

Students awarded scholarships during Salute to Education



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East Rankin Academy (ERA) student Aiden Boyd, senior, was awarded the Miss Laquita Steen Scholarship and the Cash Medders Scholarship. ERA student Lana Jones, junior, was awarded the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership scholarship. These scholarships and other awards were presented at the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce's Salute to Education celebration. The event is held to honor educators and students across Rankin County and to celebrate the graduation of the chamber's 2022 - 2023 leadership classes.

Harrison runs for Circuit Clerk

By Melissa Harrison

I am excited to announce my candidacy for the position of Circuit Clerk in Rankin County. As a dedicated member of this community, I believe that I have the skills and experience needed to effectively serve as your Circuit Clerk.

I have been married to Mike Harrison for 32 years and we reside in Florence. We have two wonderful sons Marshall and Maverick who both live in Rankin County. Our family owns and operates 4M Farms, LLC. My family and I are members of First Baptist Church of Florence. I am a Delta State University graduate but have also attended Mississippi State University and Belhaven College for post graduate classes and Hinds Community College.

I have been an educator for three decades, influencing and guiding our most precious asset, our children. I am currently a RCSD teacher at McLaurin High School. During my time as an educator, I have served as a high school science teacher, librarian, student tech team leader and have been a member of a multitude of committees: literacy team, teacher advisory board, DECA sponsor, science department chair, and Mississippi Professional Educators member. I also have been a MPE classroom grant recipient for two consecutive years and used the grant to purchase

the supplies needed for students to participate in the first vegetable growing season in the McLaurin High School greenhouse. I had the privilege of being awarded teacher of the year when I was a state tested biology teacher.

During my years in education, I have gained valuable insights into the needs and concerns of our community.

As an Educator I see a desperate need to introduce the local government and the importance of voting to our younger generation. After speaking with several high school graduates, I was surprised to learn they do not realize their vote matters.

I am the working face of Rankin County bringing a New Perspective to the Circuit Clerk's Office. As your Circuit Clerk, I will prioritize transparency, efficiency, and accessibility. I am committed to ensuring that the Circuit Clerk's office is accessible to all residents and implementing new technologies that streamline office procedures. I will work tirelessly to make that a reality.

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve my community as your Circuit Clerk. I believe that with my experience and passion for public service, I can make a positive difference in the lives of the residents of Rankin County. I ask for your vote and support in this election.

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