



Gulfport JCC Reopens with Fanfare



Gulfport Center Director Alexander Alston addressing guests at the center's Reactivation Ceremony. (PHOTO COURTESY of Nicole Dow / Sun-Herald Newspaper)

Gulfport Job Corps Center is up and running and the community-at-large, students and staff could not be happier. The center was closed nearly five years ago, after sustaining heavy damage from Hurricane Katrina in August 2005. In April, Gulfport enrolled its first students since the storm and on Wednesday, May 5, the community joined in celebrating the center's reactivation.

Enthusiastic staff and students, welcome banners and balloons greeted guests on center as they were treated to gift bags filled with Gulfport Job Corps Center mementos. Local media captured the excitement of the event

when MINACT President/CEO Booker T. Jones and Center Director Alexander Alston pledged the center's support of the community and offered words of welcome and encouragement to the students. Gulfport Mayor George Schloegel talked about the importance of the center to the city and former Gulfport Job Corps Center student Angela Jackson-Kennedy (a 1984 graduate of the Medical Assistant program) told guests how Job Corps prepared her for the workforce. Kennedy enjoys a successful career at the Harrison County WIN Job Center and will receive her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology in September.

Among the supporters on hand for the event were Congressman Gene Taylor's Office Manager Peggy Harvey; Harrison County Supervisor William Martin; representatives from area businesses; and civic leaders. Attendees enjoyed a catered lunch followed by center tours provided by students.

Centers Celebrate Earth Day

Students and staff at MINACT-operated Job Corps centers spend every day looking for ways to decrease their environmental footprint. From energy audits, to recycling, and community clean-ups, the centers endeavor to make a difference. During April the Job Corps centers participated in Earth Day celebrations to promote awareness about protecting the environment. The centers were involved in a number of projects, some of which are listed here. Quentin N. Burdick Job Corps Center hosted a "Go Green Fair" and Excelsior Springs Job Corps Center students planted a tree at Tiger Park. A Finch-Henry Job Corps Center student wrote a one-act play entitled "Make it a Habit" in which students encouraged recycling. Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center held a "Green Career" competition, where students created presentations to prove their chosen career field is the most environmentally friendly.



St. Louis JCC students are shown landscaping the grounds of the Matthew Dickey Boys and Girls Club.

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From the President / CEO

This is the time of year when many of us take vacations, visit family and friends and steal away for some quiet time. As we enjoy these sun-drenched summer days and warm nights, we must continue to maintain our focus on providing quality services to our customers; which is the hallmark of MINACT, Inc. We know that when everyone gives 100 percent, we achieve 100 percent of our goal. We are seeing those results come to fruition throughout the company. We have implemented a team and Kaizen approach to analyzing the performance of each Job Corps center to identify operational strengths, the cause of any weaknesses, opportunities for maximizing performance, and short-term and long-term threats. Results of the team and Kaizen analysis has yielded favorable outcomes and infused concept improvements in many locations.



In addition, the Culinary Learning Center in Biloxi, Mississippi, is second-to-none as a career technical program that is graduating students with the skills and the certification to build a successful career in their chosen field.

Our staff works tirelessly to surpass the expectations of our customers and we constantly look for innovative ways to meet the challenges they face in an evolving global economy. We also remain faithful to those strategies that have proven to be effective over time. By working as a team and utilizing this Kaizen approach, we have built continuity in our services, and we are more responsive to the individual needs of our customers and employers alike.

My message to each and every one of you is a heartfelt thank you! Thank you Job Corps center staff and students. Thank you to every individual, civic and religious leader, educator, employer and organization who serves on our Community Relations and Industry Councils. To community and civic groups, organizations, and employers who welcome Job Corps students as volunteers and provide work-based learning opportunities to prepare them for employment, I thank you, as well. Thank you to the staff at the Culinary Learning Center for your hard work and dedication. Most importantly, thank you to our customers who have entrusted us with their academic, career technical training and service needs. Let's keep up the good work and, above all, have a great and safe summer!

