

Alumni & Friends Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM ALUMNI AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

January

Alumni and Friends:

Happy New Year! Welcome to another year of new and exciting things at Lane College. Every month we will highlight the success and accomplishments of Lanites and feature the current Alumni Spotlight of the Month and Young Alumni Success Stories.

If you have any news you would like to share in an upcoming issue of the Alumni and Friends Newsletter, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs.



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The Office of Alumni Affairs is pleased to announce the 2024 Miss UNCF "Under The Stars" Pageant. The Miss UNCF Pageant will occur Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in Graves Auditorium and Chapel of the Chambers-McClure Academic Center. This year's theme is "Under the Stars." The winner will represent the College at the National Alumni Conference in Jacksonville, Florida.

2024 Lane College National Alumni Conference



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE LANE COLLEGE NATIONAL ALUMNI CONFERENCE BEING HELD ON JULY 18th - 20TH IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA.



Lane College is excited to announce our 10th Annual Founder's Day Scholarship Dinner and Gala, featuring gospel legends multiple Grammy and Stellar Award-winning artists Donnie McClurkin, joined by Grammy Award-winning artist Yolanda Adams. The Gala, to be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, in the J.F. Lane Health and Physical Education Building on the Lane College campus, serves as the College's yearly premier fundraiser. Capitol City Residential Healthcare will present this event to celebrate 10 years of service in Tennessee.

We invite you to participate in this special event by being a sponsor or purchasing a table. All funds from the dinner will be used to award scholarships to the College's worthy students.

For sponsorship and table information you may click [HERE](#), or contact Lisa Peoples at 731-425-2548. Tables will go quickly on a first come basis. Get yours today!

Mail checks for payment to:

Lane College
Office of Institutional Advancement
545 Lane Avenue
Jackson, TN 38301

Get Your Giving Cord for Graduation



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR UPCOMING GRADUATION!

Members of the senior class who support "**The Class of 2024 Gift**" will be recognized for their generosity at Commencement. By Making a gift of **\$20.24**, you will receive a special giving cord to wear at Commencement and symbolize your gift to future Lanites.

As you prepare to say farewell to Lane College, you have a special opportunity to be a part of the next Senior Class Legacy. It is a tradition of giving that connects you, our newest alumni, to the next generation of students who will follow in your footsteps.

Questions about how to make your gift?

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LEAVE A 2024 CLASS
LEGACY GIFT

IN MEMORIUM



Lane Lady

Mrs. Joyce B. Johnson

Class of 1966

Sunrise: April 14, 1944

Sunset: December 20, 2023



Lane Man

Dr. Thomas Earl Polk

Class of 1975

Sunrise: December 13, 1948

Sunset: November 22, 2023



Lane Man

Mr. Frank Jerome Ward, Jr.

Class of 1966

Sunrise: September 21, 1943

Sunset: January 16, 2024

Alumnus of the Month



MR. MACKLIN GIPSON

Our Alumnus of the Month for October is Mr. Macklin Gipson. Macklin Gipson is a native of Memphis, Tennessee. Mack, as he's called, is a 2008 Lane College graduate who received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. He received a Master of Arts degree in Urban Education & Community Counseling from Norfolk State University and is presently pursuing a doctorate in Higher Education Leadership Education from Grambling State University. Mack is apart of the 2023 Lane College inaugural 20 Under 40 class. Mack is driven to excel by a passion for higher education, equity in education, and the development of students. Mack believes every person should have an opportunity to succeed in life, regardless of their background. Mack has worked in higher education for 12 years. Throughout his career, he has served in roles such as a Graduate Assistant, Hall Director, Director of Housing, Assistant Dean of Students, Director of First Year Experience, and Retention Program Manager. Mack is known to have a transformative and service leadership style and he has received numerous awards and recognition for his service as a professional and as a leader.

As of November 15th, Mack has accepted a new role as the Executive Director of University College at Mississippi Valley State University. Under his leadership, Mack will oversee offices of Developmental Studies, Retention and Student Success, Academic Advising, Upward Bound I and Upward Bound II, Student Support Services and First and Second Year Experience. He was initiated into the Beta Pi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha at Lane College in the Spring of 2006. He currently serves as the Vice President/President-Elect for the Tennessee Association of Student Success and Retention (TASSR) and he is also a member of the National Organization for Student Success. During Mack's free time, he likes to spend time with his family, travel, and hang out with his friends and fraternity brothers. Mack is married to Marquita Gipson who is a Lane College Graduate from the Class of 2010. They have a son named Arion and a dog named, Louie. Mack believes in living a purpose-driven life. Because of that, he is viewed as a mentor, big brother, and friend to many people.

