

AmeriCorps Member of the Month



By Gwen Woodson
AmeriCorps Director

Alicia Hayes joined AmeriCorps because she loves working with children and wants to make an impact on their lives. "As Bill Clinton once said, 'Service is a spark to rekindle the spirit of democracy in an age of uncertainty,'" says Hayes.

Hayes, a first-year AmeriCorps member, is principally responsible for tutoring around 60 students at the Grenada Upper Elementary during the school year. She graduated from Delta State University with a Bachelor's of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Music and Elementary Education. "AmeriCorps has impacted my life in so many ways," says Hayes. "I have discovered my love for serving, and I love seeing the children's faces light up when they meet their goals."

An active member in the children's

choirs at Enon Presbyterian and Emmanuel Baptist Church, Hayes is the proud mother of Taylor, age 21, Rhett, 11, and Jayden, 8 years old. Her family is her motivation to work hard and help others.

As program director, I've witnessed Alicia's contagious energy. She is always positive and always has a word of encouragement. She really enjoys helping children, and I have watched her grow tremendously in this program.

"I have met so many great people within the community, and I have enjoyed every moment of this program," says Hayes.

She also cites an inspiring quote from Mark Cuban, billionaire software designer and owner of the Dallas Mavericks, who once said, "America should invest in programs like AmeriCorps, because it leverages community-building and creative thinking to create social impact."

In exchange for a year of service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award of \$5,815 that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Hayes will use her education award to pay off student loans, which she has accumulated during previous years, and plans to pursue her master's degree.

Superintendent's Message

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The folks at Novipax are so committed to our PLTW program that employees contributed items for a community yard sale as a fundraiser, scheduled for May 6 at the old National Guard Armory. Their parent company, Atlas Holdings, has agreed to match funds.

Now these kids are not only receiv-

ing real-world experience and classroom instruction, they're learning how to cooperate within their own community. It's more than we imagined for the first-year of our program. And it's a testament to the power of innovation.

2017 Superintendent's Breakfast



The annual Superintendent's Breakfast at Grenada School District honors the school's top-scoring students who have maintained a grade point average of 90 or above in each subject. These students represent eight percent of the district's total student body. (Photo above) (l to r) Students Gavin Jackson, Devin Lawson, Keelin Bender, and Apryl Bennett were four of the many scholars rewarded at the Grenada Elementary School Superintendent's Breakfast.

(Photo right) Students Bradford James, left, and Leonna Conley, right, in the fourth grade with Superintendent Dr. David Daigneault at the 2009 Superintendent's Breakfast.



(Photo right) The same students, Bradford James, left, and Leonna Conley, right, are shown at the recent 2017 Superintendent's Breakfast as seniors. They have maintained their high GPAs for the past nine years.



Elizabeth Jones Library

Free Summer Reading Program
Registration
Tuesday June 13th 9:30 - 5:30
Inky the Clown will perform at 10:00 am

Grenada School District Website
www.grenadak12.com

2017 Tennis Team



The GHS Varsity Tennis Team recently won the title of District Champions. (front l to r) Assistant Coach Frankie Fortier, Phillip Chandler, Sky Garner, Kailey Dorris, Naomi Wise, Molly Love, Macie Craddock, Tia Topps, Lindsey Griffin, Elizabeth Braswell, Evie Moore, Carson Lollar, (back l to r) Coach Chris Klinck, Bratton Willoughby, Webb Roberts, Zack Braswell, Josh Maughan, Ben Brasher, Micah Williams, Cammie Moore, Austin Moore, Arlon Wise, and Tanner Vance

