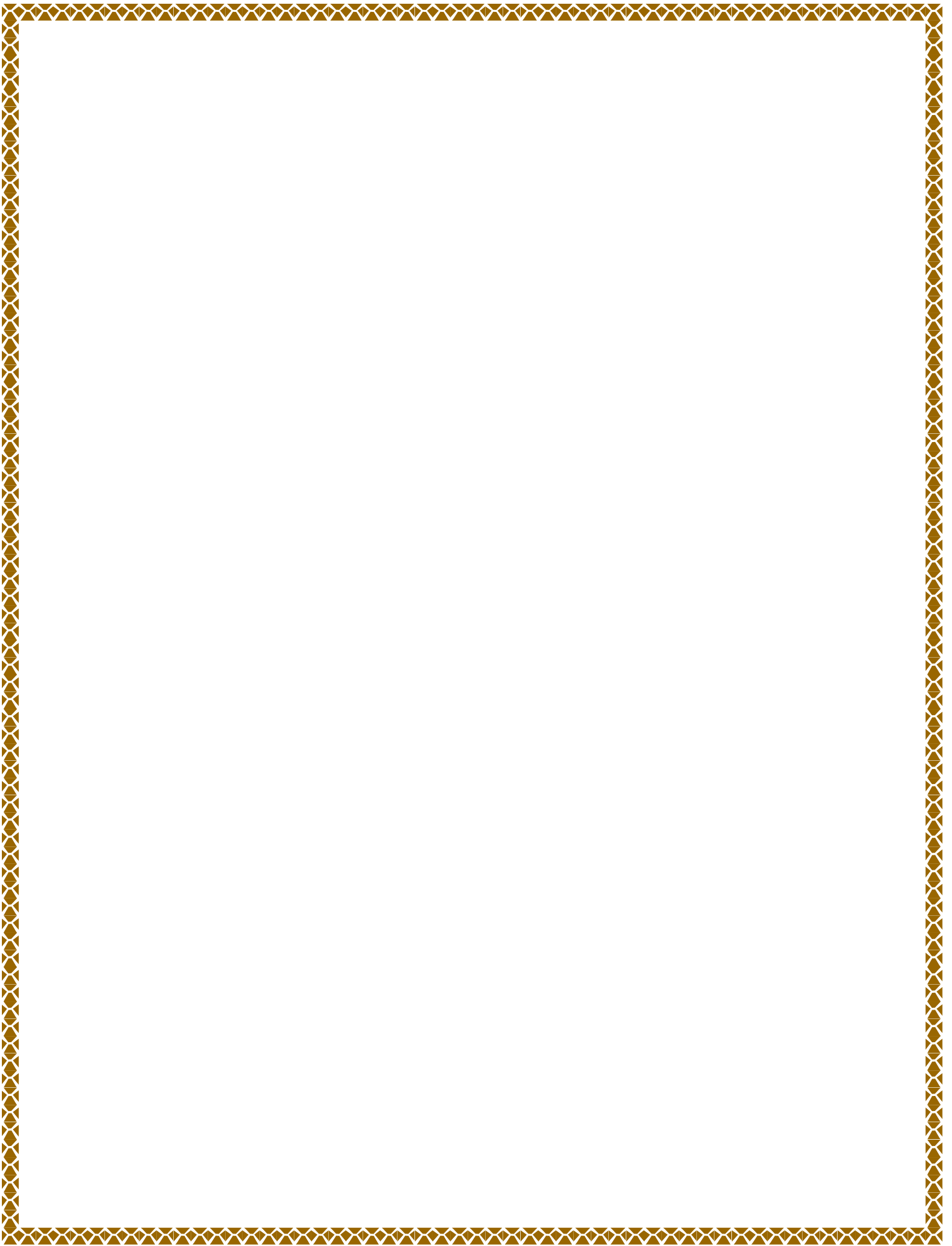


***Honoring
Alabama's
HIPPIY Heroes***



2012



What is a HIPPIY Hero?

Each year the HIPPIY Alabama State Office recognizes extraordinary individuals nominated by our local sites as well as the Alabama HIPPIY Director. The local sites nominate the key individuals who have really gone above and beyond for the HIPPIY program. Our HIPPIY Heroes are those who have helped establish, strengthen, and/or expand our local HIPPIY programs.

The "HIPPIY Heroes" are recognized at the Annual HIPPIY Awards Luncheon or Banquet. Each Hero receives recognition, is entered in the "HIPPIY Heroes" Booklet and placed on HIPPIY Alabama's "Wall of Fame", located at www.hippyalabama.com.



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2012 HIPPIY Heroes

Dr. Daniel Boyd



Every HIPPY Program would be fortunate if they had a superintendent as supportive as Dr. Boyd. Once he became Superintendent of Lowndes County, he set about putting in place a successful plan to achieve excellence. Dr. Boyd has very high standards and expectations for the Lowndes' school family, and he places those same high standards on himself. He wants stakeholders to be involved and make a difference, and because he knows a parent is the first and best teacher, Dr. Boyd does all he can to help HIPPY Lowndes reach as many families as possible.

He provides an office and training space for the program and sees to it that computers are in place for the coordinator and parent educators. Dr. Boyd makes sure that the school system applies for the HIPPY Grant that is made available to qualifying LEA's annually. He handles all financial aspects of the grant which is very necessary for payroll purposes. He keeps an eye out for funds for the program, and much, much more.

