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Conference Notes
JMG: One Vision, One Voice, One Goal
The Faces of Those Who Care.
Special Thanks to our Job Specialists & Supporters
The Clyde Muse Center, located just off Interstate 20 in Pearl, is a 75,000 square-foot facility housing a multi-function auditorium/event center and classrooms.

The flat-floor auditorium seats up to 3,000 people and features a fixed stage, balcony and moveable panel walls. The classroom wing houses six classrooms/labs, two industrial start-up classrooms, faculty offices and a student lounge.

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Mr. Kenneth M. Smith serves as President and CEO of Jobs for America’s Graduates, Inc. (JAG), the nation’s largest, most consistently applied model of dropout prevention and career transition for at-risk and disadvantaged young people.

In 1979, Mr. Smith worked with Governor Pete du Pont of Delaware on the design of the first statewide test of the JAG Model, and has served as President and CEO since its inception. JAG currently serves 42,000 at-risk young people annually, in more than 900 schools in 32 states.

The non-profit JAG national Board of Directors is chaired by Governor Jack Markell of Delaware. Governors Mike Beebe of Arkansas and Mitch Daniels of Indiana serve as Vice Chairs. It includes among its 50 members seven Governors and several executives of major corporations.

In recognition of his knowledge of national employment and training issues, three Presidents have appointed Mr. Smith to national commissions. He was appointed by President Reagan as Chairman of the National Commission for Employment Policy. Designed to analyze the full range of government policy related to employment, the Commission continues with a $2 million annual appropriation and a 15-member professional staff. Mr. Smith also accepted an appointment by President Reagan to the National Advisory Council on Vocational Education, where he had previously served under appointment by President Ford. President Nixon appointed Mr. Smith as Vice Chairman of the National Advisory Council on the Education of Disadvantaged Children.

Mr. Smith is also Chairman and Chief Executive of Strategic Partnerships LLC. Strategic Partnerships LLC is a successful consulting firm founded by Mr. Smith and his wife in 1978. Strategic Partnerships is a leading domestic and international solutions practice that helps companies solve workforce development issues and assists in securing government funding to offset related costs.

Prior to founding JAG, Mr. Smith served as staff aide to President Nixon; as Director of Special Projects for the Distributive Education Clubs of America; and founder and President of 70,001 Ltd., a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping high school dropouts obtain employment. Thereafter, he served in a new post as Senior Advisor to the Governor of Delaware on all activities related to education at the secondary and postsecondary levels. During this period, he chaired the Commission of the Future of Education in Delaware and was nominated to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Delaware Technical College.

Mr. Smith serves as a Trustee of the America’s Promise Alliance, founded in 1997 with General Colin Powell as Chairman and chaired today by Alma Powell. America’s Promise is a cross-sector partnership of more than 300 corporations, nonprofits, faith-based organizations and advocacy groups that are passionate about improving lives and changing outcomes for children.

Mr. Smith holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from the School of International Science at American University. He resides with his wife in Sarasota, Florida. His daughters, Jennifer and Tara, reside in Washington, D.C. and New York City respectively, in pursuit of their careers.

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Dear Friends:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am pleased to welcome you to the 21st annual Jobs for Mississippi Graduates Career Development Conference!

Jobs for Mississippi Graduates has been impacting lives in Mississippi for the last 25 years in schools throughout the state and is currently assisting 1,100 students in 43 schools. The program is incredibly successful—more than 90 percent of participants graduate high school, and last year, more than 300 students went on to attend a four-year college. Mississippi needs more statistics like these, and I am grateful for your continued hard work and your dedication to education.

Again, welcome and best wishes for what I know will be a productive conference.

