

# DSCC Alumni & Friends

Newsletter of Dyersburg State Community College



**Former Harlem Globetrotter  
and DSCC Alumnus  
Michael Douglas**

Summer Quarter 2017



**Harlem Legend Michael Douglas and Mayor John Holden**

# DSCC

## *Alumni Association*

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### Alumni Scholarship Criteria and Deadline

The members of the DSCC Alumni Association Board have established the Alumni Scholarship for deserving students. Preference will be given to children of paid members of the Dyersburg State Alumni Association. A 100 word or less essay must be completed on "Why you feel you deserve to be awarded the DSCC Alumni Association Scholarship." The student must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 and must be enrolled as a full time student. The scholarship may be retained for a maximum of four semesters as long as criteria are met each semester and funding is available. The number of scholarships awarded, as well as their monetary value, varies from year to year. For more information, contact the Alumni Coordinator at 731-286-3347. Applications may be downloaded online at [www.dsc.edu/alumni](http://www.dsc.edu/alumni).

#### **Deadline for submitting application and essay:**

June 1st for Fall Semester  
December 1st for Spring Semester

#### **Submit application and essay to:**

Dyersburg State Community College  
Attn: Alumni Association  
1510 Lake Road  
Dyersburg, TN 38024  
or fax to: 731-288-7788

### We can't do it without you!

Each year the DSCC Alumni Association awards scholarships to deserving students. The source of these funds is our membership dues. We awarded ten scholarships for Spring 2017, and we hope to do the same next year. Your participation will make this possible. For more information, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 731-286-3349 or [clay@dsc.edu](mailto:clay@dsc.edu).

## McGuire and Polley Named DSCC Outstanding Alumni



Dr. Meagan McGuire

On April 13, Dr. Karen Bowyer, president of Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) and Kristol Sentell, Alumni Association President, presented Dr. Meagan McGuire and Don Polley with the Outstanding Alumni Award.

Meagan McGuire graduated from DSCC in 2005 with an Associate of Science degree in Secondary Education. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from UT Martin in 2008 and a Master of Science degree in Education from Arkansas State University in 2010. Last year, she earned a Doctorate of Education (Ed.D) in Instruction and Curriculum Leadership from the University of Memphis.

She began her teaching career in 2008 as a sixth through eighth-grade teacher at Tipton County Schools. In 2011, she became an eighth-grade teacher at Three Oaks Middle School and is currently employed at Dyer County High School where she has taught Algebra II since 2015.

Meagan was recently recognized as the 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year from the Dyer County School System. While attending DSCC, she was named to the dean's list from 2003-2005, was a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and served as a peer tutor at the Student Success Center.

When we asked Meagan what she liked best about attending DSCC, she said, "Some of my favorite college classes were taken here. The class sizes were small so I was able to ask questions and participate in discussions. I was challenged academically, yet I always had support to help me succeed. My advisors were always available and helpful in planning my courses – and they even wrote recommendations. I know DSCC was the foundation I needed to pursue a career in education."

Meagan resides in Dyersburg with her husband Tyler.



L to R: Dr. Karen Bowyer, Dr. Meagan McGuire, and Kristol Sentell



L to R: Tyler and Dr. Meagan McGuire





Don Polley

senior citizens with open enrollment for Medicare.

Don is a member of the Nonfiction Authors Association, the Jackson Old Hickory Rotary Club, the Jackson Chamber of Commerce and the:CO – a resource for entrepreneurs focusing on creating jobs and scaling businesses.

While attending DSCC, he was named to the dean’s list and Honor Roll.

When we asked what he liked best about attending DSCC, he said, “What I liked best about DSCC were the opportunities made available for nontraditional students at all locations; the support from both faculty and staff who were available upon request; the sense of satisfaction I felt upon completing a degree that I started in the mid-70s; and the top-notch facilities. I would like to give special thanks to Jessica Jones at the Gibson County Center location whose kind words of wisdom and inspiration kept me from getting overwhelmed. She seemed to know when I needed it the most.”

Don currently resides in Trenton and has one daughter, Misty and two grandchildren, Lillian and Ty.

Don Polley graduated from John A. Logan Community College with an Associate of Science degree in 1983 and then earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Administration in 2005 from DSCC. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership in 2013 from Union University.

Don began his career as a plant manager at Southern Source Tool and Manufacturing in Milan from 1995-1999. He then briefly worked as a production supervisor at Maytag Department Pierce Distribution in Humboldt before becoming employed at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Union City from 2000 to 2011.