Booker T. Jones



Center Highlights

Students Learn What it Takes to Succeed in Spite of the Odds

“Last year’s student leadership conference was excellent...but this one was great!” That is how Gwendolyn Antoine, MINACT’s Executive Director of Residential Living Services, describes the 2010 Student Leadership Conference, *“Succeeding In Spite of the Odds.”* Ninety-four students and staff from all MINACT operated Job Corps Centers spent three days attending workshops like *“Real Talk about Leadership,”* *“Positive Confrontation,”* and *“Peer Counseling / Mediation”* at the Whispering Woods Conference Center in Olive Branch, Mississippi. They participated in brainstorming sessions, leadership activities, outings and an awards dinner. Antoine says students could not

stop talking about guest speakers My Harrison of the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and Jeffrey Ryan Futrell, JD, MBA, and President of Young Man University Inc. Harrison told students she lost two loved-ones who worked in law enforcement to gun violence. However, she did not let that stop her from pursuing a successful career with the FBI. Harrison was just appointed Deputy Assistant Director of the FBI Security Division in Washington, D.C. She challenged students to pursue their goals despite any set-backs.

Jeffrey Ryan Futrell is still receiving e-mails from students after he shared with them how he left gang violence behind and became an attorney. He

said it was the death of his six-year old daughter in a drive-by shooting that changed him forever. He speaks to young people throughout the Memphis area about making good choices.

The Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks Job Corps Center, the host center for the conference, identified the guest speakers. Students left the meeting inspired and armed with useful tools to help them face life’s challenges and pursue excellence, thanks to the hard work of the directors of Residential Living, SGA/Leadership Coordinators, and other supporters.

Student Government Association participants are pictured on this page and on page 4.



Quentin N. Burdick JCC



Excelsior Springs JCC



Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks JCC



Gerald R. Ford JCC



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Student Government Association Members at Leadership Conference *(continued from page 3)*



Gulfport JCC



Finch-Henry JCC



Hubert H. Humphrey JCC



St. Louis JCC

Centers Celebrate Earth Day

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Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks Job Corps Center students participated in a city beautification project while Hubert H. Humphrey students held a green logo contest. Shreveport Job Corps Center students planted a tree (see photo below) with personalized garden stones to promote awareness and St. Louis Job Corps Center students participated in a beautification project at the local Boys & Girls Club as one of their Earth Day projects.



Shreveport students and staff planted a Southern Magnolia tree on center in celebration of Earth Day.



Shreveport JCC



Center Spotlight

Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center

ARRA Funds Center Facelift with Green in Mind

Tackling the challenges of conserving energy, making the best use of natural resources and upgrading the facilities at the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center, are at the forefront of a \$20 million dollar renovation project funded by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. Work began on the project in January and is expected to be completed by September 2011.

Among the renovations are upgrades to the main building constructed in 1915 as the home of Grand Rapids South High School. The building also is the alma mater of President Gerald R. Ford.

Renovations to the auditorium, gymnasium, cafeteria and residential living spaces will include green roofing technology, water conservation devices, and high-efficiency Energy



In the photo above, John Brondsema (center) Superintendent of Nevilles Electric Service explains renovations to representatives from the Department of Labor, the Student Government Association and Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center staff members.

Star equipment along with designs to make efficient use of day lighting. New technology is being incorporated into the mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems for cost sav-

ings and a better living and working environment for center students and staff. The facility is expected to receive an Energy Star rating once the rehabilitation work is completed.

Rehab Project Creates Work-Based Learning Opportunities

Carpentry, Facility Maintenance and Business Technology trades are taking advantage of work-based learning opportunities resulting from renovations at the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center. General contractor Nevilles Electric Service, sub-contractors and the center have developed a collaborative working relationship, facilitating the employment of 30 students since the project began in January.

The students have assisted with demolition, laying cement floors, removing and installing 52 heating/cooling units, assembling and tearing down scaffolding, and the movement of construction materials. Business Technology students are operating the front desk at the general contractor's local office. In a nutshell, the students are receiving practical real-world experience under the mentoring of seasoned professionals while earning additional income. All students are expected to save 70 percent of their earnings under WBL III contract guidelines. As construction continues, more students are expected to be employed by the contractors.



Above: Facility Maintenance and Carpentry WBL students outside the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center. Left: Business Technology student Kaia Jones works at the local Draper Group office.



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Stimulus Project Creates Jobs in Local Community

Rehabilitation work funded by ARRA at the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center is not only upgrading the facilities on center, but it is also giving the local economy a boost by putting residents to work.

