



Emma Gooch and Dottie Reed standing in the front door of their former elementary school building hoping it could be restored for community use.

DES Honor Student Lists

Davidson Elementary School released honor student lists for the first term. Students who earned all A's are listed on the Principal's List and students who earned A's and B's are listed on the Teacher's Honor Roll.

Principal's List

First grade: Ethan H. Battles, Olan Reed Blakeley, Je'la R. Buford, Marley L. Core, Malia E. Curtis, Marian C. Edwards, Brady C. Gardner, Jakailah R. Hervey, Keija D. Jones, Jacob D. Ledford, Ansley C. Melton, Kamaree L. Merritt, Tionna S. Ragland, Gavin M. Robbins, Hadley R. Sherwood, Kanaudia N. Smith, Isaac O. Stokes, Isaiah O. Stokes, Shayden R. Sykes, William C. Thomas, Aubree Tucker, Ja'yanna M. Woodard and Emma R. York.

Second grade: Emalee S. Chapman, Knox P. Golsen, Brayleigh A. Higdon, Layton E. Lee, Lucian Q. Lindsey, Alexandra K. Lyle, Adalynn M. McCluskey and Savannah N. Potts.

Third grade: Austin L. Davis, Braxton Abel Ferguson and Dariuz J. Hicks.

Fourth grade: Cooper L. Lyle and Summer Joy Pryor.

Fifth grade: Amelia Katherine Thomas.

Sixth grade: Parker R. Avant.

Teacher's Honor Roll

First grade: Bradford J. Barton, Jr., Armani M. Caldwell, Caleb R. Camp, Damarius D. Craft, Emmanuel D. Crowder, Bryant P. Curtis, Daniel J. Evtuch, II, Charlee S. Golsen, Malayjia N. Gooch, Jason K. Green, Nicholas T. Harris, Arianna G. Hattaway, Adalyn G. Johnson, Braylee D. Joyner, Tom O. Kirkpatrick, Rashad E. Kurtz, Jayceon D. Lee, Autumn Ivyunna Malone, Annabel R. Martin, Wyatt E. Tedford, Chaun J. Thomas, Raylon V. Vanwinkle, Nyomi D. Walton, Benjamin B. White, Kayden L. White and Malan A. White.

Second grade: Carson G. Boyle, Bradford A. Brooks, Fisher G. Camp, Mallie J. Gordon, Keevin D. Hicks, Hayden A. Holly, Anna F. Irby, Landon M.

Johnson, Noah K. Judson, Jaxon W. Ledford, Isabella L. Loflin, Alexis S. Lucas, Za'marion M. McCollins, Mackenzie E. Miller, Carson J. Ostrander, Anna Kate Richardson, Caleb A. Scott, Melondi G. Surrette, Rylee K. Tucker, Hunter B. Watts, Jericho S. Williams and Cullen R. Wood.

Third grade: Kerigan Nicole Buford, Cooper Bryan Burrowes, Carolyn Rose Floyd, Joslyn A. Hammond, Zachary Slade Lee, Alicia Shannon Nichols, Aaliyah D. Scott, Joy A. Walton, Jonah I. Ware and Trinity N. White.

Fourth grade: Bethany Alane Adams, Khloe Mabelle Brown, Elizabeth S. Chapman, Jaxon Kade Craven, Jesse Elizabeth Crenshaw, Corbin A. Gegenheimer, Leiton C. Griffin, James B. Harvey, Aerieyunna T. Hawkins, Kevin D. Kizer, Riley K. McCaleb, Ellissa J. Murphy, Chanyria A. Roberston, Gavin G. Rose, Timothy E. Story, Jr., Bentley M. Tucker, Cadence R. Tutor, Faith Y'Keriyia Walton, Robert L. Webb, Roxanne Alessia White, Kylan E. Wilks, Mason T. Williams and Kaylin S. Wood.

Fifth grade: Lillian J. Baxter, Kara Adalee Boyle, Caspian Pierce Coughlin, Payton Grace Darby, Adeline Jean Douglas, Taylor A. Franklin, Shane V. French, Cohen A. Hart, Eden Grace Henderson, John David Johnston, David Graham Tatum, Kaleb Anthony Vire, Jordin Michelle Wier and Makenzie Niariya Willingham.