As Education Chair for the Alabama Black Belt Commission, he arranged for Alabama HIPPY's Director to appear before the group to ask for a resolution supporting HIPPY's efforts to secure an important grant. The Black Belt Commission was very supportive, and they worked quickly to meet the funding deadline. Whenever Dr. Boyd can help expand HIPPY in the county and the state, he does so with expert knowledge of the program in Lowndes County and how it helps send an eager, prepared student to kindergarten. He is what one hopes an educator will be!

Dr. Boyd, HIPPY Lowndes and HIPPY Alabama appreciate all that you do for us. You are our HIPPY Hero!!

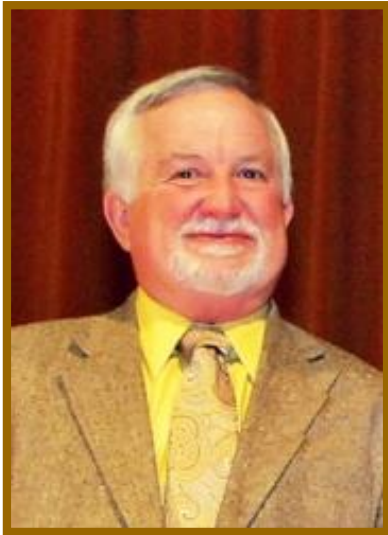
Dick Brewbaker



When Senator Brewbaker learned that the Elmore County HIPPY program was not receiving any funding from the HIPPY allocation set aside by the legislature, he put forth the effort needed to convince the Education Committee that the allocation should be increased so that additional sites, like Elmore County, could receive funding. He didn't quit there. In order to make sure that the children of Elmore County could be served, he issued a community service grant to the program. Thanks to the state funds and Senator Brewbaker's grant, the program was saved. Senator Brewbaker is someone who can and will move mountains when the need arises. We have a senator who cares and will go to bat for his constituents. HIPPY Elmore is so lucky to be represented by someone who values education and cares about making things better for kids. Thank you, Senator Brewbaker for getting things done and saving our HIPPY Program. You are our HIPPY Hero!



Ronnie Brogden



Ronnie Brogden, Conecuh County's Superintendent of Education is Conecuh County's HIPPY Hero. Ronnie has been in the Conecuh County school system for over 30 years. During that time he has served as a teacher of biology, chemistry and physics; he has been a coach, an Assistant Principal, a Principal, was appointed as Superintendent two times and has been elected five times!

Ronnie is truly an advocate for education and he believes that Conecuh County's youth must be at the forefront of technology! He has established positions of reading and math coaches and middle school coaches to help teachers and students in instructional areas; he has installed computer labs in all county schools; he has implemented distant learning opportunities for students so that they can take courses not normally offered and he has implemented Pre-K programs at all schools in Conecuh County!

Ronnie understands the importance of early education and has been instrumental in getting the HIPPY Conecuh program started and funded.

The first year that HIPPY Conecuh started they were funded by At-Risk money that was made available by the Conecuh County Board of Education. Since then the County Board of Education has received funding from the State Board of Education for HIPPY Conecuh.

Ronnie has made the Evergreen Elementary School available for monthly HIPPY group meetings and HIPPY graduation and he serves on the HIPPY Conecuh Advisory Council.

Clarke Co. Commission



Left to Right: Commissioner Elma Averett, Commissioner Karen Bradford, Commissioner Patricia DuBose, Commissioner Tyrone Moye and Commissioner Rhondel Rhone. Seated is County Administrator, Annie D. "Lois" Morris.

The Clarke County Commission is the governing body of Clarke County, consisting of five members elected by the citizens of Clarke County. The members are: Honorable Elma Averett-District 1, Honorable Karen Bradford-District 2, Honorable Patricia DuBose-District 3, Honorable Tyrone Moye-District 4, and Honorable Rhondel Rhone-District 5

As the governing body of the county, this commission supports HIPPY Clarke County in many ways. The HIPPY program is funded \$10,000 each year. In addition to this funding, the commission provides the program with space in one of the buildings owned by the county. The only expense for the program is the telephone service. Commissioner Rhondel Rhone serves on the HIPPY Advisory Board. The other commissioners also support the program by attending HIPPY activities and events.

The Clarke County Commission Office is under the direct supervision of the County Administrator, Annie Deloise "Lois" Morris. Alabama Code Section 11-3-18 provides specific duties of the county administrator which include the responsibility of implementing policies enacted by the County Commission for daily operations of the county government.

Ms. "Lois" is always available to answer questions and explain issues related to HIPPY. She is an advocate for the HIPPY program and offers her support as it relates to the disbursement of the funding and any issues with the building space provided by the commission.

Bonnie F. Durham



Bonnie Durham is Program Manager for the Appalachian Regional Commission in ADECA, and is located in Fort Payne, Alabama. She is married to James B. Durham, Jr. (Jimmy) who is Executive Director of the DeKalb Co. Economic Development Authority. Bonnie is a graduate of the first Auburn Intensive Economic Development class and a graduate of the Thunderbird University International Trade Specialist program.

Bonnie realizes that HIPPY works successfully to develop Alabama's most important resource, our families, and she works hard to help establish HIPPY programs in the ARC area of service. She is a wizard at making things happen to smooth the rocky and often confusing grant writing road. Bonnie sees to it that grant writers are available to write the grant and that resources are provided to help with the reports. She goes far beyond what she has to do because she truly wants to make good things happen in the region, and HIPPY is a good thing!

Bonnie, HIPPY Alabama salutes you and commends you for all the many wonderful things you do again and again. Clay, Coosa, Hale, DeKalb, Lauderdale HIPPY all tip their hats and say, "Thanks" to our amazing and wonderful HIPPY Hero!



