



# Rotary

Club of Jackson,  
Mississippi



## Rotagram

**November 18, 2024**

The Rotary Club of Jackson welcomed Shelita Mccadney, PH.D.; Principal | Virtual High School Academy | Jackson Middle College | Jackson Public School District  
Title of her presentation: We are the Future of Learning: JPS Virtual High School Academy and Jackson Middle College!



**L to R:** Past President Selena Swartzfager– Rotary Past President; President, Mississippi Council on Economic Education; President, Jump\$tart Mississippi; Sandra Shelson - Executive Director, The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi; Shelita Mccadney, Ph.D.; Principal | Virtual High School Academy | Jackson Middle College | Jackson Public School District; and President Phillip Carpenter – Owner, Carpenter Properties

**President Phillip Carpenter welcomed Rotarians and guests.**

**He also led the Club in the Four Way Test.**

**Keith Ferguson** – President of LogoStoreUSA, delivered the Invocation.

**Dr. Suman Das** – Owner and Chairman of Das Plastic Surgery and Rotary Assistant Governor, led club members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Steve Corbitt** – Owner of The Corbitt Company, LLC, introduced:

**Visiting Rotarians:**

Greg Campbell – Past president of the North Jackson Rotary Club

Nelson Atehortua – Capital Area Sunset Club

Charles Johnson – North Jackson Rotary Club

**Guests:**

Rotarian LeRoy Walker had two guests

- Tiffany Terrell, Director of Development, Tougaloo College
- Barbara Lofton, Senior Director of Corporate Giving, Tougaloo College

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The Rotary Club of Jackson will not meet on November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving.

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Sandra Shelson is the chairperson of our Scholarship Committee, and many of our Club scholarship recipients are/have been JPS students. Currently, we have 14 scholarship recipients.

The scholarship program supports deserving students from the Jackson Metro area who are facing financial challenges. Recipients must maintain a 2.5 GPA, dedicate four hours weekly to mentoring, communicate regularly with mentors, and remain full-time students at a Mississippi Institute of Higher Learning.

Please consider joining this important Club project.

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**Becky Redd** is now the Executive Secretary

**Jack Blackburn** is the Treasurer.

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**Owen Lusk's** health has taken a turn for the worse. Please keep him and his wife, Lacy, in your thoughts and prayers.

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**SAVE THE DATE:** March 29, 2025—The Race for Grace Place is a 5K and a Fun Run that supports Grace Place, one of our club's service projects. If you are interested in participating or volunteering, more information will be provided closer to the race date.

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**BIRTHDAYS:**

Lee Duddleston	November 10
Mark Fields	November 12
James Carter	November 13
Jane Alexander	November 14
Ray Lenow	November 19
Bill Blackwell	November 21

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**ROTARY JOIN DATES:**

George Gammon (20 years)	November 1
Scott Day (22 years)	November 1
Michael Booker (30 years)	November 1
Phillip Carpenter (32 years)	November 1
Stephen Butler (38 years)	November 1
Don Nichols (48)	November 1
Richard McRae (52)	November 1

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**Past President Selena Swartzfager Introduced Shelita Mccadney, Ph.D.**

Dr. Shelita McCadney, a Utica, Mississippi native, has dedicated 22 years to education, impacting students and educators alike. A first-generation college graduate, she holds degrees from Alcorn State University, Mississippi College and a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Mississippi State University. Dr. Brown has served in multiple roles, including as Principal of Provine High School, where she received the Mountain Mover Principal Award. She is passionate about inspiring future generations and encourages others to "Believe in yourself and your dreams, though impossible things may seem."

**We are the Future of Learning:**

**JPS Virtual High School Academy and Jackson Middle College!**

JPS strives to provide scholars with world-class learning experiences. Two of the latest high school-level innovations are the JPS Virtual High School Academy and the JSU-

Jackson Middle College. The Virtual High School Academy is open to self-directed scholars in Grades 9 -12 who thrive in a virtual learning environment. "Thee" Jackson Middle College, in partnership with Jackson State University, provides 11th-grade scholars a tuition-free opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics Education. The scholars will serve at least three years as a JPS High School mathematics teacher upon graduation. Jackson Middle College is the first and only program that has this design.



We Are the Future of Learning:  
JPS Virtual Academy/Jackson Middle College

Dr. Shelita McCadney, Principal



## About The JPS Virtual High School Academy

The purpose of the Virtual High School Academy is provide an innovation, designed to meet the ever-changing needs of our scholars, community, and families. Our program strives to provide a premium online education.



## Program Overview

The Virtual Learning Academy serves scholars in grades 9-12 in accordance with State Board Policy 56.2. For the virtual learning program, all MDE process standards (i.e., student-teacher ratios, instructional practices, planning time, compulsory attendance, teacher evaluations, etc.) will be held to the same standards as in-person learning. Scholars attend a full day of courses online with a combination of synchronous and asynchronous instruction.





