

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MCKINLEY?



The COVID-19 pandemic is one of the most dangerous challenges we have faced in our lifetime, and it has interrupted the predictable patterns of all our lives. The school system, in particular, has been grappling with making the school year as normal and productive as possible for our children, while knowing that a newly-discovered COVID-19 case in a school can destroy the best-laid plans. Currently, 90 % percent of MCK students are virtual, with 10 % in-person. COVID cases are down, however, and on-average McKinley has had a lower number of cases than other schools.



McKinley Senior High School Celebrates [Black History Month](#) by recognizing just a few of the noteworthy alumni that have traveled her historic hallways. The Virtual program is scheduled for 12:00, Thursday, Feb. 25, with a virtual Open House at 6:00 pm the same day.



- McKinley proudly welcomes back former graduate Malcolm Reed as the new football coach. Reed played for Mississippi Valley State University and was the running backs and tight/ends coach at St. Amant before coming to McKinley.
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- The baseball team is selling sponsorship bricks for the brick wall on the upgraded baseball field.
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- The baseball and softball games are open to the public at 25% capacity.

Alumni Association Scholarship

Attention McKinley Seniors! The Alumni Association will be awarding five \$1000 scholarships to deserving students. To apply, contact Joette Smith at 225.916.8881. Applications due, April 8, 2021.

The McKinley Royal Court 2021



Celebrates the Previous Homecoming Queens

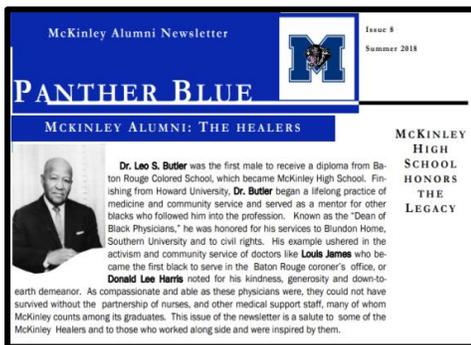


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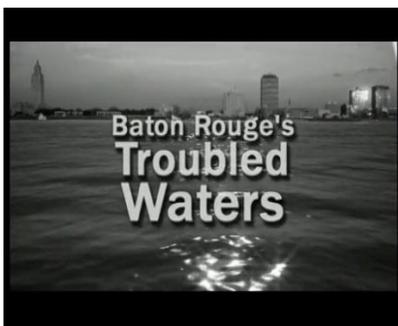
Need help preparing your taxes? Come to the Alumni Association and receive free help.

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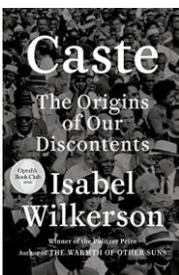
The Alumni Newsletter Staff is always looking for articles or stories about McKinley, and the achievements of her graduates. If you have a human interest story or an article you would like to have included in the newsletter, please contact the Alumni Center Director, Melvin Mitchell at 225.383.4865.

RECOMMENDATIONS: NEVER FORGET OUR HISTORY

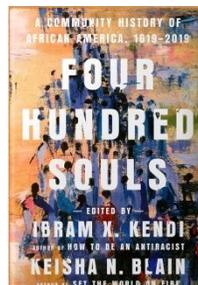


LPB produced a documentary in 2008 called *Baton Rouge's Troubled Waters* that deals with segregation in Baton Rouge and what strong-willed black leaders did to change the city. Although several years old, it is history that all residents of Baton Rouge must be reminded of. You may view it on YouTube or request a personal copy from LPB for \$25.00. It will evoke both fond and sad memories for some and remind all that a strong community must keep its eyes on its children and work for a positive future for them.

BOOKS TO ADD TO YOUR BLACK HISTORY LIBRARY



Caste, by Isabel Wilkerson asserts that beyond race, class, or other factors, there is a powerful caste system that influences people's lives and behavior and the fate of America. Sometimes painful, always powerful, you will find yourself shaking your head "Yes" at the truths of this book.



Eighty black authors and 10 black poets tell 400 years of black history, divided into five parts each. Each author in his or her own voice joins a black chorus of *400 Hundred Souls* to have a conversation about black history, beginning with 1619.

Good Exercise for the Heart: Reach out and help your neighbor.