Teresa Green



Teresa Green is someone who is quietly changing the world each and every day. She is not on the front page of the Montgomery Advertiser, and not mingling with the Gates and Buffets of Alabama. Instead, she is an everyday person who has made an extraordinary commitment to the MPS HIPPY program. For four years straight; Teresa has included the salary of two HIPPY parent educators in the Safe Schools/Healthy Schools' budget.

Through the Safe Schools/Healthy Schools grant, HIPPY age siblings of students placed in the Safe Schools/Healthy Schools program are referred to the HIPPY program with the hopes that it will help impact the families and change the way parents relate to their children. This has proven to be effective.

Additionally, Teresa has made yearly home visits to experience first-hand the effects of HIPPY on families. She has also served three years on the MPS HIPPY Advisory Board. The impact of her contributions has made a profound effect on the 50 plus HIPPY families she has sponsored through the Safe School/Healthy Schools grant. Teresa is indeed a true HIPPY Hero.

Hunter Lindblom



Hunter Lindblom helped to form Monroe County HIPPY program over seven years ago. Since then he has been an active member of the Advisory Board, not missing a meeting. As an Advisory member, he serves as Financial Director and spends many hours producing financial reports. He is instrumental in fund raising efforts.

Mr. Lindblom is always available to serve in any capacity when asked. He built the HIPPY House for us. He serves as a volunteer on Fun Day and at graduation. He is a tremendous supporter of HIPPY in Monroe County and we could not do it without him. Thanks, Hunter, for all you do for us. You are a HIPPY Hero!

Dr. Huey-Ling Lin



Dr. Lin is a faculty member of Alabama State University in the Child Development Department and a valuable member of the Alabama HIPPPY Advisory Board. Dr. Lin is a wonderful advocate for HIPPPY, and she diligently strives to find grant opportunities that will allow her to collaborate with HIPPPY. A recent, very successful project was her inclusion of HIPPPY in the USDA Food Safety Grant. Thanks to Dr. Lin, our HIPPPY programs around the state received funds and training materials to teach Food Safety to HIPPPY Parents. This was very educational and needed information for HIPPPY. The collaboration also provided funds for last year's wonderful training conference at the Renaissance. Thank goodness for the many things Dr. Lin does to expand and strengthen HIPPPY. Dr. Lin is truly a HIPPPY Hero!!

Elaine Liveoak



Elaine Liveoak is an active supporter of the HIPPPY Talladega County program. As Head of Youth Services at the B.B. Comer Memorial Library in Sylacauga, Ms. Elaine provides a weekly list of the children's books that are associated with our HIPPPY WOW----Word of the Week so the list can be distributed to our HIPPPY families. Ms. Elaine promotes HIPPPY by telling parents of young children about all the benefits of our program and she is constantly sharing information concerning programs and activities being held at the local library. As a HIPPPY Advisory Board member, Ms. Elaine attends all board meetings and actively volunteers during our Christmas parties. She has a perfect attendance record for our HIPPPY Advisory Board meetings. She is known for that big smile and cheerful outlook that helps to brighten our day.

Jay Love

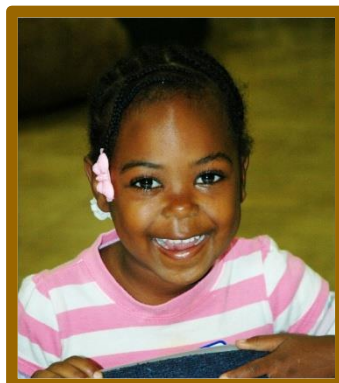


Representative Jay Love represents the 74th District with full knowledge of its people's needs and dreams as he was born and raised in Montgomery. He is the proud father of three daughters and one son. Representative Love knows how important education is to his family, so he supports a strong education system for Alabama's children. He graduated from Robert E. Lee and is an outstanding product of public education.

Representative Love has been chosen as a HIPPI Hero for many reasons. He makes time to listen and learn about the programs the legislature is asked to fund. He came and addressed a statewide HIPPI Alabama meeting of coordinators and talked about his ideas for Alabama. Then, to everyone's delight, he asked the coordinators to tell him about HIPPI! He listened and asked good questions, thus attaining a good understanding of the value of HIPPI. Even with budget woes assailing the state, he knew HIPPI wasn't a program that should be cut, so it wasn't!

Representative Love has stood for children again and again, and that alone makes him a hero. Then, add to the mix the fact that he supports expanding the program to reach as many of our Alabama families as possible when money becomes available, and you can see why that not only is the 74th District lucky to have Jay Love, the entire state of Alabama is lucky!

Jay, you have a caring heart, and you are our friend and HIPPI Hero!!



Dorothy Phillips



Ms. Phillips, also known as Dot, has always had a love for children. She now plays a big part in the Macon HIPPY Program. Her position allows her to be the first to greet families as they enter the school. She has singlehandedly recruited so many families for the Macon HIPPY that the program had to establish a waiting list for the upcoming year. During the program's time of need, Ms. Phillips donated ALL of the games for the Game Night group meeting and gave every HIPPY child in attendance the game of their choice to take home. She provided lunch for the program during the ETO training sessions held in the office. She is amazing and we cherish our HIPPY Hero!



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Georgia Pinkston



Georgia Pinkston is a dedicated educator, and Elmore County is fortunate that she lives and teaches there. She is a tireless advocate for things in which she believes, and Georgia believes in HIPPY! She was the first HIPPY coordinator in Elmore County, and she established a top notch, superb program. Georgia saw to it that the program was implemented with excellence and became a model of which any state would be proud. Certainly Alabama HIPPY considers the program an exemplary one.

