

GMS Recognizes Students of the Month



6th Grade

GMS Assistant Principal Barry Rogers, Samaya Jones, Dakeyveon Dunn, Mason Pettit, Chris Golden, Jada Carpenter, Elando Hardiman, Neely Sherman, Amelia Ferguson, and Gabe Martin, not pictured, Reagan Waldo



7th Grade

GMS Assistant Principal Angela Cooley, Grayson Dale, Austyn Vaughn, Colton Lane, Haley Shaw, Paris Harville, Jamya Benson, Samaria Swims, and Cecilea Jones



8th Grade

GMS Assistant Principal Barry Rogers, Jacarla Hankins, Dominique McClain, Bailey Simmons, Janae Tellis, Kayla Byford, Ebonye Webster, Carson Lollar, Cody Jeffords, Andrew Ferguson, and Hunter Logan

AmeriCorps Member of the Month



Senior Citizen Computer Class, Summer Children Feeding Program, Elizabeth Jones Library Reading Program, Grenada High School Visions Christmas Program, Downtown Jubilee, Grenada Afterglow, Make A Difference Day, and GSD Parent Trainings.”

“One of the greatest joys I get to experience is to see the children learn, grow, and really take in what we are trying to help them with. It is really motivating,” said Bratcher. “AmeriCorps has taught me how to be more humble, appreciative and never take anything for granted. It’s an absolute blessing and honor to be a part of this wonderful program. Knowing that I am making a difference is gratifying. The joy that we bring to those in need is a joy within itself.”

“Ka’Resha has been a great asset to the program during her terms of service,” said Program Director Gwen Woodson. “I am truly grateful for her commitment to ‘Getting Things Done’ and her ability to inspire others.”

In exchange for a year of service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award of \$5,645 that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Bratcher plans to pay back her student loans using her education award.

AmeriCorps partners with The GSD Parent Resource Center assisting the GSD Parent Resource Center Director, Myra Muirhead, by facilitating parent workshops during the school year. The workshops are held every Tuesday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Adult Education Center in Room 10. Carolyn Smith, an AmeriCorps member, prepares other members to assist with each topic. A recent workshop topic was “Getting To Know Your Child.”

Other services offered by the Center are parenting videos and handbooks. There are five computers with internet access to enable students to register for ACT or FAFSA and receive help with the completion of financial aid forms. The GSD Parent Resource Center was created to give parents options to help their children succeed in their education and life. The Resource Center is open Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. For information on upcoming workshops and all other services, call 662-227-3370.

The GSD Center is made possible by the 21st Century Grant. The GSD AmeriCorps Program is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Services (CNCS) and Volunteer Mississippi.

For more information about the Grenada School District AmeriCorps Program, contact Program Director Gwen Woodson at gwoodson@grenadak12.com. For more information about AmeriCorps, visit www.americorps.gov.

By Gwen Woodson
AmeriCorps Director

Ka’Resha Bratcher is the type of person who contributes to others unselfishly, without seeking any rewards. This is one of the many reasons Bratcher is so effective in her position as a full-time AmeriCorps member with the Grenada School District AmeriCorps Program (GSDAP).

Placed at the Grenada Elementary School, Bratcher is committed to improving students’ academic achievement. The GSDAP focuses on tutoring Grenada School District k-8 students in math and reading.

The Grenada School District has hosted AmeriCorps members for the last seven years in the role of tutors. The GSDAP member is principally responsible for tutoring 45 students during the school year. There are 1,015 students involved in the tutoring program.

Bratcher attended Grenada High School where she was a member of DECA, SADD, FEA, and the prestigious Grenada Band. She also graduated from Holmes Community College and attended the University of Mississippi where she was a member of the University of Mississippi Gospel Choir.

“I joined AmeriCorps with the desire to give back to our children and citizens of the community,” said Bratcher. “I am passionate about children and very concerned about the needs of our community.”

Bratcher is married to Laderrick Bratcher. They have a four year old daughter, Alexia, and they are also expecting a son in February.

“I have been involved in many service projects throughout the community: Grenada Food Pantry, Grenada Lake Visitors Center, Thunder on Water, Balloons Over Grenada, Powell Place, Martin Luther King Jr. Day Breakfast and Parade, Lewis Johnson Senior Citizen Complex,

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Partners In Education Members



GMS hosted a Thanksgiving Luncheon to honor their adoptors. Enjoying the feast are Mississippi State Extension Service Agent Jan Walton, back, and Renasant Bank Representatives Fran Harper, left, and Kim Hawkins.

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