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*Martha Gaskins Mission  
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*The mission of Martha Gaskins Middle School is to provide a learning environment in which students are motivated both academically and socially to become model citizens prepared to compete in a global community.*

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## Meet Martha Gaskins Middle School's Homecoming Court

By Enetra Mixon, Te'ylvion Powell, Jasmine Peterson, Mister Weldon, Imari Anderson, and  
Juwaun King

Every school year, Martha Gaskins celebrates homecoming, and every year, the student body elects a homecoming king and queen and court. Each grade level is represented by a one male and one female that is voted on by their classmates.

When asked about her experience running for 6th grade homecoming court, Enetra Mixon said, "I got the paper on running for homecoming court and took it home to show my family. Next, I started making posters and flyers. People said that they were going to vote for me. I was scared I wasn't going to win, but I did!"

"I was very excited when my name was called for 6th grade representative," said Te'ylvion Powell. "My mom and stepdad came out to support me, and they were excited, too. I was proud to know that my classmates chose me to represent our class."

"It just feels good to have your whole grade vote for you," spoke Jasmine Peterson. "When you are at your homecoming and they say your name and your family and friends scream for you; it's an amazing feeling!"

Mister Weldon declared, "It feels very good to win two years in a row! It wasn't easy because I

had two other boys in 7th grade running against me."

Imari Anderson discussed her reaction to being elected homecoming queen. "It is an honor to be homecoming queen. I had to campaign for people to vote for me, but my hard work and determination paid off. When Mr. Connor announced the 8th grade winner, I jumped up!"

"To win homecoming king, I didn't feel anything for real until I walked up on stage and everyone was looking and clapping," Juwaun King stated. "At that moment, I felt like a million dollars! I couldn't believe I had won!"

## Homecoming Week

by Tiana Hall, Lorenzo Cardenas, Jye'Queiz Ashford, and Kaiya Sumpter

"Martha Gaskins Middle School had a marvelous homecoming," Tiana Hall expressed. "The first day of the week, we had a pep rally. The pep rally was very overwhelming. There was lots of yelling and dancing. Mrs. McLain did a great job with the dance girls' dance. The cheerleaders were great, too!"

Lorenzo Cardenas described his experience with Tuesday "Hat" Day. "Everybody wore hats on Hat Day. Some people wore silly hats while others were more original. I couldn't wear a

hat because all of mine were too small. However, on Wednesday, I wore a Madagascar wig for Wednesday "Wig" Day. Some people laughed at my wig, but some people told me they liked it."

"To me, Wig Day was the best day," Jye'Queiz Ashford revealed. "The reason for that is because many of the people that were wearing wigs either had huge afros or clown wigs. I, myself, even wore a clown wig and felt wonderful! Not only because I wasn't the only person

wearing it, but because I could show it off and get a good laugh."

Kiaya Sumpter disclosed her favorite day of Homecoming Week. "Tacky Day was one of the most unusual days ever, but fun also! On Tacky Day, many students and teachers were very creative with their clothes. One person had on different color pants and shoes, they had on different color jewelry and shirt. I wore different colored pants with different shapes on them. I also wore different shoes, jewelry, and a plaid shirt. It was fun!"

# Boys' Mentoring Group Goes to Miles College

By Johnathan White, Jacobi Johnson, and Sedrick Burton



Historic Miles College

"Well, the trip to Miles College was exciting!" Johnathan White expressed. "We learned all about how living on campus would be. I learned that to go to that school you can have any type GPA. I also found out that they have many programs at

their school that you can choose from."

Johnathan continued, "While being there, they gave us a tour of the school. We also had the chance to meet the people who are working there. Then we got to meet the president of Miles College. He told us that when he left high school his GPA was 1.7. He still turned out to have a high GPA at Miles."

Jacobi Johnson informed the Titan Times about his experience at Miles College. "We met the student body president. He told us about the open door policy rules that Miles has. He then told us when you go to college, it is an opportunity where you can start over."

"After we talked to the student body president, we met Miss Miles. She told us about the open door policy of the school and the president of the college," Jacobi went on to say. "They also asked questions and gave away shirts for those of us that could answer correctly."

"After we left Miles College, we went to Samford University," stated Sedrick Burton. "We learned the difference between a college and a university. We ate lunch at Samford. Some of us had bagged lunches, but those of us with money got to eat the buffet in the cafeteria. The food was good. Samford University was very big. It is also an historic landmark. Samford and Miles are both nice schools."

## College and University Day

by Deundra Forrest, Kobe Green, and Thomas Hall

"College and University Day is a day where students at Martha Gaskins Middle School get to show which college is their favorite," Deundra Forrest expressed. "Some may go for Alabama State University, and others may root for Mississippi State. Students show pride in their colleges. Giving students the chance to dress out for this day gives them a mind set to go to college."

Kobe Green spoke about his enthusiasm for the celebrated day. "The college I

chose for College and University Day was the University of Alabama. I chose Alabama because they have a great football team. Also, my cousin attended Alabama. My family also lives in Tuscaloosa, so I know I will be well taken care of if I decide to go to school at Alabama."

Thomas Hall also chose to represent Alabama for College and University Day. "I plan on attending the University of Alabama. I wore an Alabama shirt because my uncle went to Alabama, and I

plan on following in his footsteps. I also like Alabama because of all the history on campus."

Thomas continued, "It was founded on December 18, 1820. In 1837, they were the first college in the state to offer engineering classes. In 1892, Alabama formed their first football team called 'The Thin Red Line' that later came to be known as today's 'Crimson Tide.' When it comes to colleges, I say, 'Roll Tide'"

## "Lightning Strikes" for Math Field Trip

by Kaylin Roscoe and Ashley Robinson

"Today, I went to the 'Lightning Strikes Bowling Alley!'" Kaylin Roscoe declared excitedly. "I had a lot of fun bowling with Mr. Klein. I bowl REALLY fast. In the end, I had a score of 62. I also came in 3rd place between the other four I was playing with."

"When I bowl, I put a spin on the

ball," Kaylin continued. "I made one strike, and I was SO excited!"

Ashley Robinson revealed her experience on the field trip. "I had a great time at the bowling alley! It was very exciting and taught me a lot about math. We had a lot of rotation going on with the bowling balls. We

did adding because we had to add all the points. We also had to aim all the balls to try and get a strike."

Ashley explained, "It was a perfect experience to help us learn about math. I would do it all over again. I really didn't think that bowling had a lot to do with math, but as it turns out it does! It was very amazing and exciting!"