Imagine her sadness when the county school system was faced with economic distress and had to face the almost certain prospect of shutting HIPPY Elmore down. Georgia was told she would have to give up HIPPY and return to the classroom. Georgia and the Superintendent, Dr. Langham, knew that closing HIPPY would be a lost opportunity for many children, and they both worked to save the program. Georgia was unstoppable for she absolutely refused to accept defeat even though she knew she was going back to the classroom.

Georgia spent her summer talking, emailing and writing to everyone she could think of to get the money Elmore County needed in order to keep the HIPPY program going. She made herself known to the legislators representing Elmore County, and let them know, often, how necessary it was to attain line item funding for her program. Thanks to all her hard work, Elmore County is happy to say we still have the HIPPY Program.

Georgia, you are our HIPPY Hero, and we are so thankful for you!

Trip Pittman



We in Baldwin County think of Trip Pittman as a true friend. He is open, accessible, and a “Man of the People”. He has high standards and isn’t afraid to stand up for what is in the best interest of Alabama families --- even when he is being pressured to do otherwise. Trip has worked tirelessly in support of HIPPY Alabama. He believes in what we are doing and understands education begins in the home.

We were fortunate in Baldwin County to receive funds to start our own HIPPY Program this past year. We would not be here today without Trip’s assistance and support. He is truly someone we are proud to call our friend and neighbor.

HIPPY Alabama has been heard to say, “He is every HIPPY Program in Alabama’s Hero”!! Thank you Trip; we couldn’t do what we do without you!

Bill Rice



The Montgomery HIPPY program nominated Mr. Bill Rice as one of the HIPPY Hero recipients for the 2012 year. Bill Rice has been one of HIPPY’s biggest advocates through his positive promotional writings in *The Montgomery Independent*, a local newspaper. He makes it a practice to keep readers in our city abreast of the many success stories that our HIPPY staff along with families in the community participate in that enhances academics and social skills. Mr. Rice also takes time out of his busy schedule to serve on the HIPPY Advisory Committee. He operates on the belief “True leaders and teachers put others ahead of their own agenda, possess the confidence to serve, initiate service to others: are not position-conscious, and serve out of love. Servant leadership is never motivated by manipulation or self-promotion. In the end, the extent of your influence depends on the depth of your concern for others.” (Author unknown)

Bryan Taylor



Senator Bryan Taylor is a HIPPY Hero. Senator Taylor was elected to the Alabama Senate on November 2, 2010 to represent District 30. He and his wife, Jessica, and their young children, Samuel and Fair McDaniel, reside in Prattville.

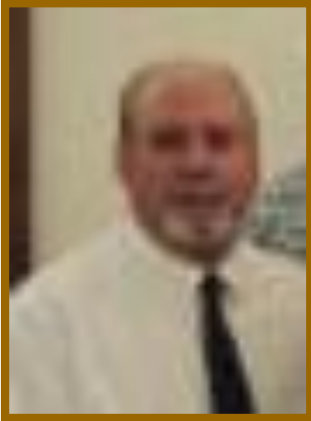
During a time where many crucial issues are facing our state, Senator Taylor has worked tirelessly to improve Alabama as a whole. He has the foresight to invest in our children and their future. He has been an active participant in learning about HIPPY, attending planning meetings to form the new program in Butler County, and taking a leadership role in supporting the growth and sustainability of the program statewide. He worked hard to insure that HIPPY line item funds were increased so that more HIPPY programs could exist for our children.

Thanks to our Champion, Senator Taylor, the Butler County HIPPY program will be able to improve the Graduation Rate, increase our job skills and foster stronger families. He is our hero!

We wish to thank Senator Taylor for being there from the ground floor forward, making The Butler County HIPPY Program a reality.



Hiram Templeton



Hiram Templeton is involved in many organizations in Baldwin County. HIPPY, however, is the dearest to him. Getting HIPPY started in Baldwin County was an endeavor that required a person with perseverance, dedication to a mission, and the ability to persuade others that this program was worth pursuing. Hiram was involved in the initial start-up of HIPPY Baldwin in 2009, when in a collaborative partnership with Baldwin County United and Escambia County HIPPY, HIPPY Baldwin serves 19 families or 3-year-old youngsters.

Money became a scarce commodity in 2010 and while funding was not secured for a second year of HIPPY for the school year 2010-2011, Hiram was not deterred. He never stopped trying to secure funds and pitched HIPPY to everyone. He spoke to legislators, to organizations, to friends and neighbors and to teachers and the Board of Education.

He was instrumental in getting people to listen to the need for HIPPY in Baldwin and in October 2011, he was successful in obtaining a grant through the Alabama Department of Education specifically targeting emerging sites. Hiram quickly assembled his Board of Directors and a part-time coordinator, and worked to start the program as quickly as possible.

By January 1, 2012, the program was operational with three part-time parent educators visiting families in all areas of Baldwin County. As he was when the first program started in 2009, Hiram is very visible in the program. He continues to tirelessly promote HIPPY throughout the County and always attends the HIPPY meetings, whether it is an orientation meeting, a group meeting, or graduation. He has said more than once, that he loves speaking with the HIPPY families.

The HIPPY families also enjoy speaking with Hiram and for those that have not had the pleasure of meeting him, enjoy the fruits of his labor through the HIPPY program. Thanks for being our HIPPY Hero!

Mary Tomlinson



Mary Tomlinson has such enthusiasm for HIPPY that she accompanies Parent Educators on home visits, takes many pictures of families, and attends special events such as graduation. She spreads the good news about HIPPY by writing articles for the Monroe Journal which includes wonderful pictures. Mary is our cheerleader for HIPPY that is why Monroe County HIPPY nominates her for the "HIPPY Hero Award."





