First Black Nursing Grad Receives Honor Degree

By Stacy M. Brown
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Esther McCready Foted at Maryland Graduation - Civil rights pioneer Esther McCready receives an honor degree from the University of Maryland, (Courtesy of University of Maryland)

The track was built in 1995. Over the years, since the remodel, it is no longer safe for usage, although, it is used on special events. "Austin ISD Athletics need to be constant and consistent as well as special

BET NETWORKS and AEG Announce Panelists for “Genius Talks”

Naomi Richards | The Villager Newspaper

To conclude the program, NBA star Kobe Bryant will sit down for an intimate conversation with ESPN’s Jemele Hill to reveal his successes, goals and future aspirations.

The “BET ‘Genius’ Talks” series sponsored by AT&T will take place at the Los Angeles Convention Center, adjacent to L.A. Live, on Saturday, June 27, from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

BET NETWORKS and AEG announced panelists for the 2015 “Genius Talks” series sponsored by AT&T taking place at the BET Experience @ L.A. Live presented by Coca-Cola®. Top industry icons including boxing champ Floyd Mayweather, Kobe Bryant, Janelle Monae, George Clinton and more will take part in the series of thought provoking discussions on success, personal challenges and top world issues on Saturday, June 27, 2015.

The day will kick off as Floyd Mayweather sits down to discuss the media frenzy surrounding his recent victory over Manny Pacquiao. That afternoon, actresses Gina Prince-Bythewood (Love & Basketball, Beyond The Lights), Monáe Scott Young (Love & Hip-Hop Series), Nicole Beharie (42, Sleepy Hollow), and Mara Brock Akil (The Game, Being Mary Jane) will join comedians and host of Comedy Central’s The Nightly Show, Larry Wilmore for a look at the powerhouse role of Black women in Hollywood, while fellow singer/songwriters Janelle Monae and George Clinton join to express their music industry executive Reggie Osse.

To Esther McCready, the answer is that "Austin ISD Athletics looks forward to building our relationship with the community of East Austin." Leal Anderson, Austin Independent School District, Athletic Director.

Thomas will be at Yellow Jacket Stadium from 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday through Friday, June 6th, 5th, and 4th. Come get an autographed book or just shake hands.

As with the first successful event, Thomas is looking forward to seeing our friends, alumni, community volunteers, and supporters. Thomas will engage the community for fourteen (14) hours each day, while signing autographed copies of In Pursuit of Victory.

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it isn’t deferred. She applied to the school in hopes of earning her diploma in nursing, and her application was denied,” Kirschling said before introducing McCready to a large gathering at the school’s commencement. “Never one to back down from a challenge, she agreed to let the NAACP argue her case in the Maryland courts,” Kirschling said. “Two years later, her attorney, Thurgood Marshall, was successful in the fight to get her enrolled as the first African-American student admitted to the University of Maryland’s School of Nursing.”

McCready took the stage to thunderous applause. She offered a bright smile, suggesting that she was ever grateful and proud of the honor bestowed by school officials. McCready, 84, who still lives in Baltimore, became the first African-American student to graduate from the program in 1953. “I was really elated when the dean called me and told me that the board of trustees was going to give me this award,” said McCready, who has since been hospitalized at Johns Hopkins Hospital. “It was a true surprise, and when I told the doctors here that I went to the commencement, they asked whether a family member had graduated. And, when I told them about my honor, they were so happy for me, and word traveled fast around the hospital. And the nurses here started calling me Dr. McCready.”

McCready recalled her initial experience at the school, where she had no friends and would eat alone during lunch. “But I was used to being alone as a child,” she said. She also clearly remembers the difficult time she experienced as the first black student at the School of Nursing. McCready said she still keeps in touch with two other women who attended the school when she did. “One of them lives in Pennsylvania and the other in Maryland, and one of them was telling me recently that she used to speak to me. And told her that she didn’t because she didn’t want to be ostracized,” McCready said. “I told her not to worry because I didn’t fault her because I felt it was my mission that God sent me on.”