The renovation project is designated a community development HUBzone project under the auspices of the Small Business Administration. The designation is designed to promote job growth, capital investment and economic development in economically distressed communities.

Nevilles Electric Service, the General Contractor for the project, has subcontracted with approximately 15 local businesses including the Draper Group USA, a minority-owned firm performing drywall and masonry work. Currently, more than 65 percent of the 120 workers employed by sub-contractors are minorities. Nevilles Electric Service officials say the stimulus funds are hitting the mark through the HUBzone set aside project, creating jobs for those who reside in historically depressed and under-utilized areas.

Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce
Membership...
"Increases opportunities for minority-owned businesses."
Draper Group USA
Member since 2006
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Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce Billboard on Plainfield Avenue in Northeast Grand Rapids, featuring Carpentry students and the lead contractors working on the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center renovation project.

Stabenow's Regional Staffer Tours Center

Mary Judnich, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow's Regional Manager, visited the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center to observe progress on the ARRA renovation project. Judnich met with Center Director Cato Howard, Center Deputy Director Jeff Jablonski, and Business Community Liaison Gretchen LaHaie. Judnich was impressed with the rehabilitation plans underway and the pace of the renovations. Fifty-percent of phase I of the project is complete. Work on phases II and III has begun.

Security Cadet Receives Congressional Medal of Merit

Hard working Security Cadet DeQuone Hearn earned the Congressional Medal of Merit from Congressman Vernon Ehlers for distinguishing himself as a Student of the Month for Academics, serving as a Trade Ambassador, Room Mentor, Student Leader, Student Government Association Sergeant at Arms, assisting staff and students and volunteering in the community.

Congressman Ehlers presents the award annually to recognize high school and Job Corps students who demonstrate exemplary citizenship. Hearn plans to pursue a career in the U.S. Army.

Center Director Cato Howard congratulates DeQuone Hearn for obtaining the Congressional Medal of Merit following the awards ceremony.





TABE Administrator Michael LeMieux teaching class.

Math Intensive Working

Navigating math numeracy can be a challenge for some students who enroll in Job Corps. At Gerald R. Ford, Michael LeMieux, the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) Administrator has developed his own equation for improving student math scores. LeMieux has created courses to address specific math topics where

students score poorly.

For instance, if students are struggling with fractions, he will teach a five-week course structured around learning fractions. The approach is working and LeMieux has found it to be popular with students. He is seeing a marked improvement in student test scores.

Going Online to Improve Reading Skills

Reading is the beginning of knowledge, a skill that requires practice. Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center students are finding online reading comprehension programs helpful in improving their career technical training studies. The center has partnered with Richard Milburn High School to provide an online program that offers students self-paced high school courses such as English, math, science and social studies. An Instructor is on hand to help as needed. Students take a pre-test in each class before lessons are assigned, allowing them to focus on areas where more study is needed. The result is that students are obtaining their diplomas at a faster rate than anticipated.

Read 180 is another pilot program offered at the Gerald R. Ford Job

Corps Center. The program includes class and computer instruction, independent reading and small group instruction with a teacher. The online portion of the program involves students watching a video, reading a passage about the video and then recording themselves reading the passage aloud to practice fluency. Read 180 Instructor Kim Dittenber-Reed says, "It is a pleasure to see them get excited about their books, their learning and all of their accomplishments."



Taking Read 180 (above photo) Raven Anderson, Security Program student; (Photo at left: left to right) Leeroy Santos, Security Program student; Brandie Vauters and Shanell Jackson, both Business Technology students reading.



GED/Night Instructor Ms. Colleen Blaszak with Business Technology student Stephanie Rose during Night School.

Students Find Support After 5

Career technical skills training and academics do not end at 5:00 p.m. at the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center. Monday through Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., instructor Colleen Blaszak operates the center's Night School. It is an open study lab, where students receive a range of support services. From extra help with academics and preparing for the GED, to resume writing and searching for colleges, Blaszak is on hand to provide the assistance students need. As students move through the phases of Job Corps, they look to Blaszak as a reassuring presence, who with a warm smile is always ready to lend a hand.

