

# EDUCATORS E-NEWS

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## Educators Research at State Archives During Second Annual Summer Teachers School

In June, eighteen teachers from across the state gathered at the William Winter Building in Jackson, Mississippi, to participate in the second annual Summer Teachers School at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

Holly Haimes, who teaches history at Louisville High School, said, "Spending a week in the archives, guided by helpful and insightful staff, has been a truly remarkable experience."

Participants were encouraged to research a topic that relates to the theme of the school: teaching Mississippi's complex history. Over the course of the week, teachers wrote lesson plans based on primary sources, assisted by MDAH education and reference staff.

"It was great to see teachers who had not previously had a chance to utilize our resources and fall in love with the process

of researching and using primary source documents," said John Spann, educational historian at MDAH. De'Nieceschi Layton, Director of Reference Services, said.

"I love the excitement that the teachers have when they realize that they can touch a piece of Mississippi history. Touching a document is far better than a small image in a textbook."

Over the course of the week, participants heard from speakers including Jennifer Stollman from the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation, who spoke about creating an open and trusting classroom environment, and Chauncey Spears from the Mississippi Department of Education, who covered the importance of using primary source documents in education.

Participating teachers also attended a reception on June 21, where former Mississippi governor William Winter praised teachers' dedication and urged them to continue to educate the youth of Mississippi.



Teachers spent the week examining primary source documents at the state archives. Photo courtesy of MDAH.



MDAH staff instruct teachers on how to locate and utilize primary source documents in the reading room at the state archives. Photo courtesy of MDAH.



Jennifer Stollman from the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation addresses teachers in a session on June 21. Photo courtesy of MDAH.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to explore the archives this week; I will definitely use this valuable resource in the future," said Crawford Grabowski, who teaches gifted students at Northshore Elementary School in Brandon. "Working with teachers from around the state gave me new perspectives and

new ideas to take back to the classroom."

To learn more or to apply to be a part of the Summer Teachers School in June 2017, contact the outreach programs coordinator at 601-576-6997 or [outreachprograms@mdah.ms.gov](mailto:outreachprograms@mdah.ms.gov). Summer Teachers School is supported by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. ♦

Are your students reading **The Mudcat**? Check out the latest issue at <http://www.mdah.ms.gov/new/learn/students/the-mudcat-newsletter/>



## OLD CAPITOL BOWL

Thursday, October 13  
9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Teams of five students in grades 9–12 are invited to the fifth-annual competition at the Old Capitol Museum.



### TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Mississippi history, geography, and civics
- State and federal political history and leadership
- Significant political firsts

For more information or to register, call 601-576-6920 or email [info@oldcapitolmuseum.com](mailto:info@oldcapitolmuseum.com). Registration is free. Deadline is September 9.

# Groundbreaking Mississippi Art Contest



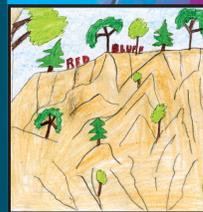
## Mississippi's Creative Spirit

Submit your original artwork depicting what you believe is the most important artist, performer, writer, musician, or creative site in Mississippi history. Winning entries will be displayed in the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum opening in December, 2017.

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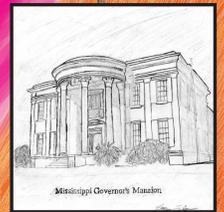
## 2015-16 Art Contest Winners



**Layla Sullivan**  
Magee Elementary School  
Magee



**Savannah Brisentine**  
H.W. Byers Middle School  
Holly Springs



**Bryan Winn**  
Children of the City  
Preparatory School  
Jackson

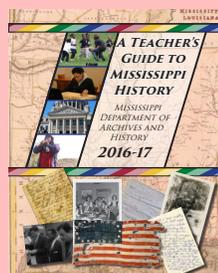
## Celebration of Christmas Trees at Historic Jefferson College

December 1, 2, 8, and 9

Bring handmade ornaments to decorate a Christmas tree. To register your class or school group contact 601-442-2901 or [info@historicjeffersoncollege.com](mailto:info@historicjeffersoncollege.com) by November 22.

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Complete information on all MDAH opportunities for students and educators.

To download your copy today, visit <http://www.mdah.ms.gov/new/learn/teachers/teachers-guide-2/>



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## MDAH Educators E-News

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# Groundbreaking Art Contest Winners Receive Recognition

Three Mississippi students received first place awards in the third annual MDAH Groundbreaking Mississippi Art Contest.

