

# Alumni Spotlight- John Louis “Trey” Baker, III



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In Trey’s new position he will manage all operations of the City of Grenada which include fire, police and emergency services, planning and zoning, administration, finances, parks and recreation, streets, water, sewer, and all general functions of the City. He will also serve as Chief Advisor for the City Council.

His previous work experience includes serving as Counsel to Congressman Bennie Thompson in Washington, D.C., and as Associate Attorney in the firm of Pryor, Johnson, Carney, Karr, and Nixon in Denver, Colorado. As part of his work with Congressman Thompson, Trey had the opportunity to experience several travel opportunities. He describes one of his interesting life experiences, “I had the opportunity to go to Sudan as a part of a congressional delegation. I met with the country’s leaders and saw much of the country. As a part of the trip I got to see the area where the Blue Nile and White Nile meet to form the base of the Nile River.”

His college studies trained him for his professional endeavors. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Tougaloo College and his Juris Doctor from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

As Trey returns to his hometown to begin work as City Manager, Trey states how growing up in Grenada prepared him for his upcoming position, “I think

my knowledge of the people, culture, and history of the City is probably one of my best assets. Additionally, I have a vested interest in the City and I want to make sure that it is great and that it thrives.”

As he considers the impact of his education, job experiences, and travels upon his life, Trey offers suggestions for Grenada students to optimize their opportunities. “I would suggest that students in Grenada volunteer for and try everything that they have the opportunity to do. So much in my life has happened because I have had a willingness to try new things, go new places, and embrace new opportunities.”

Emphasizing the need for students to dream and make plans for their future, Trey offers this advice for GSD students. “Anything is possible and students need to believe that. Part of that is having a willingness to make it so. So, when the teacher asks for volunteers, be the kind of person that raises a hand and takes a chance.”

Quoting Maya Angelou, Trey offers an insight for our community as he shoulders his new responsibilities as City Manager, “I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

The recognition of Grenada School District’s outstanding alumni with our monthly Spotlight has been an inspiration for our students, faculty, staff, and community. Our former students’ successes exemplify the commitment of GSD to foster students’ accomplishments and to encourage achievement and perseverance.

This month, the GSD is spotlighting the new City Manager of Grenada, John Louis “Trey” Baker, III, Esq., GHS 2002 graduate. Trey is the son of the late John L. Baker, Jr. and Edner P. Baker. He has two sisters, Millicent Stoglin and Mela-

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