

VICE PRESIDENT'S
Scholarship & Gala
HALL OF HONORS
2017

Greetings!



**"I SEE MORE CLEARLY
THAN EVER BEFORE
THE GREAT TASK THAT
IS BEFORE ME, AND I
PROPOSE TO CONTINUE
THE STRUGGLE."**

—William Henry Holtzclaw,
Founder

Historically, African Americans have been underrepresented, constantly fighting for social and political equality. We stand on the shoulders of our forefathers that understood educational equality was not an option. It was imperative! African Americans have fought discrimination with unwavering determination, shattering glass ceilings to widen the circle of opportunity.

The Utica Campus of Hinds Community College has its own proud heritage of supporting the rights of equality in education. Hinds Community College - Utica Campus has undergone a century of transformation. In 1903, William Henry Holtzclaw founded our campus as the Utica Normal and Industrial Institute (UNII), later transitioning to Hinds County Agricultural High School / Utica Junior College. As a student of Thurgood Marshall, Mr. Holtzclaw was challenged to go into a rural area and educate the underprivileged while also providing meaningful services. He opened the doors of UNII to local farmers and their families. From its humble beginnings, through the court ordered merger with Hinds Community College in 1982, one hundred thirteen years later, the Utica Campus of Hinds Community College continues to proudly serve our community in a Historically Black College & University (HBCU) status.

As the first female leader and alumna of the Utica Campus ('89), it is an honor and a privilege to follow in the footsteps of such outstanding educators as our founder, Mr. Holtzclaw. Just as leaders before me, I understand the great responsibility of upholding his legacy with pride and dignity. Throughout our history, we have relied on partnerships and community leaders to build effective programs to serve our students. We ask that you consider partnering with us to help send a student to college. A higher education prepares our students for today's careers.

Dr. Clyde Muse, President of the Hinds Community College District has sustained his vision of offering a high quality education through relevant, diverse programs. We provide a multitude of resources for students with various interests and abilities. The Utica Campus will continue to build on our unique historical legacy, leveraging the opportunities presented as part of the largest community college in Mississippi along with the success of our students. With your help, we will continue to offer students the opportunity to grow educationally and socially through scholarship.

Please utilize the enclosed document to secure tickets, sponsorships and/or ads in support of your financial efforts.

The Vice President's Scholarship and Hall of Honors Gala will be held on Friday, March 31, 2017, at the Old Capitol Inn, Jackson, MS at 7:00p.m. Please feel free to contact my office if further clarity is needed.

Thank you in advance for joining us in support of this scholarship event!

Respectfully Submitted,

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Founded in 1903 as the Utica Normal & Industrial Institute for Coloreds, the Utica Campus of Hinds Community College proudly retains its Historically Black College and University status.