During a layoff at Goodyear from January 2003 to April 2006, he obtained his associate degree from DSCC and worked as a dock lead at Proctor & Gamble through sub-contractor Innogistics from December 2004 to April 2006. Don then became employed as a product specialist at Alan Vines Automotive in Jackson from June 2014 to October 2014 before opening his own business Don Polley & Associates in October 2015. There he serves as a generational diversity consultant, author, speaker and millennial advocate.

Don has served as a mentor with tnAchieves since 2014. He has volunteered with Tennessee State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) through the Northwest Tennessee Development District (NWTDD) since 2015 counseling



Don Polley (L) and Kristol Sentell (R)



L to R: Dr. Karen Bowyer, Don Polley and Kristol Sentell

## Harlem Legends Basketball Show Comes to Dyersburg State



The Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) Alumni Association hosted the Harlem Legends Celebrity Basketball Show Feb. 23. The show was held inside the E.H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium on the Dyersburg campus. A Harlem Legends Youth Clinic was offered prior to the show.

The Harlem Legends, a group of former Harlem Globetrotters, NBA players and other professional athletes, played against the Dyersburg State All-Stars in a friendly game of hoops. Those participating on the Harlem Legends team were Referee Jimmy Bolden, former Harlem Globetrotters Tyrone “Hollywood” Brown, Larry “Shorty” Coleman, Michael “Memphis” Douglas, Elbert “Tree” Gordon and Trey Moore, former National Basketball Association (NBA) players McKinley Singleton and Andre Turner, and international players Darius Smith and Curtis Green.

The Dyersburg State All-Star team, comprised of alumni and local business and community leaders, included A.J. Adams, boys head basketball coach and girls assistant basketball coach at Three Oaks Middle School, Tommy Allmon, president of White & Associates Insurance, Walt Bradshaw, principal agent and vice president of Bradshaw & Company Insurors, J.D. Cantu, chief operating officer at Reelfoot Family Walk-In Clinics, Amy Carroll, owner of Amy Carroll Training, Marshall Crawley, director of McDowell Center for Children, Jason Creasy, judge of the City of Newbern, Eric Ellerbrook, boys and girls head basketball coach at Dyersburg Middle School and co-owner of Pediatric Associates of West Tennessee, Harold Hildreth, assistant men’s basketball coach at DSCC, John Holden, mayor of Dyersburg, Dr. Elizabeth Lu, podiatrist at Northwest Tennessee Foot Clinic, LLC, Kenny Lyte, service provider at United Parcel Service (UPS), Steven Parker, service provider at UPS, Adam Raines, Certified Athletic Trainer at West Tennessee Healthcare, Jason Roberts, recorder at City of Newbern, Charles Taylor, women’s head basketball coach at DSCC, Elijah Taylor, boys and girls head track coach at Dyersburg High School and assistant teacher at Dyersburg Intermediate School, Chris Weik, financial advisor at Edward Jones, Patrick Williams, director at Johnson-Williams Funeral Home, and Chris Young, mayor of Dyer County.

Halftime entertainment was provided by the Dyersburg High School Dance Team, the Dyer County High School Dance Team and the Little Choctaws Cheer and Dance Teams. Proceeds benefitted the Alumni Association scholarship.



# Outstanding Faculty and Staff Honored at Faculty Staff Conference



Mayor Chris Young presented Dr. Teri Maddox and Bud Hoffmann with keys to the city upon their recent retirement.



The Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award, sponsored by Security Bank, was presented to Dana Laman by Megan Brock and John Young.



Retirements and resignations were recognized for DSCC faculty and staff members. L to R: Debora Gay, Yuketa Hall, Kate Blinka, Stephen Son, Kay Wall and Ginger Dozier.



The Outstanding Administrative Professional Award, sponsored by Simon Bank, was presented to Luciana Shaw by Danny Watson.



The Outstanding Faculty Award, sponsored by Bill and Mary Adcock, was presented to Nathan Sonderman by Dr. Karen Bowyer.



The Ned Cherry Maintenance Award, sponsored by American Paper Twine, was presented to Bart Jowers by Neil Ross.

# DSCC Baseball Team Ranked #1 NJCAA Division I



This is the first time in Dyersburg State history that the baseball team has reached the #1 spot!

## Dyersburg State Community College 2017 Baseball Schedule

### MAY

7-11 TCCA REGION VII TOURNAMENT Away Gallatin, TN TBA

## Dyersburg State Community College 2017 Softball Schedule

### MAY

7-11 TCCA REGION VII TOURNAMENT Away Gallatin TBA

## May 17 - 20 NJCAA East Central District Baseball Tournaments at DSCC

### Here's the Scoop!

According to our by-laws, those who graduate from DSCC are eligible for a one-year Alumni Association membership with the annual fee waived. Contact Amy Finch at 731-286-3347 or [finch@dsc.edu](mailto:finch@dsc.edu).