A panel of three judges selected the winners from over 400 entries. The statewide contest asked students to depict a place in Mississippi that they believed was inspiring, significant, or important and explain their choice.

Students submitted artwork inspired by iconic Mississippi buildings and locations, such as the Biloxi lighthouse, the Natchez Trace, and the State Capitol.

Magee Elementary School third grader Layla Sullivan won the lower elementary category with her drawing of Red Bluff, a canyon caused by soil erosion in Foxworth.

Savannah Brisentine, a sixth grader at H.W. Byers Middle School in Holly Springs, won the upper elementary category with her mixed media drawing of the birthplace of Ida B. Wells.

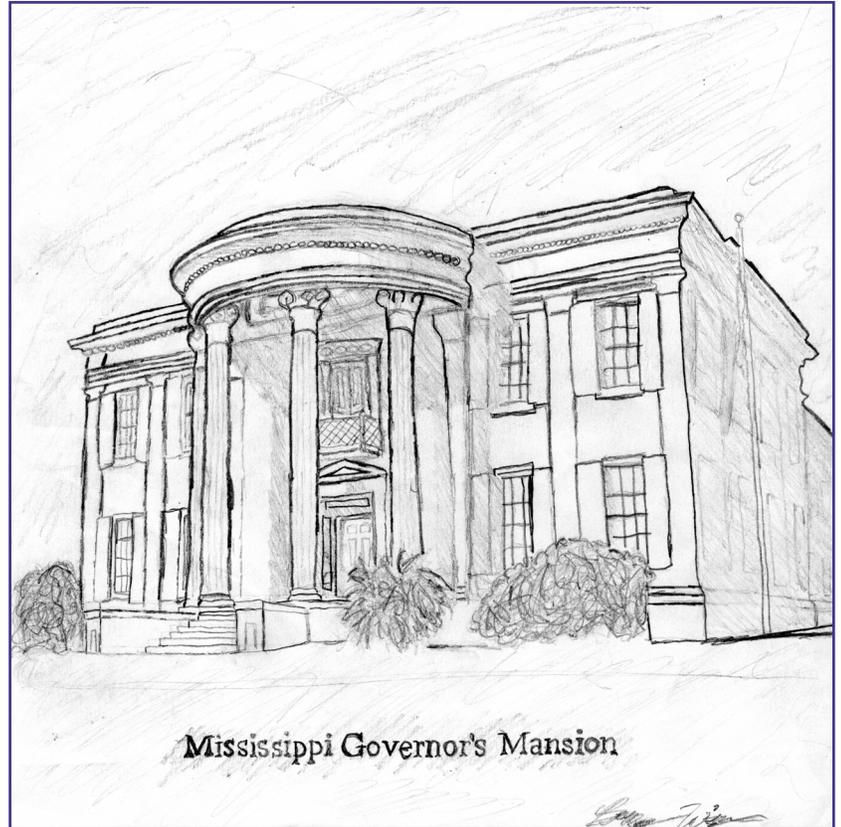
“Ms. Wells fought to end racism and brought attention to lynching,” Brisentine wrote on her contest entry form.

Artist Bryan Winn, a student at Children of the City Preparatory School in Jackson, won the secondary education category. His drawing depicts the Mississippi Governor’s Mansion in Jackson.

Along with receiving statewide recognition for winning the contest, these three artists will also have their pieces transferred to a ceramic tile and displayed at the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, which open December 2017.

In addition to awarding the three first place winners, the judges also presented several contestants with honorable mentions. One of the judges, Grady Howell, noted that it was challenging to select winners from so many excellent entries.

“It is not an easy job to be a judge, especially when overwhelmed by such talent from across the length and



Bryan Winn's entry of the Governor's Mansion won first place in the secondary education category. Photo courtesy of MDAH.

breadth of Mississippi,” said Howell, a Mississippi historian and author.

MDAH Director of Education Stacey Everett was also impressed.

“We’re thrilled about the number and quality of entries that we have received this year,” said Everett. “We’re already

looking forward to next year’s contest, which asks students to submit artwork based on the theme Mississippi’s Creative Spirit.”

For information on the 2016–2017 contest, contact 601-576-6997 or email [outreachprograms@mdah.ms.gov](mailto:outreachprograms@mdah.ms.gov). ♦



Left to right: MDAH Director of Education Stacey Everett, upper elementary winner Savannah Brisentine, grandmother Pat Brisentine, teacher Melissa Corry. Photo courtesy of MDAH.



