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**MCKINLEY
HIGH SCHOOL
CONTINUES
THE LEGACY**

COUPLE DONATES \$62,000 TO MCKINLEY

Kristina and John Miremont donated \$62,000, to McKinley High School to pay off fines issued by the Louisiana High School Athletic Association, as well as buy new equipment for the student athletes. The original fine of \$40,000 was cut in half after the school appealed the action, and the order to suspend players was also overturned. The rest of the donation will be used to pay for new athletic

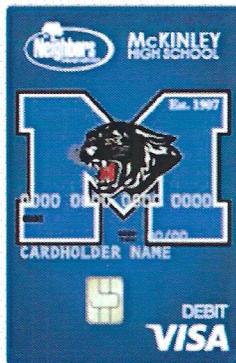


equipment and meals for the athletes. Mrs. Miremont is a graduate of McKinley, and her husband, a graduate of Catholic High School, noted that he wanted McKinley students to know someone cares about them. Their gift is a testament to the fact that Baton Rouge is a generous community and McKinley graduates pull together in difficult times.

MCKINLEY SALUTES ITS VETERANS



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every swipe!**

When McKinley was established at the turn of the century, the purpose was to educate young men and women of color to take their place alongside any other citizen of this country, in any endeavor and on any field of action. We have seen how McKinleyites have stood tall in all professions... education, law, medicine, sports and entertainment, but our graduates have also excelled in world

affairs and in service to this country. It is fitting, then in this month that celebrates Veterans Day, that we salute MCK grads, those who have served their country with the belief that democracy and freedom are ideals that should be upheld around the world. "Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it...it flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it."

The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him."

G.K. Chesterton



From the pen of the Alumni Association President,

Many have been inducted into America's fighting forces, some voluntarily and others through the draft. McKinley High School has given life and limb to the cause of keeping the United States safe. Many of these soldiers returned home from war to an America that had not changed her attitude towards people of color, yet they continued to sacrifice. If you need evidence of military leadership, and dedication to excellence, go to the Alumni Center where our director and general manager are both military retirees. We salute, applaud and treasure their bravery.

Reverend Dale Flowers, President

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Guiding you home

How many of you have stopped to reflect on the importance of an alumni association? We, the graduates of McKinley are the ones who create the reputation of this great school through our accomplishments in the world. We help to sustain the reputation through our donations and our volunteerism, and a key part of our success means keeping in touch with you.

We want you to hold McKinley and its memories close to you for all of your lives, always reflecting on what a tremendous gift we were given in being allowed to attend this greatest of high schools in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Let us all commit ourselves to live in the banner of McKinley and pledge our loyalty to our alma mater forever.

Support your Alumni Center through

- Donations, Membership
- Renting the Facility
- Volunteering at McKinley

Your Donations Support

- Educational Outreach
- Facility Upkeep
- Community Outreach

Alumni Association Board

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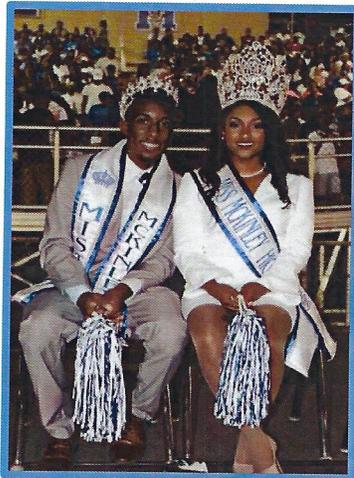
The Alumni Center Museum contains many pictures and artifacts of the school. It is still a work in progress as we continue to solicit donations of pictures or any objects of McKinley memorabilia you may have. Our hope is to continue to grow as your donations help to keep the legacy alive and strong.

In recognizing the humanity of our fellow human beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute.