### DSCC Decals Available

The DSCC Alumni Association has athletic decals for sale for \$5 each. To purchase decals contact 731-286-3349 or [clay@dsc.edu](mailto:clay@dsc.edu).



### **Alumni Note**

Do you have good news to share? Send it to [clay@dsc.edu](mailto:clay@dsc.edu), and we will include it in a future issue of our newsletter.



## DSCC Hosts Diversity Panel at the JNC



L to R: Rev. Gary Meade (Moderator), Mr. J. Houston Gordon, Lt. Gen. John Castellaw, Kalimah Azeez, Rev. Mario Hayslett, Police Chief Buddy Lewis

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) hosted a community panel entitled “Appreciating the Diversity of Race, Religion and Culture in our Community” on Tuesday, April 4, inside the Baptist Memorial Health Care Academic Building Auditorium at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County.

Local business, community and religious leaders, including Lt. Gen. John Castellaw, United States Marine Corp (retired), J. Houston Gordon, attorney at J. Houston Gordon Law Office, Rev. Mario Hayslett, pastor at Community Fellowship and Worship Center, Rev. Gary Meade, rector of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, and Kalimah Azeez, program manager of the American Muslim Advisory Council Tennessee (AMACTN), served as panelists. Panelists shared how their different faiths and beliefs have similarities and how the community can work together to encourage tolerance and understanding of others.

## PTK Induction Ceremony Held for New Members

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) inducted 29 new members into the Alpha Epsilon Alpha (AEA) chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) March 17. The Induction Ceremony for the PTK academic honor society was held inside the Student Center on the Dyersburg campus.

New inductees included: Alexis Ballard of Ridgely, Bailey Baugues of Covington, Miranda Brandt of Brighton, Brianna Burse of Halls, Olivia Capps of Dyersburg, Chelsea Cox of Ripley, Reed Daniels of Dyersburg, Jeniffer Dial of Dyersburg, Ann Finley of Finley, Jacob Hyde of Union City, Briana Jensen of Covington, Natalie King of Dyersburg, Grant Lester of Millington, Sarah Lewis of Newbern, Mario Mandujano of Union City, Isaac Mecklin of Munford, Becca Medford of Ripley, Chelsea Melton of Bartlett, Morgan Moore of Dyersburg, Philip Moore of Millington, Makenzie Pugh of Covington, Gabrielle Scott of Covington, Mary Grace Simonton of Covington, Kirsten Solomon of Halls, Nicole Tompkins of Burlison, Luke Walden of Munford, Samantha Walton of Humboldt, Andrew Webb of Brighton, and Julia Williams of Dyersburg.

Matthew Miller of Millington, chapter president, welcomed the audience and introduced Dr. Karen Bowyer, DSCC president. Dr. Bowyer recognized Miller along with Hannah Walden of Munford, as they were recently chosen to serve on the All-Tennessee Academic Team.

Miller presented the Faculty and Staff Golden Apple Awards to faculty and staff who have encouraged students to achieve the honor of becoming a PTK member. Recipients included Michael Bowen, Brent Fonville, Angela Martin, Tracy McLaughlin and Anne Sain.

Dr. Brigham Scallion, instructor of biology and PTK chapter advisor, introduced guest speaker Tracie Langley, DSCC coordinator of Admissions and Dual Enrollment and former AEA president and vice president of the West Region. The induction of new members was led by the DSCC Student Leadership Team consisting of Miller, Will Kimes of Brighton, vice president of scholarships, Hannah Walden of Munford, vice president of service, Jenna Hein of Munford, vice president of fundraising, Virginia Ruble-Cooper of Hornbeak, vice president of leadership, Emily Mecklin of Munford, secretary and Erin Hein of Munford, treasurer.

## Douglas honored as Honorary Head Coach During Homecoming



L to R: Michael Douglas, Alumni Association vice president Luciana Shaw, DSCC student Mary Alice McKeand, President Dr. Karen Bowyer, and Larry "Shorty" Coleman

The DSCC Alumni Association honored Michael Douglas as the Honorary Head Coach of Dyersburg State Community College during halftime of the men's basketball Homecoming game

Through the Michael Douglas Youth Foundation and the Harlem Legends, Douglas has changed lives and encouraged others to reach their full potential.

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## Rice Named DSCC Homecoming Queen



Michelle Rice and DSCC Women's Basketball Coach Charles Taylor

Michelle Rice of Dyersburg received the majority of votes cast by the Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) student body in its Homecoming Queen election. Rice was crowned at the DSCC Homecoming basketball games on Friday, February 24, held at the E. H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium on the Dyersburg campus.