Sincerely,

Phil Bryant
Governor
March 13, 2014

Greetings Visionaries,

I wish I could be there to personally greet you, but nevertheless, on behalf of the Jobs for MS Graduates (JMG) Board of Directors, and BancorpSouth, it is an honor to welcome you to JMG’s 21st Career Development Conference! You too should feel honored to have been chosen to represent your respective grounds of academia. This year’s theme “One Vision, One Voice, One Goal” prompted me to look beyond the words and search for a meaning. Your vision must be worked into a revelation (vision) in order for you to have the right to be heard (voice) if you intend to fulfill your God given purpose (goal). My desire is for you to see yourself in the future turning every challenge into an opportunity, and turning every opportunity into an asset for your community and state. Your continued success is the best demonstration of the labor of JMG’s central office staff, and Job Specialists. JMG, your family, community, and state leaders can have a vision, a voice, and a goal for you, but until you take your rightful place to see it for yourself, find your own voice, and strive to achieve personal goals, our work will be in vain. I’m sure you don’t want to disappoint the shoulders of those you stand on, so let us be a witness to your vision, your voice, and your goal. Whether you choose post-secondary education, the armed services, or the workforce after you graduate from high school, I want you to be the visionary and the voice of your tomorrow. I believe that the context of this conference will be the launching pad for your success. Always remember that the best vision is insight, the unheard voice is yours, and the goal is not your final destination, it is just a pause in the process to fulfilling your purpose.

Enjoy your time of fellowship!

Here to serve,

Evelyn Edwards, President

Jobs for MS Graduates Board of Directors

Vice President & Southeast Region Community Reinvestment Officer

BancorpSouth Bank
March 25, 2014

Greetings Attendees,

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I welcome each of you to the Jobs for Mississippi Graduates 21st Annual Career Development Conference! The Career Development Conference is a way for us to showcase and spotlight some of the skills, talents, and abilities of the students we serve. This event is a major undertaking, but a worthwhile endeavor. The faculty, staff, and students have worked tirelessly to make the conference a reality for the 1200 plus students that we serve.

We would like to thank all who have assisted us. Our gratitude is extended to all of the corporate sponsors and vendors who have provided financial contributions as well as volunteered their time. To our state grantors, we are forever grateful. A special thanks to Mr. Shawn Boykin, center director here at the Muse Center and his industrious staff.

I challenge each of you to become immersed in the Career Development Conference as participants, spectators, judges, vendors, visitors, and students! Share a word of encouragement with our students of promise and plant seeds of greatness in each one of them. Again, welcome to our annual conference!

Sincerely,

Ramona S. Williams
Executive Director
Jobs for Mississippi Graduates
Special Recognition
Jobs for Mississippi Graduates would like to thank the following businesses for providing career education field trips & Scholarship funds for JMG students.

Field Trips:
- Nissan North America — Canton, MS
- Howard Industries — Laurel, MS
- Monsanto — Scott, MS
- Ingalls Shipbuilding — Pascagoula, MS
- Civil Rights Museums,—Memphis, TN
- Museum of Muslim Cultures, Jackson, MS

National Football Referee Association (NFRA) - Scholarship Funds

Overall Conference “Theme Winner”
Gentry High School

Congratulations to the ten (10) Job Specialists and forty (40) students attending the National Student Leadership Academy (NSLA) in Washington, D. C. November 2013

Gentry High: JS Betty Sims-Hawkins and students Primus Apoloni, De Bresha Logan, Lakeshia Draine & Tyeisha Price; Obannon High: JS Wilfred Hill and students Jessica Carter, Shaleia Sivils, Jazlyn Johnson and Jamareus Nelson; Crystal Springs High: JS Antonio Watson and students Shantasia Thomas, Alisha Harmon, Chakell Walker andKobe Toney; Canton High: JS Albertine Nash and students Chareese Smith, TreOnna Rea, Kadedria Luckett and Ashley Sanders; Simmons High: JS Janice Galloway and students Terkeevione Haggard, Teanna Wilson, DanJarius Williams and Amerria Causey; Humphreys Co. High: JS Jewelstine Sutton and students Timmy Kimber, Alexis Johnson, Monisa Stallon and Stanley Williams; Hazlehurst High: JS Kim Bozeman and students Chantraneice Anderson, Alexis Joiner, JaKela Reese and Pondalisa Washington; Amite Co. High: JS Ruth Scott and students Tandrinka Dillon, Ty’Aisha Graves, Andre Roberts and Trenton Johnson; J. J. McClain High: JS Carolyn Love and students Yasheta Morehead, Ciara Blanche, Shamal Moore and Gle’Shay Currie; Natchez High: JS Linda Bowers and students Demon Clark, Cody Ladnier, Dwight Bradshaw and Avery Jones. JMG Executive Director Ramona Williams and Program Managers, Alice Gaulden, Lucy Ferron and Dr. Pearl McDonald also attended. This was a rewarding experience for JMG students as well as staff members.
Judges Preparation & Orientation— 8:30