2008 HIPPY Heroes



2009 HIPPY Heroes

Carolyn Akers (2010/2011)



Carolyn Akers is a wonderful advocate for children and works tirelessly in the Mobile area to see that "Best Education Practices" are shared and implemented. Under her leadership, The Mobile Area Education Foundation has grown into a well-known and respected force for education. She brought HIPPY to Mobile in 1998 and continued to be a strong HIPPY advocate while the program worked under a different lead agency. HIPPY Mobile is now back under the aegis of the Mobile Education Foundation, and everyone associated with HIPPY appreciates what this means to the program and its future. Carolyn Akers is a strong leader who stands for excellence, and Mobile HIPPY is proud to name her its HIPPY Hero! Thank you, Carolyn!

Alan Baker (2010/2011)



Representative Baker has been our Atmore HIPPY Hero from the very beginning of our journey to become a HIPPY site. In the midst of proration and economic uncertainties, Representative Baker has provided us monetary support and so much more. He is a very visible presence in and during our activities. Writing a check is easy; becoming involved takes effort. Representative Baker is involved.

He has also met with representatives from HIPPY Alabama. Not out of obligation, but because of his strong belief in the value of HIPPY. As a former educator, Representative Baker is fully aware of the need for HIPPY and its importance to our children, our families, and our communities.

Representative Baker is truly our HIPPY Hero! In though, in word and indeed! We are the ones who are honored, privileged and proud... to name him our Hero, friend and neighbor.

Margaret Bentley (2008)



Mrs. Bentley served on the HIPPY Board successfully obtaining contributions from Alabama Power Foundation for trainings in Dallas County and Wetumpka. As Co-Chair of Governor Riley's Black Belt Action Commission, Mrs. Bentley helped facilitate a meeting School Superintendents in the Black Belt with HIPPY...to learn more about the program. All the Superintendents endorsed it and we began work to start programs in their communities! Mrs. Bentley also met with BBAC Co-Chair, Senator Hank Sanders to encourage support for HIPPY.

Mary Briers (2008)



Mary Briers is a distinguished educator who now serves on The Montgomery School Board. In 2008, Mrs. Briers was the Chairman of the Montgomery Board of Education and provided strong, fair, and visionary leadership. Because she understands all aspects of school, she is committed to seeing to it that children from poverty stricken areas have a chance to excel because they are prepared. Mary understands HIPPY does this, and she makes sure that HIPPY survives.

Charlie Colvin (2008)



Charlie Colvin has been an active HIPPY supporter since 1993 when HIPPY began in Montgomery in 1993. He has diligently worked to include the program in regional and state initiatives that serve families. When the HIPPY State Office opened in 2004, Charlie took an active role in guiding and helping the program expand statewide. He is always on board to make a positive difference for children.

Connie Colvin (2008)



Connie Colvin's commitment to creating a HIPPY mascot for Alabama made big things happen. She named the mascot, Hippy P. Potamus, got funding donated for the costume, sewed beautiful tablecloths for the statewide Art Show and Award Presentations held at the capitol, and worked tirelessly to make the event a success. Connie's involvement with HIPPY goes way back to when there was a HIPPY Program at Cedar Park and she worked to get a playground established for the children there. Connie cares and HIPPY is fortunate to have her as one of its heroes.

Sue Bell Cobb (2008)



Judge Sue Bell Cobb has worked tirelessly to expand HIPPY statewide. She is responsible for getting the community energized in Monroeville to start a HIPPY Program, and she was instrumental to the program starting in Evergreen, her home town. Additionally, she speaks often about her belief in HIPPY, and her advocacy is a big part of HIPPY's growth.

Ryan Cole (2008)



Ryan is a Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor (CRPC®) for A.G. Edwards & Sons here in Montgomery. As a former educator, Ryan remains a lifelong advocate for birth to five educations and an active HIPPY Board Member. Through the Black Belt Action Commission and Rural Action Commission Ryan worked as Rural Education Adviser to Governor Bob Riley and assisted with the expansion of HIPPY in this administration.

No one could be more supportive than Ryan, and his ongoing efforts for HIPPY or deeply appreciated.

Thank you for being our HIPPY Hero!

Kevin Cook (2009)



Kevin Cook, a Baldwin County Businessman that realizes the need for the HIPPY Program to strengthen local families and prepare preschool children for the educational experience. He has worked diligently since February 2008 to get the program funded and started in Baldwin County. The program started serving 15 families September 2009.

Sam Covert (2008)



I was introduced to HIPPY sometime in 2005 in Monroeville while serving on the Monroe County Education Foundation. I was active with the committee to bring HIPPY to Monroe County. Upon returning to Mobile in 2007 I became involved with the Advisory Board for Mobile County and now serve as chairman. I am also currently serving as the Chairman of the State Advisory Board for HIPPY.

Mona Davis (2010)



Mona Davis is the Public Information Manager for Montgomery Public Schools and began her career as a freelance writer for the *Montgomery Advertiser* and a production assistant at WAKA, the local CBS affiliate. Prior to coming to Montgomery Public Schools (MPS), her career has been marked by a number of prestigious awards including the Public Relations Council of Alabama's Award of Excellence for special event publications, National School Public Relations Award of Merit for Marketing Materials and NSPRA's Front Runner Award. Mrs. Davis is also active in the community and serves on the boards of SAYNO and Partners In Education. Mrs. Davis is a huge supporter of HIPPY and we thank her!! She holds a master's in public administration, certification in non-profit leadership and a bachelor's in mass communication from Auburn University Montgomery. She is married to Walter Davis and has one step son, Corbin.