# DSCC Continuing Education Youth Programs

*Register Now for Summer!*

## **College for Kids**

Children age 4 through sixth grade may enroll in variety of fun enrichment courses that are sure to please!

**DSCC Dyersburg Campus • June 12 - 16 • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

**DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County • June 26 - 30 • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

**DSCC Gibson County Center • July 10 - 14 • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

## **STEM Program: Minecraft Camp**

Youth ages 10-15 will learn skills such as teamwork, problem solving, physics, logic and more while learning how to play Minecraft!

**DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County • June 5 - 9 • 1 - 5 p.m.**

**DSCC Dyersburg Campus • June 19 - 23 • 1 - 5 p.m.**

**[www.dsccl.edu/continuingeducation](http://www.dsccl.edu/continuingeducation)**

To register online go to <https://registration.xenegrade.com/dsccl> or for more information, contact Mandy Fisher at 731-286-3265 or [fisher@dsccl.edu](mailto:fisher@dsccl.edu)



***Save the Date!***  
***Golf Tournament August 25!***

The annual Ed Lannom Memorial Golf Tournament to support DSCC Athletics will take place on Friday, August 25, at the Farms Golf Course in Dyersburg. A great afternoon of golf is planned. For more information, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 731-286-3349 or [clay@dsccl.edu](mailto:clay@dsccl.edu).

# 2017 College Calendar

For additional dates, please check the DSCC website.

## May

5/1 - DSCC Community Orchestra Concert, 8 - 9:30 p.m., 1st Baptist Church, 114 West Main St., Newbern

5/4 - DSCC Community Choir Spring Concert, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Parr Ave., Dyersburg

**5/5 - Alumni Ice Cream Social, 4 p.m., Dyer County High School, Newbern**

5/6 - Nursing Pinning Ceremony, 10 - 11:30 a.m., E. H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium, Dyersburg campus

**5/6 - DSCC Commencement, 2 - 3:30 p.m., Dyer County High School Gymnasium, Newbern**

5/8 - 5/12 - On Track for College for area middle school and junior high school students, Dyersburg campus

5/17 - 5/20 - NJCAA East Central District Baseball Tournament, Time and Location TBA

## June

6/5 - STEM-based Minecraft Camp, 1 - 5 p.m., Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County

6/6 - Open House: New Student Orientation, 2 - 4 p.m., Student Center, Dyersburg campus

6/7 - DSCC Community Service Day for TN Promise students, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Dyersburg Campus

6/10 - National ACT testing, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Glover classrooms, Dyersburg campus

6/12 - 6/16 - College for Kids, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Dyersburg Campus

6/15 - Open House: New Student Orientation, 2 - 4 p.m., Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County

6/19 - 6/23 - STEM-based Minecraft Camp, 1 - 5 p.m., Dyersburg Campus

6/26 - 6/30 - College for Kids, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County

## July

**7/4 - College closed in observance of Independence Day**

7/10 - 7/29 - Summer Bridge Program, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Student Center, Glover 200 & 218, Math 165, Dyersburg campus

7/10 - 7/14 - College for Kids, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Gibson County Center

7/10 - tnAchieves TN Promise community meeting, 3 - 4:30 p.m., Student Center Commons, Dyersburg campus

7/11 - Open House: New Student Orientation, 2 - 4 p.m., Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County

7/11 - New Adult Student Orientation, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County

7/18 - Open House: New Student Orientation 2 - 4 p.m., Student Center, Dyersburg campus

7/18 - New Adult Student Orientation, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Learning Resource Center Terrazzo, Dyersburg campus

## August

8/8 - Open House: New Student Orientation, 2 - 4 p.m., Student Center, Dyersburg campus

8/10 - Open House: New Student Orientation, 2 - 4 p.m., Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County

8/15 - Open House: New Student Orientation, 2 - 4 p.m., Gibson County Center

**8/25 - E.H. Lannom, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament. 1 p.m., The Farms Golf Course, Dyersburg**

8/28 - Classes Begin including *DSCC Online* and *TN eCampus*

## Alumni Association Board Members

### DSCC Alumni

#### Association Officers

President - Kristol Sentell

Vice President - Luciana Shaw

Treasurer - Constance Clay

Secretary - Amy Finch

### Board Members 2014-2017

Cole Shelton

Sabrina Clark

Sharon Davidson

Randall Hooker

Esther Hugueley

Julie Frazier

### Board Members 2015-2018

Rodney Alford

Martin Caton

Jackie Cherry

Alice Eison

Steve Robey

Gina Seratt

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### Board Members 2016-2019

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