At the graduation, which was held at Royal Farms Arena, McCready eagerly took in the sights and sounds where roughly 2,000 members of University of Maryland’s Class of 2015, graduating from its schools of dentistry, law, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, social work and its graduate school, began their journey to the future. “As I sat there at the graduation and I looked at the African-American faculty, I thought about when I went there that the only jobs for blacks were nursing aides, dietary aides and housekeeping,” McCready said. “Now the deans of the school of medicine and law are African-American. None of that was there in 1950, so to sit there was amazing.”

Kirschling said the School of Nursing now has 37 percent minority representation, 53 percent of which is African-American. She said students have gained a great deal because of the strength, perseverance and determination of McCready. “Not only were Esther’s dreams not deferred, but thanks to her courage and bravery, the dreams of so many others did not have to be either,” Kirschling said before turning to McCready. “Esther, we honor you as a civil rights icon, a transformational figure in education. You are a treasure.”
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Google Bible Electronics, Crafts, Bible Bowl, Fitness, **through Friday at 6:00 p.m.**

IN ME!” Dates are June 8th - 12th, 2015—Monday thru Friday at 6:00 p.m. 

The theme is “SHINING STAR—SEE THE JESUS IN US” from June 8th through 12th, 2015—Monday thru Friday at 6:00 p.m.  

For more information, contact the church office by calling 512478-7008, then ext. 320.  

**Juneteenth celebration with a combination of events scheduled for Sunday, June 14th**

Since the end of slavery in Texas, being two and half years behind the original birth of the Emancipation Proclamation, marks this celebration. An extra special. Events scheduled will include a forum focusing on the status and future of African Americans in Austin and the surrounding areas. 

This year’s ceremony will also include discussion of the issues related to education, healthcare, employment as well as musical and art performances by some of Austin’s outstanding talent. The event will culminate with a dance and special tribute to blues legend B.B. King. 

**Olive Branch Fellowship of Austin / All Faith Chapel**

1179 San Bernard Street, (By Parmer Lane Baptist Church building, behind Wells Fargo)

SUNDAYS 10:30 A.M., THURSDAYS 7:30 P.M.

--- Martin Luther

The Church of Pentecost

The Church of Pentecost, USA Inc., Austin offers a wide variety of opportunities for children, youth, adults to be involved in worship, spiritual growth, education, community outreach and making a tangible difference to those in need in our community. You can make a positive difference in our community, you’re a key player, your gifts, your services, and your witness.

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After the court's ruling, Apple/Samsung trial that recently concluded appears to be a minor win for Samsung. In a 2014 patent infringement lawsuit, the Federal Circuit cut Samsung's damages award from $930 million to $548 million, a less than 60 percent of the previous ruling. Worst of all, these damages were awarded to an underprivileged company that is already struggling to make ends meet. In fact, if the threat of more trolls continues, Samsung will likely be even more financially rewarding for unscrupulous patent trolls than their current practices, making our problem even worse.

As the NBC previ-
ously wrote, litigation over Samsung's infringing patents will not just be limited to damages; it could go as far as the sky is the limit. Because of the court's un- fairness, we can only hope that Congress will over-due this damaging law that has already resulted in multi-billion dollar loss of the U.S. economy. The court's ruling has the potential to give non-viable design patent trolls their due. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that we find a way to stop this kind of stuff.

Design patent litigation is going to be a minor win for Samsung, but it could be a major loss for the majority of the American economy. Though the shape is likely to be a minor win for Samsung, it could potentially affect businesses throughout the entire country. According to the court's decision, basic elements of design, such as shapes, can be patented and used as the basis for extremely costly lawsuits. Even worse, the law now holds that business owners found responsible for infringing on a design patent are also liable for profits from its sale. Though the court's ruling, Apple is now forced to pay Samsung to create something that is already patented. In a practical sense, Is a small infringement of certain design features for a product, then the sky is the limit for patent litigation.