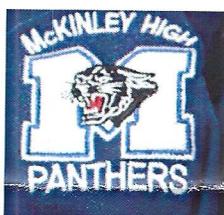
McKinley honors two of our deceased alumni, who made immeasurable contributions to this community in both medicine and education, Dorothy Lee Stevens Conrad and Dr. Willard Conrad. Mrs. Conrad received her B.S. and M. Ed from Southern University in Baton Rouge and spent 29 years as an educator, working as both a classroom and music teacher. She also served as a church musician, last serving Neely United Methodist Church. Mrs. Conrad was involved in a number of social and civic organizations as well, and her honors include Outstanding Teacher of the Year in 1978. Mrs. Conrad was married to Willard Conrad, longtime Baton Rouge pharmacist, whose store was a fixture in the South Baton Rouge Community for years. Many remember Dr. Conrad as much for his kindly medical advice as for his dispensing of medicine. We are so grateful for the time and talents of these distinguished MCK graduates.

What's Happening at McKinley?



HOMEcoming 2018

Queen Shekinah Esscott and King Malik Anderson and their Homecoming Court



Featuring
THE MICHAEL FOSTER PROJECT
 U4RIA
 N'TUNE
 Premier Live Music Experience

800 E. McKinley Street
 Football Field

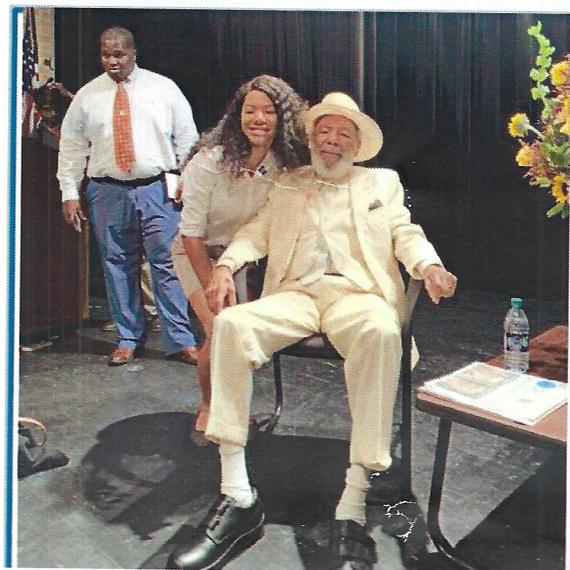
Ticket Price \$30.00
VIP Tickets \$45.00
VIP Tables of 10 \$450.00

McKinley High Students Are Invited to Hear Civil Rights Icon James Meredith

James Meredith was an important figure in the Civil Rights Movement. In 1962, he became the first African-American student admitted to the segregated University of Mississippi. Mr. Meredith was invited to speak at University High School, and at the invitation of Principal Frank Rusciano, McKinley students were invited to attend.

MCK MUSIC FESTIVAL 2018

On Saturday, November 10, McKinley High School Alumni hosted the MCK Music Fest, a concert featuring three of the best bands in town: THE MIKE FOSTER PROJECT; U4RIA and N'TUNE. All proceeds will benefit McKinley High School.



MCK Grad: LSU Homecoming Queen



McKinley alumni hail Sarah Perkins, recently crowned the 2018 LSU Homecoming Queen. A 2015 graduate of McKinley, the former Pantherette talked about her awesome days at McKinley when she paid a visit to a recent alumni meeting where she was congratulated by alumni members and McKinley principal, Esrom Pitre.

Alumni Center Raffle



Sarah Perkins draws the winners of the McKinley Alumni Raffle of two tickets to the Saints/Atlanta game and of a \$100 gift card, with Alumni member Joette Smith supervising. Proceeds go to the Harrison Lawless Scholarship Fund.



Congratulations to the winners of the Dr. Lawless Scholarship Fund Raffle; **Monica Johnson**, class of '81 winner of the \$100 Visa gift certificate and **Jamila Baba McKee**, class of '97, winner of two Saints tickets for November 22, 2018.