General Session & Special Presentations— Auditorium
9:00 am—12:00 pm

Competitive Events Room Assignments

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9:30 am ............................................................. Mr. Kimberly Morgan
                                                     Miss Mississippi 2007
9:45 am ............................................................. Minister Jerrold Greenwood
10:30 am ............................................................ Dr. Edelia J. Carthan
                                                     Jackson State University
11:00 am ............................................................ Dr. Cedrick Gray, Superintendent
                                                     Jackson Public Schools
11:30 am ............................................................ -Break for Lunch-

12:00 pm-1:00 pm Lunch & Department of Chahataimmi Social Dance Group— MBCI Traditional Dancers
CDC Activities resumes

Students should be visiting the Vendors who will be set up at various locations all day. From 1:15 pm – 2:00 pm, students who are not competing should be engaged by making their way to these various stations.

Motivational Speakers 2:00 –3:30

2:00pm-2:45pm……………………………………Mr. Tony Yarber—Motivational Speaker
2:50pm-3:25pm……………………………….Mr. Mayo Flynt, President AT&T Mississippi

Competition Ends
Dinner   -  4:00 PM—6:30

SPECIAL EVENING EVENT—
7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
JMG Talent Show—FUN  FUN  FUN !!!!!!
Students & Job Specialists
Other Special Talent
DAY 2—Money Matters & Real World
Students will attend these sessions in assigned groups

| Group 1 | 8:30 am – 9:15 am — Money Matters Introduction Session — |
| Group 1 | 9:20 am – 10:20 am — Real World Simulation Session — |
| Group 2 | 9:20 am – 10:15 am — Money Matters Introduction Session |
| Group 2 | 10:20 am – 11:15 am — Real World Simulation Session |

12:00 p.m. - 2 p.m. — Awards Luncheon …

Invocation ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………...Shantel Sayles
JMG Student, Callaway High School

Welcome ……………………………………………..Mr. Perry Washington, Moorehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia,
Former JMG Student, Gentry High School

Music………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………JMG Student

~Lunch Served~

Introduction of Keynote Speaker………………………………………………………………………………………….Cathryn Kilgore
JMG Student Riverside High School

Keynote Speaker………………………………………………………………………...…Ms. Maggie Wade, WLBT Anchorwoman

Introduction of Speaker………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..JMG Student

Inspirational Speaker ………………………………………………………..Mississippi State Senator John Horhn

~Scholarships & Awards Presentations~

Presentation of Chairman’s Awards ………………Ms. Lorraine Washington, JMG Board Member

Special Presentations & Recognition ……………………………..Attorney Ramona Williams,
JMG Executive Director

Competitive Events Winners …………………………………………………Mrs. Lucy Ferron-Franck,
JMG Program Manager

Remarks ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………....Special Guests

~Conference Evaluations~

Closing Remarks ……………………………..Attorney Ramona Williams, Executive Director

~Conference Adjourned~
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**Leflore County**
- East Elementary—Ms. Lois Scales

**Forrest County**
- N. R. Burger Middle School
  - Ms. Kimbley Stewart

**Amite County**
- 7th Graders
  - Mr. Roosevelt Tolbert
- 8th Graders
  - Ms. Alice Whitmore
Students Are Our Greatest Investment