YOUNG ALUMNI SUCCESS STORY SPOTLIGHT



MS. ALEXANDIRA C. CAMPBELL

Our Young Alumnus success story of the month is Ms. Alexandria C. Campbell. Alexandria was born in Memphis, Tennessee. She arrived on Lane College campus during the Fall of 2016. She graduated Magnum cum laude from Lane College with a Bachelors in Sociology in May 2020. During her tenure at Lane College, Alexandria had many opportunities to expand her learning skills not only inside the classroom but also as an assistant to nurse Alicia Moore. She also worked with Ms. Regina Anderson as a financial aid assistant. In her senior year, she served as a student employee, and Desk Worker for the Housing and Residential Life Department. "Serving as a role model in the freshman dorm and encouraging young girls to stay at Lane and see it through no matter what challenges they may face" Campbell said. Lane College helped me tremendously with that decision. The financial and Academic burden I would have may have endured may cause so much stress but nevertheless Lane took care of me through the entire transition to further my education at their sister school Alabama A&M University".

Campbell started her Masters in Social Work Program in May 2021. During her tenure at Alabama A&M, she gained 2 certifications that will help her gain a stable career. Behavioral Health Workforce Training is the program that helped Alexandria enhance her skills and professional development in the area of behavioral and integrative health. Funded by HRSA (Health Resources Services Administration), this innovative program is designed to develop and expand the behavioral health workforce serving populations across the lifespan--including rural and medically underserved areas.

Alexandria is also certified in TeleMental Health. TeleMental Health Training Certificate (THTC) is awarded to dedicated telemental health clinicians who have successfully completed this program. The THTC program provides evidence-based, advanced, and comprehensive training that prepares clinicians to offer behavioral health services while in a different location than the client through the use of technology. In January of 2022, Alexandria became a member of Phi Alpha. The purpose of Phi Alpha Honor Society is to provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideas. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work.

As of December 8, 2023, Alexandria obtained her Master of Social Work Degree with a concentration of Community Mental Health with a 4.0 GPA. Her next step in her professional journey is becoming a Licensed Masters level Social Worker in the state of Alabama.



LANE COLLEGE CELEBRATES ATHLETIC DIRECTOR DERRICK BURROUGHHS

The University of Memphis M Club, the official letter winners' organization of the university, and Memphis Athletics will welcome seven Tigers to the Hall of Fame on Saturday, February 10, 2024 in its' annual induction ceremony inside the Billy J. Murphy Athletic Complex on the Park Avenue Campus.

The class will also be presented to Tiger Nation on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024 at the men's basketball game vs. Tulane at the FedExForum.

The class of 2023 includes football's Derrick Burroughs and Glenn Rogers Jr., women's soccer's Elise Kuhar-Pitters Davis, volleyball's Amie Hamilton Sherrod, women's golf's Marissa Steen, women's basketball's Vera Webb and men's basketball's Kelly Wise.

The M Club will also present five special awards. Martha and Benjamin C. Bryant Jr. will receive the Dr. Cecil C. Humphrey's Golden Tiger Award, Bubba Luckett will receive the Billy J. Murphy Award, Jim Paulsen will receive the Ralph Hatley Silver "M" Award and Susan Blackwell will receive the Murray Armstrong Award.

Burroughs was a four-year letterman for Memphis from 1980-81 and 1983-84. In 1984, Burroughs earned First-Team All-South Independent honors, as well as the John Bramlett Defensive Player of the Year award. Burroughs finished his Tiger career with 66 total tackles.

In 1985, Burroughs was drafted by the Buffalo Bills with the 14th overall pick in the first round of the NFL Draft, which made him the fifth Tiger in school history to be drafted in the first round.

He played five years in the NFL, appearing in 58 games, making 41 starts. He finished his NFL career with 123 tackles and six interceptions for his career. He was the head football coach at Lane College for two stints in 2010-13 and 2015-19 and now serves as the Athletic Director for the Dragons.

Original story at <https://wnws.com/derrick-burroughs-lane-college-director-of-athletics-enters-university-of-memphis-m-club-hall-of-fame-feb-11/>

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Miss Lane College Pageant 2024

A Brand New Day

Featuring
Jada Brown
Miss Tennessee Volunteer 2023

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
JAN, 28	6 PM	GRAVES AUDITORIUM

545 Lane Ave, Jackson, TN
38301

LANE COLLEGE LEMOYNE-OWEN

DRAGONS VS. MAGICIANS

JANUARY 27

WOMEN: 5:30 PM | MEN 7:30PM
J.F. LANE GYMNASIUM

Join us for the Miss Lane College "A Brand New Day" Pageant Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 6 PM in Graves Auditorium.

Join Lane College Athletics for Lane College Dragons vs. Lemoyne Owen College, Magicians Saturday, January 27, 2024 in the J. F. Lane Gymnasium.

Clear Bag Policy will be strictly enforced.