Left to right: Magee Elementary Principal Paul Lawrence, teacher Leslie May, lower elementary category winner Layla Sullivan, MDAH Assistant Director of Education Claire Gwaltney, Vice Principal Dedria Allen, and Layla's grandmother, Vera Sullivan. Photo courtesy of Patrice Boykin.

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### Fall 2016 Calendar of Events

#### Student Days at Grand Village of the Natchez Indians

October 12–13

Join educators and students from Mississippi and Louisiana schools to learn about Native American and French Colonial history. Call 601-446-6502 or email [banderson@mdah.ms.gov](mailto:banderson@mdah.ms.gov) to learn more or to make reservations.

#### Old Capitol Bowl

Thursday, October 13  
9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Teams of five students (grades 9–12) compete in this tournament. Call 601-576-6920 or email [info@oldcapitolmuseum.com](mailto:info@oldcapitolmuseum.com) for more information or to register by September 9.

#### Native American Days at Winterville Mounds

October 26–29

Join educators and students from across the state to celebrate Native American heritage and culture. To learn more or to make reservations, call 662-334-4684.

# Fall Teachers Workshop Examines Transitional Period in Mississippi History

On November 4, MDAH will host the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Social Studies Teachers Workshop at the Old Capitol Museum in Jackson, Mississippi. The theme for this year's workshop is Mississippi Moving Forward: 1955–1979.

Throughout the day, different speaker sessions will examine this fascinating and transitional period in Mississippi history. Speakers will include civil rights activists, scientists, doctors, authors, and community leaders, who

will address topics such as the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi, agricultural advances across the state, changes in industry and development, medical discoveries, and how weather impacted the life of Mississippians in the forms of hurricanes and floods.

During the morning break, participants will get a look at the free educational materials that MDAH offers, including lesson plans, teaching units, and field trip guides.

The cost of the workshop is \$40, which includes lunch. Participants receive a .5 CEU credit from Mississippi College.

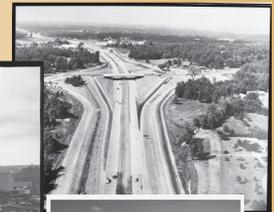
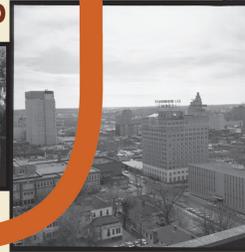
To view a complete schedule and to download registration materials, visit <http://mdah.ms.gov/new/learn/teachers/professional-development/> or contact the outreach programs coordinator at 601-576-66997 or [outreachprograms@mdah.state.gov](mailto:outreachprograms@mdah.state.gov). ◇

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Social Studies Teachers Workshop

Friday, November 4

8 a.m.–3 p.m.

Old Capitol Museum  
Jackson, Mississippi



## Mississippi Moving Forward: 1955–1979

7:30–8 a.m. Registration

8 a.m. Welcome

Lucy Allen, Museum Division Director, MDAH, Jackson

8:15–9:15 a.m. Religion in the Movement Panel

Daniel Collum, author, *Black and Catholic in the Jim Crow South*, Frankfort, Kentucky

David Miller, director of Community Engagement, Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life, Jackson

Okolo Rashid, co-founder of the International Museum of Muslim Cultures, Jackson

C.J. Rhodes, Jr., pastor, Mt. Helm Baptist Church, Jackson

9:15–10 a.m. Federal Highway Act of 1956

Michael Flood, Mississippi Department of Transportation, Jackson

10–10:30 a.m. Break

Meet with exhibitors and find out how they can help you with your classroom needs.

10:30–11:15 a.m. Witnessing Freedom through Education, the Arts, and the Land

Doris Derby, civil rights activist and photographer, Atlanta, Georgia

11:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Lunch

12:45–1:30 Speaker Sessions

(Choose one of the following concurrent sessions)

Navigating the Mississippi Sovereignty Commission Online  
David Pilcher, director of Electronic Records, MDAH, Jackson

The Effect of Weather on Mississippi History  
Mike Brown, Mississippi state climatologist, Starkville

Growth of the Indian Population in Mississippi  
Seetha Srinivasan, Director Emerita, University Press of Mississippi, Jackson

1:30–2:15 p.m. Game of Change

Kyle Veazey, author, *Champions for Change: How the Mississippi State Bulldogs and their Bold Coach Defied Segregation*, Memphis, Tennessee

2:15–3 p.m. Mississippi Medical Advances

Luke Lampton, physician and president of the Foundation for Mississippi History, Jackson