MCKINLEY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

(BY CLASS)

1.1964-30	14.1954-8	27.1955-5	40.1998-3	53.1937-1
2.1972-26	15.1962-8	28.1956-5	41.2000-3	54.1938-1
3.1965-14	16.1979-8	29.1958-5	42.1940-2	55.1943-1
4.1957-12	17.1945-7	30.1973-5	43.1944-2	56.1960-1
5.1966-11	18.1961-7	31.1976-5	44.1946-2	57.1988-1
6.1968-11	19.1963-7	32.1984-5	45.1947-2	58.1991-1
7.1969-11	20.1977-7	33.1997-5	46.1951-2	59.1992-1
8.1974-11	21.2001-7	34.1970-4	47.1952-2	60.1994-1
9.1981-11	22.1950-6	35.1989-4	48.1985-2	61.1996-1
10.1982-11	23.1959-6	36.1941-3	49.1987-2	62.2002-1
11.1967-10	24.1971-6	37.1948-3	50.1990-2	63.2003-1
12.1980-10	25.1999-6	38.1953-3	51.1993-2	64.2004-1
13.1986-9	26.1942-5	39.1995-3	52.2010-2	65.2015-1

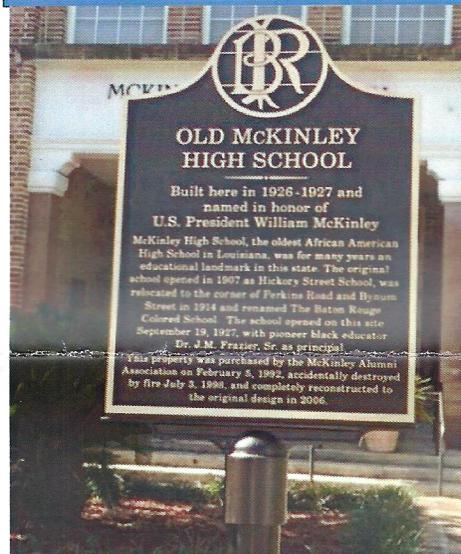
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New Alumni Center Director



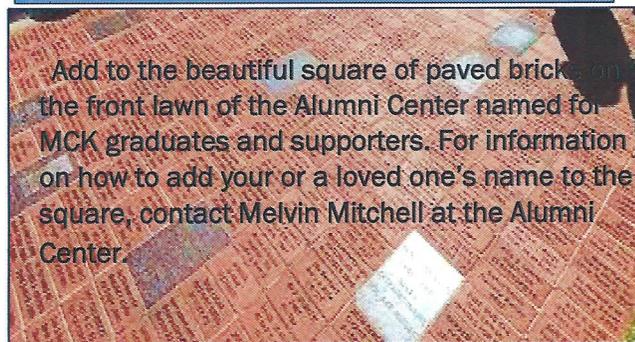
Jimmy Porter, MCK class of 1981, assumed the position of the Alumni Center Director after previous director Melvin Mitchell stepped down and assumed the position of General Manager.

Replacement Marker



The long awaited replacement for the marker that once stood on the grounds of the Alumni Center, designating it as the oldest African-American high school in Louisiana, has finally been planted on the Center's grounds. McKinley alum Cleo Fields purchased the plaque on behalf of all proud McKinley Panthers, past and present.

