

GMS Entertainers Earn 2nd Place

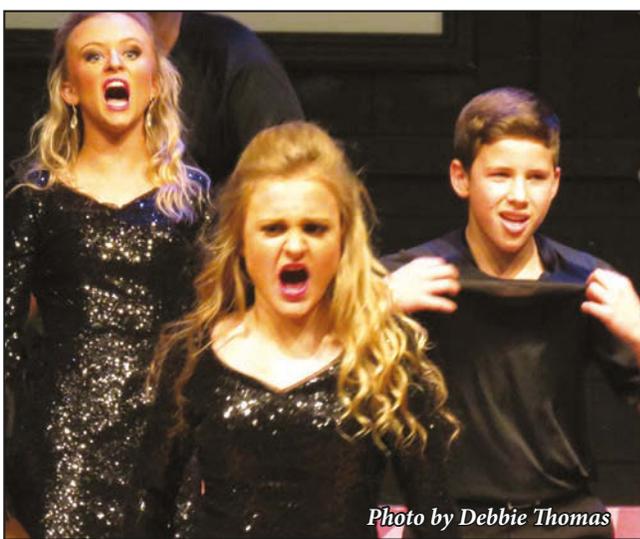


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(Photo left) (l to r) Hannah Briscoe, Abbie Jackson, and Jacob Chavis perform with the GMS Entertainers at their first show choir competition at Jackson Academy in Jackson, Mississippi. The group, under the direction of Jenni Winter, placed 2nd in their category with the show "We're All Mad Here". They travel to Petal, Mississippi, on February 24, for their next competition, performing at 8:30 p.m. (Photo right) Kayla Herrington takes center stage during one of the songs.



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(back l to r) Sadie Roberts, Allie Holland, Kristian Bell, Roy McIntosh, Hallie Kerr, (front l to r) Emily Tillman, and Brook Thomas



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(back l to r) Teekeo Conley, Zach Woodall, Eli Black, (front l to r) Jacob Chavis, and Avery Zangri



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AmeriCorps Member of the Month



By Gwen Woodson
AmeriCorps Director

"It's really been an eye-opener working with the students and being a role model," said AmeriCorps Member Masheavia Booker. She works with K-1 students daily, and is grateful for the experiences she has in the classroom. Booker, placed at the Grenada Elementary School, is the proud mother of three: Jadarion, Makai, and Darren.

A grant through Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service has allowed the Grenada School District to add this support in the classroom. The Grenada School District has hosted 29 AmeriCorps members for the last nine years in the role of tutors.

"The program has empowered me with a sense of self awareness and confidence. It has truly helped me achieve my goal of being a better person. My position as team leader has taught me to communicate more effectively and openly. The children have given me joy because I see the difference I have made in their lives. I feel that the community has embraced

me and given me the knowledge of the need in this area. I believe that a smile goes a long way and one person can make a huge impact that can cause a positive change."

She joined AmeriCorps to help make a difference and be a part of the change she wanted to see around her. "Working with children has always been a joy of mine, and I knew that by joining AmeriCorps, I could work closely with children and help nurture their love of learning."

"Masheavia has worked tirelessly to help the students and the community," said Gwen Woodson, program director. "She goes above and beyond the duties assigned to her and often volunteers to do anything necessary in order to get the job done. She is very conscientious and takes great initiative to ensure excellence. That is why she was selected as Team Leader."

Booker states, "My two years in national service has granted me the pleasure in participating in numerous service projects such as Downtown Jubilee, Afterglow Film Festival, Grenada Food Pantry, Boys and Girls Club, Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, and MLK National Day of Service, as well as, many projects in the Grenada School District."

Booker finds comfort in the following quote by Martin Luther King, Jr.: "Everybody has the power for greatness... greatness is determined by service." She says, "You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

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.



Grenada School District is offering a pre-kindergarten program for the 2017-2018 school year.

An informational meeting will be held at Grenada Elementary School Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at 6:00 P.M.

Applications will be available at this meeting. Additionally, applications can be picked up at Grenada Elementary School or Central Office or printed from the GSD website.

Applications will be accepted at GES beginning Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at 8:00 A.M.

Application deadline is Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 3:00 P.M.