Dr. John Dilworth (2008)



Dr. John Dilworth was a big supporter of the HIPPY Program during his tenure as Superintendent of Montgomery. He worked to preserve the program during trying fiscal times.

Philip Dobbins (2010)



Phillip Dobbins has been and continues to be a special blessing to the Montgomery HIPPY Program. He has worked hard to support HIPPY as he has supervised and managed HIPPY's "AmeriCorps Funds", "At-Risk", "Title 1" or the legislated funds since 1995. Over the years, the fiscal problems have been varied and complex, but Philip has never lost patience with us. Sometimes he was asked to rush a Purchase Order through or make a miracle happen in "the blink of an eye", but he never got irritated or lost his patience; he just made it happen.

The following quote from Philip says it best, "I strive to always be fair and honest in all that I do. I feel that honesty is the best medicine as it causes you to admit, correct, and overcome mistakes and problems, while dishonesty looks for blame and prevents individuals from experiencing personal growth and building lasting relationships." Thank you, Philip, for your unselfish and tireless support for HIPPY.

Dr. Vivian Figures (2008)



Senator Vivian Figures is well known for her belief that children matter, and she has directed funding to the Mobile HIPPY Program for innovative summer programming for at-risk children as well as helping sustain and expand HIPPY Programs statewide. She champions the program each year in the Alabama legislature.

Judy Graham (2008)



As a Business Office Manager for Alabama Power in Clarke County, Judy was the organizer for HIPPY Clarke County in 2008. Upon moving to Baldwin County, she made a presentation about HIPPY for Leadership Baldwin. The concept was adopted as a project by Leadership Baldwin participant, Kevin Cook. HIPPY Baldwin began a pilot project this year by partnering with Escambia County HIPPY. In addition, Judy serves on the Mobile HIPPY advisory board. She was instrumental in forming a partnership between Mobile HIPPY and the Junior League of Mobile. Through a Junior League project, Mobile HIPPY children will be the recipient of books from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

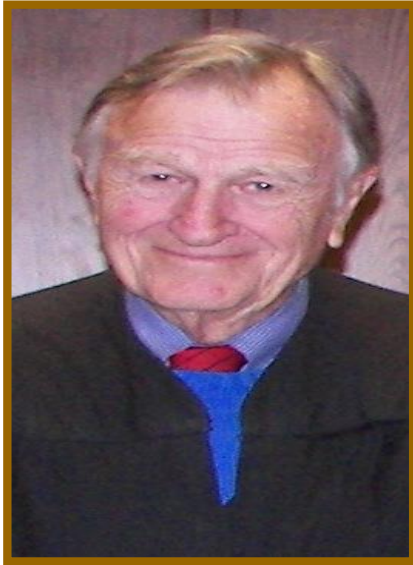
John Heard (2008)



John Heard was determined to do all he could as a Superintendent in the Black Belt to move his county forward. He saw what HIPPY could achieve for his rural and underserved area, and he went to work to get funding and support to begin a HIPPY Program in Perry County. Due to his support and leadership, Perry County's HIPPY Program began in 2007. Way to go, Mr. Heard! You exemplify what determination and perseverance can do. Thank you for caring and making good things happen for Perry County and our HIPPY Program! You are our Hero!

Truman Hobbs, Sr.

(2010)



Judge Hobbs joined the U.S. Navy in January 1942 where he served almost 5 years. His deployments included three invasions in Europe and orders to Okinawa, Japan. Nine months after the end of the war, he returned to the U.S. and attended law school.

Judge Hobbs began his law career by serving as a law clerk for Justice Hugo Black on the United States Supreme Court in Washington, DC for one year. After his clerkship ended, he returned to Alabama to begin private practice in Birmingham and subsequently in Montgomery with John Goldbold.

In 1980, he was appointed by President Jimmy Carter as a U.S. District Judge where he continues to serve with his esteemed colleagues.

Judge Truman Hobbs, Sr. is a credit to the nation and state. He has spent a lifetime serving Alabama to make communities safer and to uphold justice. We are deeply honored to have him looking out for our interests and doing all that he can to safeguard us. He is committed to our state and city and has raised his children to think of others.

Truman Hobbs, Jr.

(2010)



Judge Truman Hobbs, Jr. is someone who cares deeply about making the world a better place and investing in his community. He has supported HIPPY since its inception in Alabama in 1993, and often his monetary contributions have "saved the day" and allowed the program to continue serving families. He stands for justice and integrity, and HIPPY Alabama is proud to call him a true friend and HIPPY Hero! Thank you, Truman!

Carnella Jarmon (2010)



Carnella has led the Birmingham site from its beginning with tremendous tenacity. There has not been any task that she has not embraced with dedication to guarantee that the 3-5 year olds within the Jefferson County area become equipped with the readiness tools needed to become successful butterflies through HIPPY.

Mrs. Jarmon is a graduate of Miles College, with a B.S. in Elementary Education; Masters of Education and Education Specialist from Alabama State University. She is married to Luther Jarmon and has two children Efe' and LaBrun. The lineage of her life extends to her grandson, Javaris. Millions of THANKS to Carnella Jarmon-a true leader and doer for Birmingham HIPPY!

Gloria Jemison (2009)



Mrs. Jemison exhibits the qualities of a "HIPPY HERO" by her dedication to children and their needs. She is always willing to lend a helping hand regardless of the circumstances. Mrs. Jemison has moved mountains to find space for the Birmingham HIPPY program and took the time to attend local training sessions to learn the nuts and bolts of the program. When a Program Manager was needed, she made it possible! She has demonstrated her staunch support for the HIPPY Program by not just "talking the talk"... but "walking the walk!"