What Makes a Great Teacher

What makes a great teacher is being kind. The teacher should also be enthusiastic when teaching... If a teacher doesn’t believe in what he or she is saying, then the students won’t either. A great teacher is also patient and cares about the students well-being.” -- Jada, 10th grade

A good teacher to me is someone who is really dedicated to his or her students. Someone who can make learning fun and someone who can be funny and focused at the same time.” -- Laurelle, 10th grade

“Being dedicated to your students, actually listening to their feedback, being creative, and, most importantly, have respect for them.” -- Toni, 10th grade

Caring Specialists change lives
Edelia "Dr. Jay" Carthan, a former teenage mom, is currently President & CEO of Carthan Enterprises, Inc., The Fabulous Life Ministries and serves as Chief of Staff at Capital City Security, Inc., one of Mississippi’s top security companies which she runs and owns with her sister, Cissye Carthan-Terry. She self published her first book last year entitled, “From Fear to Freedom: The 7 Key Elements for a Fabulous Life” which is now in 16 libraries including all 14 branches of Jackson/Hinds Libraries. Her book is featured in the Mississippi Room among writers such as Richard Wright, Eudora Welty and William Faulkner.

Dr. Jay earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Educational Technology (2000) and a Master of Science in Technology Education (2002) and recently Dr. Jay became the youngest person to receive the Doctor of Education degree (2007) in Early Childhood Education from Jackson State University. Learning of this feat, Dr. Jay was recognized with a resolution issued by Senator John Horhn and Lieutenant Governor Amy Tuck. She was also featured on the cover of the Jacksonian Magazine entitled, “Young Ph.Ds” and has appeared in over 21 television series such as HawthoRNe, House, Bones, CSI NY, Numbers, and played a reoccurring student on NBC’s Community. Dr. Jay hosts The Fabulous Life radio show on WMPR 90.1 on Tuesdays from 7pm-8pm. The purpose of her radio show is to motivate and inspire people, especially youth to live out their purpose.

Dr. Jay is very involved in her community. Currently, she is a Diamond Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Clinton (MS) Alumnae Chapter. She is a 2008 graduate of Leadership Greater Jackson Class and is a 2010 graduate of the Fannie Lou Hamer Institute on Citizenship and Democracy, and is President of the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation Childhood Obesity Project. Recently, Dr. Jay was appointed by Governor Phil Bryant to his Blue Ribbon Task Force, “Healthy Teens for a Better Mississippi” to curb the teen pregnancy rate in Mississippi. Dr. Jay founded an annual all girl Christian camp called Camp Fabulous, which empowers and inspires young girls ages 7 -17. Dr. Jay’s goal is to teach and inspire young minds throughout Mississippi, the United States, and abroad. She is a native of Tchula, Mississippi where her father Dr. Eddie James Carthan was elected the first Black Mayor. She has one son, "EJ” who is a Freshmen at Southwest Community College where he earned a full athletic scholarship.

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In 2012, Dr. Cedrick Gray was appointed Superintendent of Schools for Jackson, MS. Dr. Gray comes to Jackson Public Schools, the state’s largest public school district, well prepared to advance its education system. He has more than 15 years experience of affecting positive changes in Tennessee’s Memphis City Schools, where he functioned in a multiplicity of capacities, i.e., teacher, assistant principal, principal, and district level leader. While a principal at Craigmont Middle School, he was credited for the significant turnaround in culture and academic achievements.

He also served as a mentor principal for New Leaders, a national project created to empower administrators and principals in urban centers to better help students to excel. Dr. Gray’s contributions to the program earned him “Principal of the Year” honors. Subsequently, he was asked to lead the professional development efforts of 400 principals and assistant principals through the school district’s Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development.

