sir Speedy Printing
Soulé coffee and bubbletea
Southern Bancorp
Southern Farm Bureau Insurance
South Jackson Association of Neighborhood
Special Olympics Mississippi
Springboard to Opportunities
St. Augustine School
St. Mark's Episcopal Church- Jackson
Story Financial Partners
Strands of Faith
Systems Company Teams
The Bean Path
The Kirkland Group
The Kellogg Foundation
The RECH Foundation
The Word Center Church
Tougaloo College Upward Bound
Trustmark Financial Services
Trustmark National Bank
Two Mississippi Museums
United Way of the Capital Area
University of Mississippi Medical Center
Veterans Still Serving
Visit Jackson
Walmart Store, Highway 18 location
We Will Go Ministries
West Central Jackson Improvement Association
West Jackson Rotary Club
Women for Progress of Mississippi
Word of Life Church
Write Way School Supplies, Inc.
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter

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PARTNERS IN EDUCATION: WHO ARE WE?

Jackson Public Schools understands that community involvement is a vital component for successful schools. JPS values participation from businesses, civic organizations, faith groups, government agencies, and individuals. Partners in Education connects financial and material contributions to meet the needs of our teachers and scholars. Below is a list of some of the ways you or your organization can volunteer or contribute to the success of Jackson Public Schools.

Volunteering

We need you. The greatest resource Jackson Mississippi has is her people! Our needs are as diverse as the skill sets within our community. Please consider sharing your time and expertise with us. JPS has an amazing blend of activities that our students are able to experience in addition traditional academics.

Community partners are needed in many ways. We all know that time is limited and a precious commodity. Can you help a few times a year (or even once) with test proctoring, postsecondary preparation for school and career, ACT test prep assistance, etc.? What about tutoring, judging the reading or science fairs, or sharing information about your career? Our annual Beautification Day is held in July of each year. Schools are asking for help to ensure each scholar feels a warm welcome for the 2026-27 school year. Consider volunteering to assist us with minor projects throughout our schools to make this happen. If you want to invest into the lives of our scholars and educators, we'll find a need that matches your expertise!

Uniforms

There is an ongoing need for new uniforms for elementary and middle school students, as well as for students attending Capital City Alternative School, which serves students in grades 5-12. JPS elementary and middle schools uniforms are navy blue or white tops and navy blue or khaki bottoms. Capital City students are restricted to white tops and khaki bottoms.

PIE Store

Teachers are one of the top assets within the district and often go above and beyond to ensure their classrooms have the resources they need. These efforts by teachers include purchasing supplies for their classrooms and helping families identify other resources to meet non-academic needs.

The goal of the PIE store is to reduce these out-of-pocket expenses by our dedicated educators. The PIE store provides an opportunity for all JPS teachers to visit the space to select needed classroom supplies-free of charge. Donations are welcomed and encouraged.

District-level Partners, School Adopters and Specialty Partners

Community organizations, faith-based groups, churches, businesses, and other local entities partner with individual schools as adopters or specialty partners. Each school principal has identified the major areas of need that can be addressed by our community partners. District level partnerships support various JPS departments, based on their interest and the department's purpose.

Parent and Family Engagement

In addition to our work with Community Engagement, Partners in Education also includes Parent and Family Engagement. Detailed information is available on the next page.

For additional information regarding partnering with our schools, or any other PIE initiative, please contact Partners in Education at (601) 960-8905.

JPS – Parent and Family Engagement Center

Jackson Public Schools' Parent and Family Engagement Center, a division of Partners in Education, provides parents with educational resources, equipment, and information to become more effective in working with their children on specific skills at home. The Center is open year-round. Services are provided to all families within the District and at participating nonpublic Title I schools at no cost.

Rooted in the district's core values of excellence, equity, collaboration, and accountability, the Center removes financial barriers, fosters meaningful family engagement, and strengthens the connection between home and school.

The program's purpose is to:

- Enable parents to enhance the learning experience of their children.
- Provide resources designed to support the social, emotional, and academic needs of the family.
- Improve student achievement by involving parents in the education of their children.

Resources for Families

Home Study Packets

These packets are designed to reinforce and support skills taught in the classroom. Parents may obtain a Student Prescription Sheet from the Parent and Family Engagement Center or on our webpage.

Parent Centers

Our Parent and Family Engagement Center offer three separate centers for elementary, middle, and high school students. Each center provides workbooks, reading material, including summer reading books, games, manipulatives, and other resources to support academic reinforcements at home.

Craft Centers

The JPS Parent and Family Engagement Craft Center is a purposeful resource designed to advance student achievement by equipping families with free, high-quality materials that support academic success and creative expression. Available to parents of JPS scholars, the center provides access to essential project supplies such as trifold boards, poster boards, construction paper, and a variety of crafting tools needed to complete school assignments and presentations with excellence.

Parent Workshops

Parents who use the center are invited to take part in scheduled meetings, workshops, and conferences. Workshops are scheduled at the Center or at the child's school, upon request.

For additional information, please contact JPS Parent Center Specialist, Keila R. Adams at 601-960-8945 or send an email to: keadams@jackson.k12.ms.us.

All hands on deck



JPS BEAUTIFICATION DAY

Friday, July17, 2026
7 a.m. to 12 noon

Volunteers Needed

Help teachers set up classrooms
Enhance school entrances
Clean up school grounds

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100 Black Men of Jackson, Jackson, MS

Elim's Art Concepts and Framing Designs, Jackson Medical Mall

The Yard Milkshake Bar, 103 Laurel Park Cove Suite D, Flowood, MS

Juanita Sims Doty Foundation, Jackson, MS