Bill Johnson (2009)



Bill Johnson is committed to expanding the HIPPY Program to every county in Alabama. As Director of AECA, he saw to it that Hale County, Coosa County, Tallapoosa, Lauderdale, and DeKalb County had start up funds to begin HIPPY. He believes every county in Alabama should have a strong HIPPY program. As head of ADECA he supported the formation of the Black Belt commission and its efforts to add HIPPY to all of its counties!

Sharon Jones (2009)



Sharon Jones is active as a volunteer in many organizations in Clarke County. As a member of the Clarke County Development Foundation. She also serves on the HIPPY Advisory Committee as the treasurer/ bookkeeper. Mrs. Jones supports the program in many other ways with her talents and is mainly responsible for the preparation and presentation of food for the HIPPY family picnic. Sharon coordinates the HIPPY Graduation reception and her involvement within the county gives the HIPPY program a voice that is heard many times!

Marc Keahey (2010)



Raised in Grove Hill, Senator Marc Keahey is a lifelong native of southwest Alabama. He was a baseball player and Academic All-American at Lurleen B. Wallace Community College before going on to earn a business degree from the University of Alabama. Marc and his wife, Lara, have two children, Marc, II, and Scarlette.

He is an avid supporter of the HIPPY Clarke County program and recently secured a Community Service Grant in the amount of \$8,750 for the program. He also supports the program with his attendance at various HIPPY activities and has pledged his continued support of the program in the future. We cannot stress often enough what our Senator means to our area and Clarke County HIPPY. Thanks you, Senator Keahey!

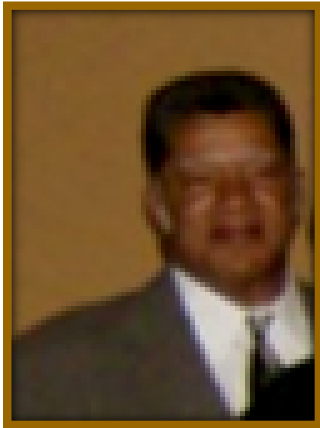
Larry and Meda Keefer (2010)



Meda and Larry Keefer have been untiring supporters of HIPPY of Monroe County since its inception. They were both instrumental in organizing the community to fund and support the program. Both serve on the Advisory Board and have work tirelessly for the program. Meda has also served on the Alabama HIPPY Advisory Board and helped with state PR efforts. At last year's graduation, Larry helped robe the kids. When one little boy was shy and afraid, "the ole ball coach" took the child under his wings, turned tears into smiles, and walked with him to get his diploma!

Meda likes to help with group meetings and other special projects. Among the many things she has done has been to write grants and serve on the SAFE committee. The Meda and Larry know the program well because they are such a part of everything and can always be counted on to "make good things happen!" Thank you Meda and Larry Keefer!

Robert Lane (2008)



Robert Lane was highly instrumental in finding a lead agency in Lowndes County that would give the newly emerging HIPPY Program the fiscal and programmatic support it needed. Mr. Lane was the chairman of The Lowndes County Board of Education, and he saw to it that the school system took the program. Mr. Lane also volunteered to serve as the first chairman of the Lowndes County Advisory Board and in this role, he led the program to success.

Larry Lee (2008)



As the Director for *The Center for Rural Alabama*, Mr. Lee spends 100% of his time dealing with rural communities around the state. One of the things they are extremely interested in is rural education. That's why they spent most of the last year working on a project about 10 outstanding rural schools which they called *Lessons Learned from Rural Schools*. HIPPY is a tremendous program for rural areas where both parents and children benefit in many ways from their HIPPY experience.

Larry Lee is an extremely active and supportive member of the Alabama HIPPY Advisory Board. He is always willing to help out in any capacity needed.

The Alabama State Director is proud of how many HIPPY programs he has visited around the state, and he often writes opinion pieces for various Alabama newspapers about his experiences. Larry has been very instrumental in letting key leaders know what a good program HIPPY is and what a bargain the state gets for its investment. Thanks for all you do!!

Richard Lindsey (2009)



Representative Richard Lindsey has received numerous awards during his legislative service, including Legislator of the Year from the Alabama Rural Electric Cooperatives, State Representative of the Year from the Alabama Association of Conservation Districts and the Lifetime Legislative Leadership Award for his work on behalf of Alabama's school children from the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools. He is manager of Lindsey Brothers Inc. and is an official or member of the board of directors of several different organizations.

Walt Maddox (2009)



Mayor Walt Maddox was instrumental in making public the need to provide well for our children. Whenever he had an opportunity to speak, he never failed to voice how the community as a whole benefits from successful children. Through the Task Force, he brought key players to the table to develop a plan of action to support the expansion of our Pre K programs, pledging resources in dollars, time, and services. The University of Alabama, United Way of Tuscaloosa, Honorable Artur Davis, and numerous community agencies and organizations pledged their support as well. He advocates for quality preschool programs at the local, state and national levels and recommends prestigious awards recognize our efforts. Mayor Maddox is our biggest fan!

Dr. Joe Morton (2008)



Dr. Joe Morton, Superintendent of the Alabama Department of Education, is a HIPPY Hero because three years ago, he put HIPPY in the Education budget. Thanks to his leadership, HIPPY became a line item in 2007. Additionally, he had made the many services of the state department available for training, grant management, inclusion in STI, etc. His support has been invaluable.