Dr. Gray generated additional success when as principal of Lester PreK-8 School in Memphis, he facilitated efforts that led to 81 percent of the students on the state’s writing exam’s failing list, improving to score at proficient or advance levels. In 2010, he was appointed superintendent of schools for Fayette County, Tennessee. It didn’t take long for him to earn the title, “Agent of Educational Reform.” Under his innovative, yet bold and aggressive mantra of Focus, Commitment, Service, the Tennessee State Education Department’s 2011 Report Card reflected that high school students’ proficiency or advancement in mathematics jumped from 49 percent in 2010 to 60 percent in 2011.

Dr. Gray was born in Milwaukee, Wis., and moved to Memphis, Tenn., as a child. He attended Wooddale High in Memphis and graduated in 1989. He received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Memphis. He earned his educational specialist’s and doctorate degrees from Union University in Jackson, Tenn.

Dr. Gray’s career has been guided by his vision.

“to embody breakthrough leadership by inspiring others to see the leader in themselves.”
Jerrold S. Greenwood was born October 1, 1971 in Chicago, IL. He attended Chicago Public Schools and graduated from Christian Fenger High School (Fenger Academy), in June 1989. Immediately after graduation Jerrold left for basic training in the United States Marine Corps – served 4 years, then enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served an additional 17 years. He arrived in Jackson, Mississippi in 1997 assigned as an Army Recruiter in Jackson, MS.

Mr. Greenwood fell in love with Mississippi soon after his arrival and has been a resident for the past 16 years. During his military career he’s been on 6 combat deployments and retired with honorable distinction in 2010. Also a licensed and ordained minister, he serves as Director of Evangelism for New Jerusalem Church in Jackson, MS. Jerrold has written and produced his first of many gospel music projects entitled, “Walk In Destiny”.

He has also performed on stage with Gospel artists Donnie McClurkin, Marvin Winans, Dewayne Wood, and Donald Lawrence. He represented Mississippi as a winning contestant on the game show, Wheel of Fortune. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and is currently featured in their commercial advertisement. It is from Mississippi College that Jerrold Greenwood received a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Business Administration. In 2013 Mr. Greenwood founded the mentorship program Youth Nation, where he and others mentor, tutor, and train young people in the greater Jackson area. In 20 years as a motivational speaker, he has been afforded the opportunity to encourage and inspire young men and women all over the world, from California to New York; from the United States to Japan, Germany, China, and Haiti just to mention a few. This speaker, singer, writer, teacher, and leader is a former Chicago gang member. During his entire childhood, Jerrold grew up in and around gangs, drugs, murder, and poverty in the projects of Southside Chicago. Raised by his single-parent mother, Jo M. Robinson – along with 2 other brothers, his mother knew that faith in God and a good education were the keys to success. God has granted this now decorated veteran the privilege to reach people all over the globe and in all 54 United States and territories with a message of hope and inspiration.

Mr. Greenwood believes that there is greatest in every human being, and that success is nothing more than 24 hours away. He has helped families and individuals all over the state of Mississippi and the world realize and maximize their God-given potential.
Mayo Flynt, president of AT&T Mississippi, is one of those leaders who models respect. After graduating from the University of Mississippi, Flynt moved to Washington D.C. He said, “This move made me get out of my comfort zone.” In his very first job, there was a 75 percent annual turnover and terrible work environment. Flynt learned from this experience the value of enjoying co-workers and working with people you respect and that respect you. He shared, “That experience also taught me to make sure that you enjoy your job — you want to wake up excited to go to work.” His next job was with Sen. Thad Cochran. He noted, “Working in D.C. challenged me as an individual and exposed me to a whole new world.” He shared about Sen. Cochran, “I saw that people wanted to work for him because they saw that he was a respectful man to work for, and he treated his staffers as individuals and with thoughtfulness.” Flynt went on to work for BellSouth where his father worked for over 30 years. In January of 2007, Flynt was named president of AT&T Mississippi. In this role, he is responsible for AT&T’s operations in Mississippi including external affairs, regulatory affairs and public policy. Flynt shared, “In my role at AT&T, I try to listen and get input from my team on the challenges that we are facing as a company.” He believes that when you show respect for others by listening to their opinion then you get the best results. He also believes in not only delegating responsibility but also empowering his team with the authority to make decisions. Flynt strives to create a collaborative team environment. He learned from his mentors to be an encourager and to seek the advice of others. He said, “I was allowed to do my own thing. They didn’t necessarily tell me what to do. They would coach me through tough situations. They were supportive of my organization and my group.” Flynt’s leadership philosophy also involves the Golden Rule. He said, “I come in the office every day and treat others the same way that I want to be treated.” Flynt’s father taught him that work should be “fun, enjoyable, challenging.” He subscribes to that philosophy, and he seeks to help others enjoy what they are doing. He tells his team members, “If there is a way that I can make their job better — tell me.” Flynt also shows respect to his team members by getting out of the office and walking around to visit with them. This is a great practice for leaders. As the saying goes, “People don’t care what you know until they know that you care.” Leaders like Flynt know that they can show that they care by showing respect, listening to others, and being interested in their lives.