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The abuse of debt collectors found in federal cases includes affection for debtors. Illegal and predatory behaviors can include outright lies and abusive language to outright lies. Many debtors have been paid off, or they have been forced to sue their debtors. The federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau can take advantage of the stability a longer period of time provided; expand the trade and investment tie between African countries and sub-Saharan Africa; and lay the groundwork for greater regional cooperation on the continent. We've had Africans from every walk of life here, but we've never had a fashion show on the 10th floor auditorium where they enjoyed the music of Cheick Hamal Diabaté on the 10th floor and a video presentation on the Alphadi Project, the 10th floor audito...
Walk for Justice
by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavan

Although, Austin, Texas has repeatedly elected a majority of Democrats to its City Council, there have been numerous shootings of people of color, especially of African Americans. Both African American men and women have faced the brunt of unjustified shootings from the Austin Police Department. Even though there has been documented evidence of unjustified shootings, the Democratic Party controlled City Council has failed to implement policies that would decrease the usage of deadly force. Consequently, a group of concerned citizens have decided to hold a rally to remember the victims of the APD and to also denounce police shootings of people of color. Some of the victims remembered were Nathaniel Sanders, Byron Carter Jr., and Larry Eugene Jackson. In addition, the rally also called for an end of unjustified police shootings.

After the short rally, the crowd marched in East Austin. Moreover, the crowd led by Bobby Mohammed shouted, “No Justice, No Peace!” Some attendees in the crowd had signs such as “End Police Shootings Now!” Moreover, it is important for the concerned citizens to get the elected officials to be accountable for the lack of policies that may decrease unjustified shootings.

Commemorate Juneteenth at a VIP Reception

You’re invited to celebrate freedom in honor of the 150th anniversary of Juneteenth with the Bullock Texas State History Museum. Join us for an exclusive VIP program, reception, and preview of two exhibitions featuring African American artists celebrating traditions of storytelling through art, And Still We Rise: Race, Culture and Visual Conversations and Reflections— African American Life from the Myrna Colley-Lee Collection. Reception includes a Governor’s Proclamation reading by Bill Jones, a poetry reading, and a special performance by children from the Texas Empowerment Academy.

Following the reception, stay for our exclusive party featuring the opportunity to meet and mingle with artists featured in the exhibitions, music by the W.C. Blue Blues Revue, and light refreshments in the Museum’s Grand Lobby from 6 - 8 p.m.

And Still We Rise: Race, Culture and Visual Conversations is presented by the Women of Color Quilters Network in partnership with Cincinatti Museum Center and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. RSVP at bullockjuneteenth.splashthat.com.

Liberian American Association Holds a Fundraiser for Dubuzon

Irene Jeh, Hon. Jeh B. Ziate (president) and Madam Sharon Toweh. Photo by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavan

The Liberian American Association will send money back to their native land for various community projects.

Miss Austin Plus America 2015

DeMetria Seals is Miss Austin Plus America 2015. She recently competed in the Miss Texas Plus America Pageant in Addison, Texas on May 22 – 24, 2015. DeMetria won 1st runner up in the Miss Texas Plus America Pageant. Should the current Miss Texas be unable to complete her reign, Miss Austin Plus America, DeMetria Seals, will then be crowned Miss Texas.

Cobb Runs for Travis County District Attorney

by Tsoke (Chuch) Adjavan

Garry Cobb who had previously ran for the District Attorney Office, 8 years ago is now attempting his 2nd run for this position. So, on May 28, 2015 Garry Cobb announced his intention to run for Travis County District Attorney in front of his co-workers, and other supporters. The crowd, full of supporters, gathered to hear Garry Cobb speak.

Prior to speaking, some supporters stood up to talk about the reasons why they will be supporting him. For instance, Mr. Jeff Travillion, the past president of the Black Austin Democrats “vouched” his support for his friend. Then, the president of the Austin Police Department (APD) Political Action Committee (PAC) gave a brief remark. In his remark, the president of PAC mentioned, “We were pleased to see the number of supporters that Mr. Cobb has in the community and also, plan to support him.”