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Serving the Community a Priority for Students

Whatever the need, whenever the call, the Grand Rapids community can count on Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center students and staff to be there. Students regularly participate in service projects such as helping with community clean-ups, landscaping senior



Students help children with their new bike helmets.

facilities and assisting with unloading trucks and distributing goods at community food banks. Their services extend to volunteering at special events, festivals, and school and community programs that promote health and safety awareness.

This spring students planted and will maintain a garden at the Southeast Community Association to provide fresh vegetables for local families. Security students handled traffic control for the Grand Rapids 5th Third Bank River Run, and partnered with Safe Kids Greater Grand Rapids to provide free bike helmets to children at a Bike Helmet Safety Day held on center. The event was so popular

local media, including WOOD TV-8, aired several news stories about the project.



A PHOTO OP WITH STUDENTS: Amber Neumann, Career Development Manager (far right), and Gert Hopson, Administrative Assistant, Southeast Community Association (kneeling, second from left), are pictured with Culinary Arts students in the SECA Garden.

Culinary Arts Luncheon a 'Hit' on Center

Chicken Alfredo, 8-Hour Pulled Pork Enchiladas, and Breaded Pork Chops with Collard Greens are just some of the mouth-watering lunches prepared on center by Culinary Arts students at Gerald R. Ford. Under the direction of Culinary Arts Instructor Chef Tom Stiles, students prepare enough meals to feed 290 students plus staff. The experience allows students to cook a major meal in mass quantities, while working under time constraints similar to a fast-paced, high stress environment, where teamwork is essential for success. Students and staff have readily come to the conclusion that some of the best center lunches are created by Ford's hard-working Culinary Arts Students!



Front row (left to right): John Cortez, Tiara McBride, Emari Burton, Joel Gasirabo
Back row (left to right): Marquise Pope, Grant Wilcox, Chef Tom Stiles (instructor)



Homeland Security Team (left to right) James Kus, Critical Infrastructure Protection Planner; Sergeant Bruce Payne, Infrastructure Analysis & Response Section; Mary Gager Drew, Strategic Development Unit; and, Lieutenant Brian Whitsett, Sixth District Emergency Management Coordinator.

Homeland Security Team helps Develop Center's Crisis Plan

News reports of violence at educational institutions prompted the Safety and Security staff at Gerald R. Ford to invite a team from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on center, to help them craft an emergency plan. The center was also entered into the Homeland Security Automated Critical Asset Management System. The computer system creates a profile of the facilities, including the structural design and layout, which can be used by law enforcement in an emergency.

Center Highlights

QUENTIN N. BURDICK JOB CORPS CENTER / Minot, ND

News Reporter's Stories about Job Corps Leads to Career Change



Rae Schobinger

Sixteen years ago, Williston, North Dakota native Rae Schobinger was busy writing television news reports about a new Job Corps center coming online in Minot. She followed the development of the Quentin N. Burdick Job Corps Center from initial community meetings about the project to the ground-breaking and activation of the center. She even visited Job

Corps centers in other cities to see how folks felt about the academic and career training program. The Minot State University graduate was so impressed with what she learned that she thought "someday I'm going to work at Burdick."

It was not long after that, the broadcasting and business administration major bid farewell to television news, and after more than 20 years as an assignment editor, re-

porter, news director and station manager, followed her new found passion at Quentin N. Burdick. Schobinger describes her passion as a deep desire to help students "go from shy, unsure persons to young adults who are confident in their abilities and prepared to go out and reach their goals. I like to see that evolution of the student."

Schobinger has evolved at Job Corps as well, spending ten years as Director of Outreach and Admission and Career Transition Services before moving into her new post as Center Director. She has set clear goals to continue Quentin N. Burdick's record of excellence, by ensuring the staff works as a team and there is continuity of services. Schobinger believes in making time to talk to students one-on-one, because they are her first priority. She says, helping students achieve their career goals is what drew her to Job Corps and their success is what motivates her to give her all on center every day.

Burdick Students Participate in Area Disaster Simulation

When the Ward County North Dakota and Minot Disaster Teams needed actors for an airplane crash disaster simulation, they called on Quentin N. Burdick Job Corps Center students to help. Students acted as victims, family members and witnesses for the simulation of a terrorist attack that led to a plane crash at the Minot International Airport. Disaster teams rely on simulations to practice their roles in the event of a real emergency, and students played a key role by helping to create a realistic setting for the enactment.



