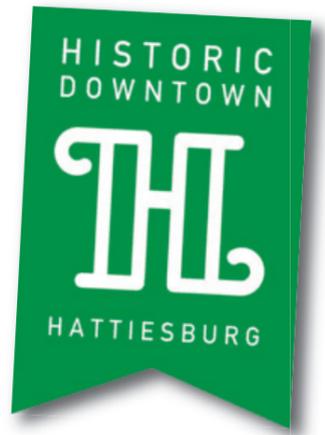




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USM student attends summit

University of Southern Mississippi student Kristen Dupard was selected to attend the United State of Women Summit this week in Washington, D.C.

The convention is sponsored by The Aspen Institute, the U.S. Department of State, Civic Nation, the United States Department of Labor, the White House, the Ford Foundation, Goldman Sachs 10,000 Women, Pepsico Foundation and the Tory Burch Foundation.

The summit calls for the celebration of the achievements of women in society and how women will continue to impact society moving forward in the future.

Dupard, 22, is a senior biochemistry student from New Orleans, La.

While earning a degree in biochemistry, Dupard will also have minors in biological sciences and broadcast journalism when she graduates in December 2016.

Dupard is a Luckyday Citizenship Scholar, a scholarship program that was created to establish academic success among first-year college students in providing them with mentorship, community service requirements and a living-learning community.

First Bank's Famous Firsts

Cameron Kolbo, a Petal High School and Southern Miss graduate, was featured for the first time in the MTV network show, Are You the One? on Monday night.

Kolbo moved to Los Angeles interested in a career in the music industry.

Although he auditioned for several reality shows, this was his first big break.

Did someone in your family have a recent "first"? Whether it's your grandson's first birthday, your daughter's first tooth, baby's first steps, etc. First Bank and The Hattiesburg Post want to share the important or not-so-important milestones with our readers.

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Superintendent candidates make pitch for job

By David Tisdale
Special to The Hattiesburg Post

Three candidates vying to be the next superintendent of the Hattiesburg Public School District made their case for why they should be chosen for the job to an audience of community members June 12 at the Hattiesburg High School auditorium.

Toriano Holloway, assistant superintendent for Starkville-Oktibbeha School District; Janice Johnson, assistant superintendent for



Holloway



Johnson



McGee

the Biloxi Public School District; and Tony McGee, superintendent for the Scott County School District, were each given 10 minutes to

speak to the audience and board about how they would be the best choice, based on their experience and vision, to lead the troubled school district into the future.

The event was part of a special called

meeting of the Hattiesburg Public School District's Board of Trustees, which is working with a community committee to choose a superintendent. In recent months, the board has come under criticism for not being transparent with the community about its oversight of the district, including issues involving its budget and academic achievement.

Board president Marcus Cathey said the field of candidates began with 31 applicants and was then trimmed to 10 before Holloway, Johnson and McGee were identified as the final three preferred choices.

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At left, Brandiilyn Mangum-Dear, an LGBT advocate and pastor at the Joshua Generation Metropolitan Community Church in Hattiesburg, rests her head on Susan Mangum's shoulder during a candlelight vigil for the victims of the Pulse shooting. The event was held at the Spectrum Center in Hattiesburg.

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Community shows support for Orlando

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Rain and lightning did not deter Hattiesburg residents from gathering in support of those killed and injured in a weekend nightclub shooting spree in Orlando and did nothing to dampen the spirits of those who attended.

The mood was solemn at a candlelight vigil held at the Spectrum Center Sunday, June 12, as Hattiesburg-area residents observed a moment of silence to remember the lives of the 49 who were killed and the more than 50 who were injured

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Journey of... faith, patience and perseverance

By Wilton Jackson II
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Three members of the Little Friars and Little Nuns of Jesus and Mary spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through pilgrimages across the country.

Patience and perseverance are traits that some people do not practice enough in their daily lives. For the Little Friars and Little Nuns (LFLN) of Jesus and Mary, these

traits are put to use each day to help its members spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

On a hot Monday afternoon, three LFLN members stood on the side of Interstate 59 in Hattiesburg just before the interstate turns into Hardy Street, dressed in sackcloth and talked to citizens who stopped by to see who they were and what they were doing.

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Photo by Wilton Jackson II

Father Friar Speedy Antonio, Anna Murphy and Jacqueline Doucet passed through the Hub City on Monday on their way to Alabama.



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