

# The COCO Voice

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## BEGINNING A LONG YEAR!

Life as a college freshman has been extremely amazing. Not only has it brought so much excitement to my life, but many challenges as well. I could not wait to start this new chapter in my life. I counted down the days, hours, and even minutes until I left high school for college. When I got to the University of Mississippi in Oxford, I was not disappointed as it was everything I expected and more. I've met so many wonderful people; people who would become instrumental in making my freshman year great. People who I am also building relationships with that that I imagine will last a lifetime. Not only did I get to meet wonderful people, I have been able to do some pretty exciting activities as part of the largest freshman class to come to Ole Miss, such as rushing the field after a phenomenal win against Alabama, catching a glimpse of Katy Perry during College Game Day, and spending Saturday mornings in the grove and nights in the square. In my opinion these are things that some students will never experience; and to think, I've experienced these in the first semester of my freshman year. Along with the amazing things I've done, there has been some challenges. Having to learn to prioritize work and play, struggling to get up and be on time for my 8AM classes after staying up all night, having

to make a bowl of noodles because the cafeteria is closed and in college there are no leftovers; even waking up and realizing I have no clean clothes because in college you have no one to do it for you. How exciting to begin developing a road map for the rest of my life. All these experiences have made my first year amazing. If I had to do it all over, I wouldn't change a minute of it. Although, not everyone is expected to have such a great first year college experience, I'm of the opinion that it is all that you make it. Have fun! But keep in mind that you're now a college student and you must study consistently everyday to achieve what you want to do in life. Good study habits is the secondary key to making the grade. The first key is to always put God first in what you do!

by Yolanda R. Kelly, (ABC graduate)  
2014 Freshman Class at Ole Miss

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## Recent Events At COCO

### JANUARY

04-T. J. Straight Ministries held services for the quarter. The services start at 10:00 a.m. All services are open to the public. Speaker is Prophet T. J. Straight. The Ministry also sponsored an outreach food ministries each Wednesday during the quarter.

10 - Valeria Elizabeth Cain Scholarship applications are now available at [www.cococenter.org](http://www.cococenter.org) or call 662-323-3977



**10** - Rogers Memorial scholarship Luncheon was held. This event start the scholarship application process for high school seniors in Starkville/Oktibbeha County. Special thanks to Superintendent Holloway, Starkville School District for remarks.

**17** - Tutoring program was held and students worked on journal writing, mathematics and language arts. Special thanks to our teachers.

**24**- COCO monthly meeting was held at 3:00 p..m.

## **FEBRUARY**

**21**– ABC Tutoring was held and all student worked on writing and went to Second Baptist Church for a Black History Program.

**22** - Mrs. Julia Mae Tucker celebrated her 93 Birthday with family and friends. Master of ceremony was Minister Therese Celestine. CONGRATULATIONS !!!

**28**– COCO monthly meeting at 3:00 P.M. afterward at 5:00 P.M. Mrs. Elizabeth Collins celebrated her 76th Birthday. Words of encouragement were given by Mrs. Tamera Johnson. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

## **MARCH**

**02** - Melvin Rogers Repast was held at 5:00 P. M.

**13** - Mt Olivet District II Women Banquet– Mrs. Eddie Hall, District President was the speaker. Theme: Teaching for Result, Mission for Education. 2 Timothy 2:15

**21**– ABC Tutoring was held at 9:00 a.m. Students did journal writing and went to a Health Fair at the Sportplex sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta,

## ***New and Renewed Members***

Patrick Lawrence, Patrick Lawrence Jr., Padaris Lawrence, Trukya Lawrence, Trudy Lawrence, Annie Sherman, John Young, Theresa Celestine, Ethel Shine, Mt Olivet District Association,

## ***Calendar of Up Coming Events***

### **APRIL**

**05**-T. J. Straight ministries Worship Services 10:00 am (each Sunday )

**18**- ABC Tutoring program at 9 a.m.

**24** - Health Forum & Fair at 9:00 A.M. at Center

**25** – COCO Monthly Meeting 3:00 p.m.

Drawing for a gift Card to Applebee's.

**06** - COCO Annual Awards Program at 6 PM

**20**-ABC Tutoring Program 9:00 a.m.

27-COCO regular meeting at 3 p.m.

## **MAY**

**16** - ABC Tutoring Program 9:00 a.m.

**23** - COCO regular monthly meeting at 3:00p.m.

Education Association of East Oktibbeha

County School greet and meet meeting 6:00 P.M

## **JUNE**

**06** - Annual Award Program at 6:00 P. M.

**20** - ABC Tutoring Program at 9:00 A.M.

**28**- COCO Monthly meeting was held.

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