Dr. Vernet Nettles (2009)



Dr. Vernet Nettles is the Federal Programs Director for Montgomery Public Schools. Due to her belief in involving parents and equipping them with the skills they need to prepare their preschoolers for public school success, she found funding to bring all the AmeriCorps parent educators back to work under Title I. Dr. Nettles includes the HIPPY Program in all aspects of MPS activities, and she makes a difference.

Fred Norris (2009)



Fred Norris spent ten and a half years in the United States Army and remains in the National Guard Reserves. He was named *Soldier of the Year in 2006*. Fred is currently the Branch Manager of the Laurel Heights Youth and Adult Services Center where he has worked for fifteen years. Fred Serves on the Alexander City Board of Education, the HIPPY Advisory Board and several other local boards. Fred has been married to his wife, Vanessa for twenty six years. They have and eleven year old son, Fredrick.

Quinton Ross (2008)



Senator Ross is serving his second term in the Alabama Senate. He is currently pursuing a Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership, Policy and Law. He is the Director of the Adult Education Consortium of H. Trenholm State Technical College. He is married to J. Kelley Ross and they have two sons, Quinmari T. Ross and Quinton T. Ross, III. Senator Ross is a member of Hutchinson Missionary Baptist Church and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Hank Sanders (2008)



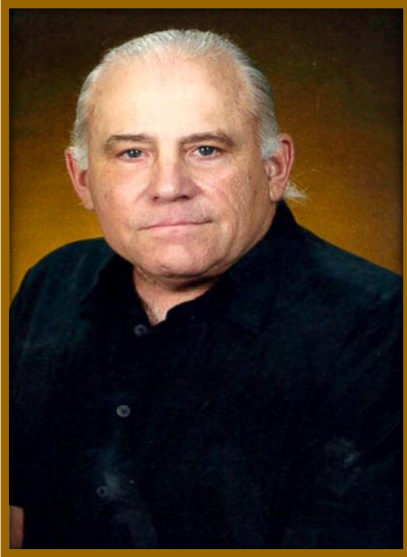
Senator Hank Sanders is serving his seventh term in the Senate. He graduated from Talladega College and Harvard Law School. Senator Sanders and his wife Rose, are the parents of three children by birth: Malika, Kindaka and Ainka, and four children by foster hood: Charles, Maurice, Rosie and Jennifer. Senator Hank Sanders has fought tirelessly for Alabama's children.

Harry Shiver (2010)



District 64 is fortunate to have Representative Harry Shiver represent them for he is a tireless advocate for his region. I first became aware of Representative Shiver's support for HIPYPY when he called the HIPYPY State Office and asked detailed questions regarding the distribution of HIPYPY Funds passed by the legislature; he was deeply concerned that one of his counties, Baldwin, was not getting any of that money. He vowed to do all that he could to change that situation, and I believe that he will! He personally supported the cost of reaching out to a HIPYPY child in Monroe County and visited their HIPYPY Office. He has also supported the Conecuh County Program. Coach, you are certainly a HIPYPY Hero!

Dr. Ronald Shum (2009)



Dr. Ronald Shum did all the legal work to incorporate Springboard Education Foundation and paid all fees associated with establishing the 501.c3. He spent the early years when it was just one employee, Joanne Shum, volunteering as the bookkeeper, secretary, workshop presenter, and doing anything at all that was needed. He worked fulltime for at least three years strictly as a volunteer. He was also the first Hippy P. Potamus, and accompanied Mrs. Shum all over the state to promote HIPPIY. What a HIPPIY Hero!

Joey Varner (2009)



Joey Varner is a Conecuh County HIPPIY Hero because of his unwavering support of HIPPIY. From the very beginning he has made home visits, attended HIPPIY graduations, and showed his support in every way he could. Mr. Varner wears many hats at the Conecuh County Schools, and in every area of responsibility, he will do what he can to strengthen and expand Conecuh County's HIPPIY Program. He believes that the home is where learning begins, and he recognizes the importance of helping parents support education.

Diane Weil (2008)



When Mrs. Weil found out about HIPPY through National NCJW (*National Council of Jewish Women*), she thought it would be a fabulous program for Montgomery, and when she heard about *Success By 6*, knew it was time to really push for it! Their section got on board going through the steps required by HIPPY USA, meeting with Thomas Bobo and Roslyn King.

Mrs. Weil was asked to be the HIPPY Advisory Board Chairman when it started in 1993 and has continued to serve in that capacity. Mrs. Weil says that she is always available if needed by hippy and is incredibly proud of this program. "I know it changes lives and builds stronger families - great for the family and the community!" states Mrs. Weil.

Sheri Wilson (2008)



Sherri Wilson is the Director of Alabama PIRC, and she is the grant writer that sees to it that Alabama PIRC gets funded annually. She tirelessly promotes HIPPY through her training workshops as well as her PR work with Alabama PTA. Sherri makes things happen through her tireless energy and boundless optimism.

Jeana Winter (2008)



Jeana Winter is the Executive Director of The Alabama Parent Center, and she is instrumental in providing 95% of the funds for the HIPPY Alabama State Office through the PIRC Grant. Thanks to her belief in HIPPY, the program has grown by leaps and bounds every year since 2004. If there is a HIPPY need, Jeana will try to fill it!

Donice Wood (2009)



As manager of the Alabama Power Company offices in both Grove Hill and Jackson, Donice Wood volunteers as the Director for the HIPPY Clarke County program and President of the HIPPY Advisory Committee. Mrs. Wood seeks funding for the program in many various ways, including letter writing to private foundations and attending informational meetings to share HIPPY information.

As director, she lends her support by assisting with group meetings, family picnics and graduations at the various HIPPY events.

**FORMER HIPPY GRADUATES FROM E.D. NIXON
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