

Schedule



KEYNOTE SPEAKER **Kristy Johnson** *Miss Black Mississippi USA 2017*

Community organizer, pageant enthusiast and Goodwill Ambassador for the Republic of Sierra Leone, Kristy Johnson works diligently in her community. As the former Miss Black Mississippi USA 2017, Kristy was awarded the "Community Ambassador" Award at the national Miss Black USA Scholarship Pageant in August of 2017. Kristy's platform as Miss Black Mississippi USA 2017 was entitled "Be Empowered", advocating for youth to become change-agents in their communities. Kristy participated in over 100 projects throughout the state of Mississippi with groups including Kuntry Kids of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, the Mississippi National Alliance on Mental Illness, The Pink Lotus Project of The Mississippi Gulf Coast, Womanhood International, G.I.R.L. of Jackson State University, churches, sororities, and other civic organizations.

Kristy's purpose of advocating the importance of service to the youth established in early childhood as a Girl Scout which later became noted by former President Bill Clinton as she received the Presidential Award. She has always had a heart for the community and represented the state of Mississippi in many facets. During her years in high school, Kristy was paged for the State of Mississippi House of Representatives for Representative Alyce Clarke, as well as for Former Governor Haley Barbour during the 2008 Legislative Session. She also participated in the City of Jackson Mayor's Youth Council, attending one of the League's first Statewide Youth Leadership Summits! Her leadership capabilities trickled over into college where she participated in organizations including the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America, Tiger P.R.I.D.E. Campus Recruitment organization and the Residential Hall Association. Her participation in leadership roles and serving the community has been something she enjoys.

Kristy's plan in life is to one day dismantle the "school-to-prison pipeline", a phenomena that is affecting our youth today. She feels that the many hats she wears all tie into this common goal.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

6:00pm - 7:30pm
Early Registration
Brandon Municipal Complex
1000 Municipal Drive, Brandon, MS

7:00pm - 9:00pm
Welcome Reception
Brandon Municipal Complex
1000 Municipal Drive, Brandon, MS
Sponsored & Hosted by City of Brandon

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

7:30am - 8:30am
Registration & Breakfast
JSU Student Center - 1st Floor

8:45am - 9:45am
Opening General Session
JSU Student Center, Ballrooms A/B, 3rd Floor

10:00am - 10:55am
Breakout Sessions Block I

**Leadership Isn't Black and White...
It Takes the Whole Crayon Box**
Presented by City of Moss Point
Mayor's Youth Council
Dollye M.E. Robinson College of Liberal Arts
- Room 146

**Mission: Nutrition... Healthy Lifestyles
Make Strong Leaders**
Presented by Blue Cross & Blue Shield
of Mississippi
Charles F. Moore Building - Room 100

Thee I Love, So I Lead
Presented by Dr. William Bynum, Jr.
President, Jackson State University
JSU Student Center - Student Theatre

The Lot: From Parking Lot to Party Lot
Presented by City of Ocean Springs
Mayor's Youth Council
JSU Student Center - Senate

**I'm New and Don't Know What to Do!
Help Us Get in the Game!**
(For City Officials, Youth Coordinators and Youth Advisors)
Moderated by MML Youth Committee Chairman
Mayor Butch Lee, Brandon & Alderwoman
Joyce Arceneaux-Mathis, Natchez
Ballrooms A/B

11:00am - 11:55am
Breakout Sessions Block II

**It Works If You Work It!...
Networking with a Purpose**
Presented by City of Greenville
Mayor's Youth Council
Dollye M.E. Robinson College of Liberal Arts
- Room 146

**Rules of the Game...
Crash Course of Robert's Rules of Order**
Presented by City of Gulfport
Mayor's Youth Council
Charles F. Moore Building - Room 100

**Got My Mind on My Money
and My Money on My Mind**
Presented by City of Newton
Mayor's Youth Council
JSU Student Center - Student Theatre

**The Mississippi Youth Preparedness
Initiative (MyPI) and MSU Extension's
Youth Preparedness Continuum (YPC):
Fostering Preparedness, Civic Responsibility,
and Empowerment in Today's Youth**
Presented by Dave Nichols, State Program
Manager, Mississippi Citizen Corps of the
Mississippi Office of Homeland Security,
MSU Extension
JSU Student Center - Senate

12:00 Noon - 1:15pm
Lunch
Heritage Dining Hall



1:30pm - 3:15pm
Closing Session
TJohnE Productions "ThinkFast" Trivia
JSU Student Center, Ballrooms A/B, 3rd Floor

Youth Summit Adjourns



**COMMUNITY SERVICE
PROJECT DROP-OFF**
JSU Student Center
1st Floor