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Mississippi State Senator John Horhn

John Horhn, a 21-year veteran of the Mississippi Senate, has been a champion for economic development over the course of his career. Prior to being elected, his public service includes serving as a program manager for the Mississippi Arts Commission, Film Commissioner for Mississippi, State Tourism Director, and Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Federal/State Programs. Currently Chairman of the Senate Economic Development Committee, John has sponsored bills authorizing more than $700 million in projects throughout Mississippi, including in 2011 $300 million for water/sewer and street improvements for the City of Jackson, which Jackson residents will be voting on this coming Tuesday. He also championed $40 million for the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum and the Mississippi History Museum. In this year’s session, Senator Horhn’s priorities will be to secure another $4 million for the two museums, along with public safety measures for the Capital City.

John serves on numerous boards, including the Preventive Health Advisory Board, Metro Jackson Chamber of Commerce, Mississippi Museum of Art, the B. B. King Museum, and the JSU Public Policy Advisory Board, among others.

In private life, Sen. Horhn works as a business development consultant in construction, health care, and security. A member of the Screen Actors’ Guild, John is also an accomplished actor and story-teller and has appeared in several movies and made-for-television projects. Senator Horhn is married to the former Lydia Gail Cole, and they are the proud parents of two children, Siraj and Charla.

About the MBCI Traditional Dancers

Descendants of the mighty Chahta people that once dominated the Southeastern region of the United States; the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI) is a progressive Tribe thriving on self-determination and economic success in present-day Mississippi. The MBCI Traditional Dancers, or Chahta Immi Hilha Alhiha, proudly represent the Tribe as tradition bearers, demonstrating and sharing their knowledge with eager apprentices, both young and old.

The MBCI Traditional Dance group was formed in the summer of 2010 to expand awareness of the rich Choctaw heritage of song and dance. Through performance, the group offers audiences a cultural experience that inspires a new appreciation of Choctaw tradition.

The MBCI Traditional Dancers are made of twenty Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Tribal members. Performers are not professional dancers, but cultural advocates who proudly dance the steps of their ancestors. “We dance close to the ground in respect to Mother Earth and to honor the Great Spirit who made all things” Dr. Kenneth H. York, Dancer and Tribal Elder

Dances and songs performed by the group are uniquely Choctaw, unlike the commonly known Native American dances popularized in Hollywood movies. Choctaw dances are social dances that involve both men and women dancing as a unit, symbolizing their belief in solidarity as a nation; thus individuality is limited. Harmony, peace and respect for fellow Choctaws, neighboring people and for creation are seen in the dances. Ancient Choctaw war dances that manifest the Choctaw warrior spirit are also part of the group’s routine. The dance songs are ancient chants that are sung by chanters and at times accompanied by the dancers in unison or response.

The Social dances are fun to watch, at times calling for audience participation, especially in the Stealing Partners dance. The MBCI Traditional Dancers always provide a little Choctaw fun for the crowd with this one. Social Dances include the Walk Dance, Friendship Dance, House Dance, Corn Dance, Stealing Partners Dance, Jump Dance, Walk Dance and Wedding Dance.