Sixth grade: Joniyah A. Benson, Levi J. Bryant, Madison L. Bryant, Annaliese L. Coughlin, Amari K. Gooch, Jake M. Griffin, Evelyn L. Guzman, Jeremy D. Hampton, Lailah M. Harris, Robert Lee Ingram, Bayleigh E. Jaudon, Jayla E. Jones, Jaylin A. Mayes, Reynolds W. McCaleb, Logan O. McCord, Bradyn Michael Moon, Allanah Elizabeth Christine Pounds, Aaden P. Reed, Isabella M. Romberger, Jonkevin E. Shipp, Matthew C. Surrette, Parker W. Turnage, Megan T. Willingham, and Mariah E. Wilson.

Outstanding Black Women of Yalobusha County: The Project Continues From The Students Preparing To Collect The Untold Stories

Keon Burns

Upon entering Water Valley, we were embraced by the community and held so close that I honestly did not want to leave. The Water Valley community has a rich history that its members embrace and cherish with such fervor. I am ecstatic to learn more about the heart of the Black Community of Water Valley, THE BLOCK! I am so thankful to Ms. Dottie Chapman Reed for allowing me the opportunity to collaborate with the community and immortalize their history.

Cecelia Parks

I had visited Water Valley many times before going with Mrs. Reed, but our trip gave me an entirely new perspective on a familiar place. Hearing stories about attending the segregated schools or hanging out on The Block complicated both the history I thought I knew and my understanding of the changes the town is currently undergoing. I sincerely appreciate everyone we spoke with for welcoming us and taking the time to speak with us.

Michelle Bright

It was such a pleasure to visit with the members of Spring Hill North Missionary Baptist Church and Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Association and other residents of Water Valley and Yalobusha County a few weeks ago. As a nearby resident of Oxford, I've often considered moving to a smaller town because Oxford's noise and traffic and crowds get to be a bit too much for this country girl at times. During the past 20 years when I've debated with myself whether or not to move to Water Valley, I thought I'd become pretty familiar with the town and it's history. I learned Sunday, September 29, that I was terribly mistaken. It was so cool to hear stories about The Block (Martin Street), but it was sobering to realize that all I'd ever known prior to that day was the white history of Water Valley. My classmates and I are eager to listen to and help you preserve as much of the history of the African American experience in Water Valley and surrounding Yalobusha County as you are willing and able to share with us. We look forward to working with you!

Rhondalyn Peairs

Though I had not been to Water Valley frequently since I returned to Mississippi eleven years ago, my most recent visit showed me that the more things change, the more they stay the same. The main street area stands revitalized with stores, cafes and even an art gallery. Those changes are good. As we entered the first missionary baptist church, a modern building on "The Block," the past rang out in the call and response of the deacons leading worship. It instantly reminded me of the Sunday service and revivals in Black Baptist and Methodist churches throughout the state of Mississippi in my youth. The comforting, participatory and communal nature of the worship was comforting. The traditions continue and I was home.

Colton L. Babbitt

Although I have lived in Water Valley for several months now, the day we spent in Water Valley allowed me to see this town in a new way. I expected and assumed our tour would take us down Main Street, where the First Baptist Church looks down the hill at recently restored store fronts that house new boutiques and restaurants. Instead, I learned about "the block," the historic hub of the black community, and had the privilege to worship at Spring Hill M.B. Church and Mt. Moriah. I am so thankful for the welcome we received at 5th Sunday and to have met so many of my Yalobusha County neighbors. The stories I heard were better than any assumptions I could make, and I look forward to hearing and preserving them through this oral history project.

Brittany Brown

I appreciate the Water Valley and Yalobusha County communities for welcoming us with open arms. Attending church service at Spring Hill North M.B. Church and Mt. Moriah Baptist Association reminded me of my own upbringing in the Missionary Baptist Church. The tour of Water Valley, especially learning about Davidson School and The Block, made me think about my own small hometown of Quitman, MS. What stories, people, and histories are going untold? I'm looking forward to having the chance to highlight the rich history that exists in Water Valley and want to do so with honor, creativity, and integrity.

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OCTOBER 26, 2019

JAVALLEY DASH
3K RUN/WALK
WATER VALLEY, MISSISSIPPI

Run Through the City Cemetery Road... if You Dare, and Back to the Starting Line. Cost to participate is \$24

In Person Registration and Sign In 4:30-5:30 PM
Hype Up/Warm Up 5:30 PM
Race Start Time 5:45 PM

Sign up online by scanning the bar code with your smart phone camera or visit <https://bit.ly/2kSszUB>

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