# Virtual High Bell Schedule

JPS VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY PROGRAM Virtual Day Bell Schedule			
Block	Begin Time	End Time	Instructional Minutes
99 - Homeroom	8:30 AM	8:35 AM	0
01	8:37 AM	10:11 AM	94
02	10:13 AM	11:47 AM	94
**LUNCH	11:47 AM	12:17 PM	0 (30 minutes)
96- Opportunity Block	12:19 PM	12:48 PM	0 (29 minutes)
03	12:50 PM	2:24 PM	94
04	2:26 PM	4:00 PM	94
<b>Total</b>			376

\*\*Breakfast and Lunch pick-up for JPS virtual scholars is from 7:30 AM to 8:15 AM at the closest JPS school site.



State tested courses are offered online and does require scholars meet the end of course state test required passing/proficient score.

Accelerated courses such as AP and Dual credit are available to virtual scholars.

A menu of virtual electives is available at each grade level that includes the required electives to meet graduation requirements such as Art, Health and Physical Education.

Most elective coursework is completed asynchronously.



## Virtual High School Coursework



## Extra-Curriculars

- MHSAA does not allow for scholars enrolled virtually to participate athletics.
- Scholars are allowed to join clubs and organizations at the home school. (Transportation for meetings or practices must be provided by the parent).



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JPS Virtual Academy/Jackson Middle College



Dr. McCadney



Mrs. Rucker



Ms. Scantlebury



Mrs. Murphy-Johnson



### Our Vision

To create standards for teachers tomorrow as they give back to the JPS community.



### Our Mission

The Jackson Middle College, in collaboration with Jackson State University, strives to form highly motivated, nationally acclaimed, dedicated educators to



JMC students strive to be a...

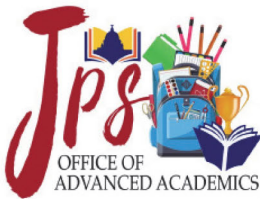
**Equitable**  
**Dedicated**  
**CommUnicators**  
**Caring**  
**Adaptable**  
**Take Action**  
**Open-minded**  
**Respectful**



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## Program Overview



Jackson Public Schools • Jackson State University  
JACKSON MIDDLE COLLEGE



- The Jackson Middle College is a four-year dual enrollment program with Jackson State University.
- In the first two years, students are dual-enrolled in college-level courses along with high school courses.
- In the two secondary years, students will continue to matriculate through Jackson State until they have earned their bachelor's degree in Mathematics Education.
- Students will then return to JPS to teach 6-12th grade math for a minimum of 3 years.



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## Jackson Middle College JSU Student Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:00-8:50</b>	<b>8:00-8:50</b>	<b>8:00-8:50</b>	<b>8:00-8:50</b>	<b>8:00-8:50</b>
English Composition 1 (ENG 104)	STUDY HALL	English Composition 1 (ENG 104)	STUDY HALL	English Composition 1 (ENG 104)
<b>9:00-10:50</b>	<b>9:00 – 10:20</b>	<b>9:00-10:50</b>	<b>9:00 – 10:20</b>	<b>9:00 – 10:50</b>
College Algebra (MATH 111)	University Success (UNIV 100)	College Algebra (MATH 111)	University Success (UNIV 100)	Introduction to Biological Science Lab JSPB 320
	<b>10:30 – 11:50</b>		<b>10:30 – 11:50</b>	
<b>11:00-11:50</b>	Introduction to Biological Science (BIO 101)	<b>11:00-11:50</b>	Introduction to Biological Science (BIO 101)	<b>11:00-11:50</b>
Art Appreciation (ART 206)		Art Appreciation (ART 206)		Art Appreciation (ART 206)

**A-Day:** Students will be transported back to their homeschool for U.S. History and Elective Courses.  
**B-Day:** Students will attend their Teacher Academy CTE Course with Mrs. Murphy-Johnson. Outlined in the table below.

## Join us as a Partner of Innovation

**Jackson Middle College**  
 30 – 3 Team Members

- TI-89 Graphing Calculators
- Rocketbooks
- Senior transition college fund

**Virtual High School Academy**  
 50 Scholars – 10 Teachers

- US History/WW Museum Trip
- Noise-Canceling Headphones
- Smart Pens
- Portable Storage Devices
- Laptop Cooling Pads





JPS - Partner of Innovation



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## More Photos



David Raddin and President Phillip Carpenter



Sharon Moman and Michael Van Velkinburgh





Becky Redd and Michael Van Velkinburgh



Dr. Suman Das and Ted Jackson



Past President Selena Swartzfager, Tiffany Terrell, LeRoy Walker, and Barbara Lofton.