Animals and insects have always had their place in the Choctaw way of life… Like their ancestors of centuries past the MBCI Traditional Dancers continue to show respect to the creatures of the earth and the fowls of the air with these special dances. The Animal Dances are the Duck Dance, Quail Dance, Raccoon Dance, Snake Dance, Tick Dance, Turkey Dance, and Turtle Dance.

Securing peace with others has always been an important part of Choctaw Heritage, but when war was unavoidable Choctaw Warriors prepared themselves with dances. These dances are showcased during the performances by the troupe to honor past and present warriors who have fought for their people. War Dances include the Four-Step War Dance, Slow War Dance and Fast War Dance.

In a short one year time span, the MBCI Traditional Dancers have taken their cultural performances throughout the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Louisiana. The dance group has been invited to a number of events and celebrations to perform and serve as Cultural Ambassadors for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Most notable events the Group has participated in include the Dedication Ceremony of Mississippi Country Music Trail marker for country singer, Marty Stuart; International Film Festival of Jackson, Mississippi; and the Christmas on The River Festival of Demopolis, Alabama.

Through their dedication to Choctaw heritage, the MBCI Traditional Dancers have proudly represented their Tribe and their rich culture before hundreds of people. With each performance the group’s dancers know they have educated and shared with others of all ages and nationalities what being Choctaw is all about.

“Each time we come together to dance, we are telling the world who we are… ‘Chahta Hapiya Hoke!’ in translation, ‘We are Choctaw…’ Our traditional dances allow people to see the life ways of our past and present.” Phyllis McMillan, Dance Group Coordinator
Kimberly Nicole Morgan (born February 22, 1983) is an American singer, educator, and pageant titleholder. Morgan was crowned Miss Mississippi on July 14, 2007, becoming just the second African American woman to win that title. Morgan was a Top 16 semi-finalist at the 2008 Miss America pageant. She is an alumna of Alcorn State University. Born in Oxford, Mississippi and raised in the small community of Taylor, Morgan, who grew up with a severe hearing disability, was a music teacher at Madison S. Palmer High School in Marks, Mississippi prior to her becoming Miss Mississippi. After her one year-reign she has returned to the field of education. Morgan is a graduate of Alcorn State University and was 'Miss ASU' 2004-2005.

In 2005, while a student in college, she performed as part of the Alcorn State University Concert Choir at the inaugural ceremony of President George W. Bush. She is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Morgan's platform as Miss Mississippi is G.O.T.M.I.L.K.! (Golden Opportunity Toward Music Increasing Literacy in Kids), a fifty-five minute per week after-school program of music instructions. Morgan participated in the TLC reality show Miss America: Reality Check.
Maggie is a native of Crystal Springs, Mississippi. She attended Hinds County Public Schools and is a graduate of Utica High School. An Emmy nominated News Anchor, Maggie attended Jackson State University, becoming the 89th member of her family to attend JSU. She transferred her sophomore year to Mississippi College to pursue a career in Corporate Law. But it was at MC she discovered her Ability in radio. She worked for the school radio station, WHJFT-FM, and later was hired at WJDX-MISS 103 as a radio announcer, marketing researcher and weekend news anchor. Maggie was hired at WLBT her senior year.

She has received more than 500 awards, including being recognized By the United States Congress in October, 2011 as an Angel In Adoption for her work on Wednesday's Child. She was nominated by Senator Thad Cochran. She also received the award in September, 2001, for the segment featuring foster children in the state in need of permanent homes. Through this segment 98% of the children featured have been adopted. That number currently is almost 7,000 children. Maggie was nominated by Congressman Ronnie Shows. Congressman Shows also recognized Maggie's work for children in the state on the floor of Congress. The National Association of Social Workers, Mississippi Chapter selected Maggie as their Citizen of the Year in March, 2009 for her work with Wednesday's Child. Most recently Maggie was honored as the 2009 Volunteer of the Year by Tougaloo College. In October, 2011 Maggie was also appointed to a 3 year term by Governor Haley Barbour to the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service. Most recently Maggie received the Salvation Army Lifetime Achievement Award for 2012. She is also a recipient of the Father Donald W. Lloyd Memorial Award presented in August of 2013, in recognition of Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy by the Marie R. Hoerner Foundation. She was also recognized by Catholic Charities for her support in 2012. Maggie served as an adjunct professor at Belhaven University in Jackson for almost 14 years.