Quentin N. Burdick Job Corps Center students lie on the ground with a bomb squad robot and a mannequin strapped with fake bombs nearby.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS JOB CORPS CENTER / Excelsior Springs, MO



Navy JROTC cadets marched in the Excelsior Springs annual Waterfest Parade.

Navy JROTC Wins MIU Award!

Navy JROTC students poured their hearts into training, academics and serving the community to win the coveted "Most Improved Unit Award" in Area IX of the Navy JROTC. More than 60 high schools from nine states competed for the title. Excelsior Springs demonstrated exceptional improvements in military drill and academics, had a 58% increase in cadet enrollment, 50% increase in community service hours, and a 75% increase in student government leadership!

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FINCH-HENRY JOB CORPS CENTER / Batesville, MS

Community Projects Get Students' Attention on Global Youth Service Day

Finch-Henry Job Corps Center students fanned out across the Batesville, Mississippi area to participate in community projects as a part of Global Youth Service Day in April. The students volunteered at Batesville Intermediate School, where they filed papers and cleaned and organized a storage room; at Federation Towers, where they cleaned the homes of senior citizens; and the Mississippi Delta Council Food Pantry, organizing and bagging food items for families served by the pantry.

Those helping with the projects include the students pictured at right: Office Assistant students Leshia Robertson and Jessica Thomas, (back row); Batesville Intermediate School Secretary Tina Houston, Office Assistant students (front center) Wylisha Pruitt, Kathren Bankston; and, (far right) Batesville Intermediate School Counselor Shanta Stutts.



Center Director Alexander Alston (back row, light blue shirt) poses with the first nine students to arrive at the Gulfport Job Corps Center in April.

GULFPORT JOB CORPS CENTER / Gulfport, MS

Staff Welcomes Students to Gulfport

Gulfport Job Corps opened its doors to its first residential students on April 20. The center had been closed since August of 2005 when the facilities suffered damage due to Hurricane Katrina. Staff members spent months preparing for the students' arrival and enthusiastically welcomed each of them. Students have the option of training in Electrical, Clinical Medical Assistant, Medical Office Support and Nursing Assistant / Home Health Aide programs at the center.

DR. BENJAMIN L. HOOKS JOB CORPS CENTER / Memphis, TN

Students Assist with American Red Cross Relief Efforts

Students at the Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks Job Corps Center came to the aid of victims of Tennessee's extreme flash floods in May, helping the American Red Cross store relief items. Carpentry and Material Distribution students under the supervision of Team Manager Michael Jefferson cleaned the Red Cross warehouse and organized new supplies. Hooks JCC contin-

ues to assist by storing disaster relief kits and pallets of bottled water on center for the agency.

Students report that they enjoyed the experience because it helped them make a positive contribution to the community.

Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks Job Corps Center Carpentry and Material Distribution students with Team Manager, Michael Jefferson after unloading an American Red Cross truck in Memphis.



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HUBERT H. HUMPHREY JOB CORPS CENTER / St. Paul, MN



Painting and Wallpapering Student Stephanie Kosanovich shows off her hot pepper piñata on the front lawn at Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center.

Students Celebrate Cultural Diversity

Hubert H. Humphrey has one of the most diverse Job Corps Center student populations nationally, with 34 cultures represented. Staff and students routinely celebrate diversity throughout the year with events that promote cultural awareness and expression. The celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month in May included a flag ceremony featuring students carrying flags from countries such as Mexico, Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, and Honduras; an Introduction to Spanish course taught by two Hispanic staff members; meals inspired by Hispanic culture and student games, sports and crafts indigenous to Hispanic countries.

ST. LOUIS JOB CORPS CENTER / St. Louis, MO

St. Louis Holds 1st Pinning Ceremony

Staff and students fought back tears of joy as ten graduating Certified Nursing Assistants at the St. Louis Job Corps Center, were pinned during the center's first Pinning Ceremony. The pinning ceremony recognized CNA students who completed their course work, including their clinicals and passed the state exam. The Lindell Site Team Manager, Lenora Stepney said "It was an emotional event because the students were so dedicated to the program and you could tell they enjoyed the learning process." Stepney plans to make the pinning ceremony a quarterly event. Six graduates will begin working as CNAs at nursing home facilities. Four graduates are continuing their education at St. Louis Community College pursuing degrees as Licensed Practical Nurses and Registered Nurses.



