

THE SENATOR

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GREETINGS AND HAPPY SPRING SEMESTER

As I reflect on my first full year of serving as your Staff Senate President, I must admit, it has truly been an honor. We have worked very hard to create a healthy and happy work environment for everyone. Be assured that the Staff Senate will continue to communicate with our internal stakeholders to discuss the importance of fair policies, shared governance, and transparency. We encourage you to share any concerns you may have with us, and we will share them with the administration to bring resolve to the matter. We would also like to hear about your accomplishments, so we can celebrate with you. The Staff Senate has your best interest at heart at all times. We serve and support you.

Data has been reviewed from last year's survey for possible activities during Faculty/Staff Appreciation Week. We plan to incorporate some of your ideas this year. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and making each year of activities better. Remember, all Staff Senate meetings are open, and you are welcomed to attend. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 11:00 AM, in the Senate Chambers, located in the Student Center on the 3rd fl. We also have a monthly meeting with the President where we share our concerns and receive feedback.

Remember, your voice is important to us. Our students need us on the front line to keep the train rolling and the family of TIGERS ROARING!

Dr. La'tonia Harper.
Staff Senate President



THE STAFF SENATE WELCOMES 13TH PRESIDENT

The Staff Senate welcomes our 13th President, Dr. Marcus Thompson. Per the MS Free Press (Nov. 16, 2023), Dr. Thompson stated, "I'm very honored to be named President of Jackson State University because I believe in its mission, purpose and most of all, the outstanding faculty, staff, alumni and students who embody our school's motto of challenging minds, changing lives," Join us in welcoming President Thompson to Tiger Land!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 3-4 | Spring Commencement |
| May 6-10 | Faculty/Staff Appreciation Week |
| TBD | Staff Leadership Institute |
| Open | Staff Senate Prospective Member Applications |



SALUTE TO DR. HAYES-ANTHONY

On March 2, 2023, The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning named Dr. Elayne Hayes-Anthony as temporary acting president of JSU. The appointment of Dr. Hayes-Anthony as the Acting President was intended to ensure continuity of leadership and maintenance the institution's commitment to excellence in education. Dr. Hayes-Anthony has served as Chair and Professor, Department of Journalism and Media Studies, at Jackson State University since 2015. As the acting President Dr. Hayes-Anthony was focused on JSU's student success, academic excellence and research, and enhancing the JSU brand. This photo not only captures the poise with which she lead, but also her servant leadership and her open-door policy to the Staff Senate. We would like to applaud Dr. Hayes-Anthony for a job well done and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Commencement Exercises will be held Friday, May 3rd at 9 a.m. in the Lee E. Williams Athletic & Assembly Center for Graduate Students and Saturday, May 4th at 8 am at the Mississippi Veterans' Memorial Stadium for Undergraduates. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Frankie Adams, at Ext. 8806.



BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA

HOW WELL do you know YOUR JSU?

1. Who was the first female to serve in the role of president at JSU?
2. What organization founded Natchez Seminary?
3. What year was the first degree awarded?
4. Who were the first students to attend JSU?

1. Dr. Bettye Ward Fletcher
2. The American Baptist Home Mission Society
3. 1924
4. Twenty newly freed slaves



\$24 IN 2024 INITIATIVE

The Staff Senate has created an initiative to assist the university with recruitment. We want to recruit our very own. Consequently, the Staff Senate has established a scholarship that we would like you to support, “\$24 in 2024”. We invite each staff member to donate a tax deductible gift of \$24, which can be paid in 4 payroll deductions of \$6 each. This scholarship has been earmarked for staff and their dependents. Awards will begin fall 24 semester.

I am happy to announce that 100% of the Staff Senate members have donated. The account has to have at least \$10,000 before funds can be awarded. The application process will begin May 1, 2024. More details will be forthcoming. For questions regarding this initiative, you may contact Dr. La’Tonia Harper at 601-979-7074.



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FLASHBACK TO HOMECOMING 2023