Finally, Garry Cobb came to the microphone and announced his intention to run for office. Mr. Cobb’s speech stroke the balance of law enforcement with civil rights. If elected, Mr. Cobb mentioned that his, “Office will vigorously prosecute those who seek to burglarize, rape and murder members of the community.” Then Mr. Cobb stated that, “No matter one’s race or ethnicity, everyone needs a fair chance to get justice.” In addition, Garry Cobb mentioned that, “Mass incarceration policies have failed.” So, if elected Mr. Cobb will seek to be firm on the “real issues of crime” while still seeking programs for those who need “real help.”
INVITATION TO BID/PROPOSE: DPR Construction is requesting bids/proposals for certain work related to the interior fit-out of approximately 21,879 SF of space for the Visa Global IT Center project located at Research Park Plaza IV, Austin, Texas.

PROJECT: Visa Global IT Center
Bid Package: Building IV 2nd Floor Tenant Improvements
BID DATE: Thursday, June 11, 2015, 2:00 pm (CST)

DPR CONTACT:
Matthew Lockwood, Preconstruction Manager
mlockwood@dpr.com

Bid Package will be awarded on Monday, June 22, 2015.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of Robert A. Peters, Decedent, were issued on May 28, 2015, in Cause No. C-1-1505025, 5B-15-006644, pending in the Probate Court of Travis County, Texas, to: Susan Adair.

To the Creditors of Robert A. Peters, Decedent:

We, the undersigned, attorneys for the estate of Robert A. Peters, Decedent, [REPLACED NAME], do hereby publish notice to all known creditors of said decedent, together with any creditors unknown, that the estate of Robert A. Peters, Decedent, was opened for business on May 28, 2015, and the personal representative thereof, Susan Adair, is now in charge of the business of the said estate.

The estate of Robert A. Peters, Decedent, was opened on or about May 28, 2015, in Cause No. C-1-1505025, 5B-15-006644, pending in the Probate Court of Travis County, Texas, to: Susan Adair.

Any person claiming to have a demand against said decedent should, within 90 days from the date of the publication of this notice, file a petition for allowance of the claim with the Probate Court of Travis County, Texas, at 509 West 6th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, Attention: Clerk, or may, at any time during such 90 days, file a timely claim with the personal representative, Susan Adair.

June 11th, 2015, 11:00 AM (CST) at the site, 12301 Research Blvd. (Building 3), Austin, TX 78754.

The ACC Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept all or reject any and all responses and waive all formalities in the solicitation process.

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Bids/Proposals are due on Thursday June 18th before 2:00 PM (CST). Bid/Proposals may be submitted via e-mail to DPR Preconstruction Manager Matthew Lockwood at Matthew.lockwood@dpr.com; via fax at 512-484-0669, or via hand delivery to DPR’s Austin Office, located at 9600 McParland Ext., Suite 300, Austin, TX 78758. Bid/Proposal submittals will be opened by the Owner’s representative at DPR’s offices on bid day, and results will be made public after bid award. Please direct all questions about the bid/proposal and project scope to DPR Construction, Matthew Lockwood.

Preliminary Information: Scope includes complete tenant improvements for 21,879 SF of space, which includes mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire protection, fire alarm, telephone and data cabling, casework, ceramic tile, audio visual, appliances, carpet and paint.

TRADE:
• Flooring
• Painting
• Casework
• Showers, Framing & Hardware
• Glass and Glazing
• Ceramic Tile
• Wall Covering
• Toilet Accessories
• Electrical
• Mechanical
• Plumbing
• Fire Alarm
• Fire Protection
• Audio Visual
• Telecommunications/Data
• Appliances

Plan Availability: Plans will be available at all of the local area plan rooms and DPR’s Austin Office, 9600 McParland Ext., Suite 300, Austin, TX 78758. DPR Construction has file sharing site for contractors interested in electronic documents. Please contact DPR Construction for additional information, 512-343-7609 or contact Matthew Lockwood directly at Matthew.lockwood@dpr.com.