Pictured are (back row) St. Louis Job Corps CNA graduates and (front row) Health Occupation Training Instructors with guest speaker Gladys Johnson (far right).

SHREVEPORT JOB CORPS CENTER / Shreveport, LA

Students Celebrate Biz Camp 10th Anniversary

Entrepreneurial hopefuls at Shreveport Job Corps Center attended a banquet celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Biz Camp, at the Horseshoe Riverdome in Bossier City, Louisiana. Biz Camp is a two-week workshop designed to introduce students to the business world. Participants develop a business plan, present their ideas and develop marketing strategies, which they use to execute their plan before the end of the workshop. The 2009 Shreveport Job Corps graduates of the program were featured in the banquet's souvenir booklet.



Biz Camp graduates and participants at the Horseshoe Riverdome.

Tribute to a Living Legend

Dr. Robert Smith, Sr., or “Dr. Bob” as he is affectionately called, is a man who has tirelessly worked for more than 40 years providing medical care to the poor, the uninsured, and the underserved nationwide. In May, Dr. Smith, who is also Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of MINACT was honored for his many achievements at a gala at the Jackson Convention Complex in Jackson, Mississippi. More than 900 well-wishers attended the event distinguished by the theme, “Celebrating a Living legend, Dr. Robert Smith, Sr.”



Dr. Robert Smith



Co-Host of the gala, Maggie Wade (seated), WLBT News Anchor and MINACT President/CEO Booker T. Jones speaking about how he first met Dr. Robert Smith, Sr.

Dr. Smith is the principal founder of the model for the National Neighborhood Health Center Movement that today serves more than 17 million Americans, and he is the first African American to serve as Chief of Staff at Central Mississippi Medical Center. The founder and primary care physician for Central Mississippi Health Services, he is a leader in the diagnosis and treatment of diabetes and related illnesses. During the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. Smith established The Medical Committee for Human Rights and stood on the front lines during marches and protests. Videotaped remarks from the former Executive Director of the National Urban League Vernon Jordan

was among the congratulatory messages shared at the tribute. Dr. Smith’s expertise and insight are tremendous assets to MINACT, and we are grateful for his stellar service as a member of the MINACT Board of Directors.

Reconnecting with Mississippi Roots...

Frances Hooks (seated left of MINACT President/CEO Booker T. Jones) and daughter Pat Gray (seated on right) recently spent a weekend reconnecting with their Mississippi roots at the invitation of Jones. Mrs. Hooks is the widow of Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, who served as MINACT Board Chairman until his death on April 15. Mrs. Hooks’ visit included stops in Canton, Mississippi, where her father was born and where she spent summers as a child; and historic landmarks in Jackson. The two women also were treated to a luncheon hosted by local members of the MINACT Board of Directors. Pictured standing are board members (left to right) Dr. Robert Smith, Sr., Toni Cooley, Alveno Castilla, and MINACT Executive Vice President Sam Devore.



Collins Joins MINACT Staff



Retired Brigadier General Augustus Leon Collins, a member of the MINACT Board of Directors, has joined the company as *General A. Leon Collins* Special Assistant to the President. General Collins will be involved in all aspects of the company’s current businesses and work directly with MINACT’s President/CEO Booker T. Jones. Prior to joining MINACT, General Collins served as a Commissioner for the Mississippi Workers’ Compensation Commission.

MINACT Donates Computers to School

Students at Green Elementary School in Jackson, Mississippi, were thrilled when they saw five Dell computers in the school’s Resource Room. MINACT Executive Director of Information Systems Ray Polk and Executive Director of Information Communications Clinton Mayes delivered and set up the computers. Principal Marilyn Clarke said she is so grateful to MINACT for its ongoing support and generosity to its adopted school. MINACT also donated a new color printer to Green Elementary for the principal’s office.



Executive Director of Information Systems Ray Polk (foreground) and Executive Director of Information Communications Clinton Mayes help children get started on computers donated by MINACT.