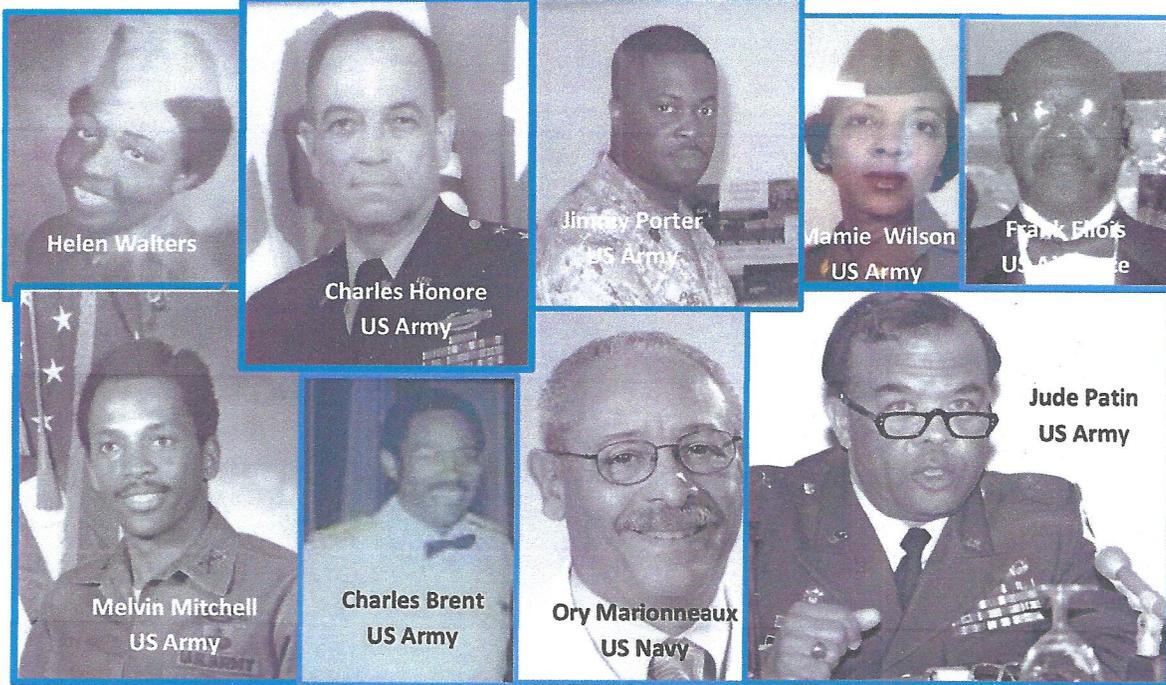
Brick Project Revival



Add to the beautiful square of paved bricks on the front lawn of the Alumni Center named for MCK graduates and supporters. For information on how to add your or a loved one's name to the square, contact Melvin Mitchell at the Alumni Center.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MILITARY LEGENDS



MILITARY LIVE WIRES: ROTC Cadets

Established in 2011, the McKinley High School ROTC currently has 90 cadets. ROTC is an elective subject that instructs students in a variety of different areas: citizenship in action, leadership skills, foundations for success, wellness and fitness, geography and map skills, community service, financial planning, etc. Under the leadership of Lt. Col. Kenneth Cople and assisted by Chief Warrant Office 3, Amanda Bradford, the ROTC Course is based upon a systematic progression of learning and builds on previous capabilities. Below are some of the "stars" of the program.



Cadet Major
Darren Holloway



Cadet 2nd Lieutenant
An'Jenea Vaughn



Cadet of the Year
Jacoby Hawkins



Cadet Major
Cira Commenia

ROTC. It's a chance to be a part of something bigger and better and do something that is going to make a difference someday.

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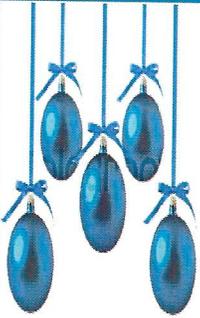


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Big
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When: 10/22/18
8:00pm-1:00 pm
Where: Marriott Hotel
5500 Hilton Av.
Tickets: \$50.00/each

Refreshments*Door Prizes*Photographers
Live Music* DJ

Call Jimmy Porter at the Alumni Center or
See Information on Alumni Facebook Page

Calling all McKinley High graduates! If you are a McKinley High graduate, but not a member of the Alumni Association, please join and keep in touch with your school and its activities. Give back to a PLACE and an IDEA that has given you so much!!! Join online at: www.mckinleyalum.org or call (225)383-4865 for an application. You may also pick up one at the Alumni Center or call the office at (225) 383-4865.

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