DPR Construction is an EEO Employer and all subcontractors and vendors, including primes, are encouraged to submit bids/proposals for this project. Certification must be in place with the ACC Purchasing Department prior to submission of bid/proposal. Subcontractors (not equipment vendors) are also strongly encouraged to complete DPR’s qualification process prior to the submission of a bid/proposal. Qualification is a condition of contract award.

We appreciate your bid and would like to hear from you! If you have any questions or need assistance, please call 512-974-3210 or email us at employment.services@austintexas.gov.

The City of Austin's Equal Employment Opportunity Plan is administered under the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, Austin Community College District, located at 5515 West Williamson Creek Parkway, Room 252, Austin, Texas 78746. For more information regarding current bid opportunities or Vendor Registration, please visit the ACC Purchasing website at www.austintexas.gov/smbr. Vendors are encouraged to register on-line in the City’s Vendor Self Service System. Once your company is registered, you will receive notification of current bid opportunities and be able to access information regarding current bid opportunities or Vendor Registration. Please contact the City of Austin Purchasing Office at 512-974-2570.

For information on the City of Austin’s Minority Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Program and the certification process for all possible status, please contact the Small & Minority Business Resources Office, at 512-974-7600 or visit their website at www.austintexas.gov/smb.
Tom Joyner Foundation Partnership Provides Scholarships for Future STEM Teachers

AUSTIN, TX - The Tom Joyner Foundation has partnered with Huston-Tillotson University to provide scholarships for HT students seeking careers as Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) in an effort to increase the number of STEM teachers in Texas.

Through this partnership, Austin Community College and Vantage Community College would serve as feeder schools, with students transferring to HT for their final four semesters. Eligible students would receive scholarships covering the entirety of tuition and fees. To be eligible to receive the scholarships, students must complete their first four semesters at ACC or TCC and then transfer to HT as math or biology majors. Students must maintain a 2.0 grade point average throughout their college careers, and sign agreements that upon graduation, they will apply for and accept work as a teacher in Austin or Fort Worth Independent School Districts, Dr. Ruth Kane, Chair of HT's Department of Educator Preparation, shares her excitement, saying, "This is a great opportunity for students, as well as the school districts where they will teach."

For more information, call 512.505.3091 or rakane@htu.edu. College of Education and Science, Huston-Tillotson University's mission nurtures a legacy of leadership and excellence in education, connecting knowledge, power, passion, and values. The University offers associate, master's, and doctoral degrees in addition to Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees in more than 20 areas of study. Visit Huston-Tillotson University online at www.htu.edu.

Saturday Summer Seminars at Zilker Botanical Garden

Free Seminar
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Zilker Botanical Garden
2220 Barton Springs Road, Austin, 78746
June 20 - Best Culinary Herbs for Austin

Make meals more flavorful by growing your own herbs. Mild or savory herbs are delicate while pungent herbs add punch. Master Gardener Judith Craft will talk about the best herbs to grow in the Austin area. If time allows, she will lead a walk through the herb garden at Zilker.

Judith became a Master Gardener after retiring and has been the primary volunteer in the herb garden at Zilker Botanical Garden for the past 10 years and a member of the Austin Herb Society for 25 years.

July 18 - Pond Basics – The Big, Bad and Beautiful

Come learn about the steps of building a pond in your backyard and the best tips for success. Jeannie Farrier, Austin Pond Society Board Member and 2014 President, and also a retired teacher, has had ponds for over a decade. Her most recent pond holds 10,000 gallons.

August 8 - Photography in the Garden

Learn how to take plant pictures with impact – namely composition and lighting. This seminar will begin with an overview of cameras (film & digital), lenses and composition. Course prerequisites: study the owner’s manual on your camera. Sam is a long time photographer and Master Gardener specializing in presentations on Beneficial Insects and Plant Photography. In 2009, he was selected as “Photographer of the Year” in the Travis County Master Gardener photo contest.