She was selected Chairperson of the National Children's Study, Community Advisory Board, at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in January, 2008. The study will focus on the health, growth and environment of children in Hinds County from pregnancy to adulthood. In February, 2011, Maggie became one of 11 people in the nation to be selected by the National Institutes of Health to serve on the National Steering Committee for the National Children's Study.

The NAACP also recognized her work with Wednesday's Child in 1996. She was honored with the Service to Education Award from Jackson State University, Outstanding Career Woman from Jackson Sales and Marketing Executives, and Woman of the Year from the State Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee. She was also honored for Outstanding Community Service by the Jackson Music Awards. Maggie was recognized with the Angel in Adoption Award from Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth for 2003. Maggie was also recognized in 2007 by the Mississippi Nurses Foundation as a Friend of Nursing. She has hosted the Harmony for Health concert for the group for the last three years.

Maggie is the proud recipient of the March of Dimes 2006 Mississippi Citizen of the Year award. Maggie is the recipient of the Hinds County Human Resource Agency Medgar Evers Humanitarian Award. She was also recognized by the Girls Scouts as a Woman of Distinction, for her work with children in 2005. Maggie was honored January 23, 2007 to receive the Founders' Memorial Award presented by The Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference for her work with children. She was also recognized by the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Mu Sigma Chapter with the Image Award for her work in the Media.

Maggie has appeared in two movies. She was on the set of A Time to Kill for five days, although most of her part was edited out. She appeared as herself in the Rob Reiner film Ghosts of Mississippi.

Maggie speaks to groups all over the State of Mississippi. She serves on numerous boards, including the Salvation Army, River Oaks Hospital, and the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi. Her service awards, honors & recognitions are too numerous to list. She and her husband have two children.
Tony T. Yarber is an accomplished motivational speaker and leadership developer from Jackson, MS. A graduate of The University of Southern Mississippi and Jackson State University, Tony has obtained necessary skills, knowledge and wisdom to assist the current and future generations. Tony maintains the ability to cross generational, cultural and professional bridges to inspire, captivate and more importantly motivate students, staff and leaders. Born in Jackson, MS to Mr. and Mrs. George Yarber, Tony began preparing for his revolutionary role as a leader very early in life. A product of Jackson Public Schools and a drug infested neighborhood in Southwest Jackson, Tony is the ultimate success story and shares the keys to this success through his motivational and leadership presentations and seminars.

Tony has dedicated his entire career to fulfilling his life – long mission of impacting the lives of others through his motto, “Helping people become better today than they were yesterday”. Through dedicated service as a teacher, administrator, councilman and pastor, Tony has touched the lives of countless individuals. In addition, Tony and his wife, Rosalind (Tweet), have also impacted relationships nationwide through much sought after counseling services. By approaching relationships with firm principles and honesty that breeds open communication, Mr. and Mrs. Yarber are changing the views on relationships, and ultimately the lives of people in communities all around the world. Through his passion to see relationships reach their full potential, Tony believes the fundamental truth: “Strong Marriages breed Strong Families, Strong Families breed Strong Communities, and Strong Communities breed a Strong Nation.”

Tony’s innate ability to provide relevant, practical views on relationships, family and other life obstacles has attracted audiences from all across the nation. Through relevant teaching and practical life strategies, Tony provides encouragement and empowerment to listeners everywhere. Although his accomplishments are many, Tony still believes that the way to change lives is through education and life application.