

Shannon Gatlin President



Shannon is a graduate of Jackson State University where she received two undergraduate degree in Business Administration with emphasis in Finance and Accounting. She received her Master in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix, while working and caring for a household of 4 with the three children in various activities in school and church. Shannon serviced 29 .9 years with the State of Mississippi where she has worked with Mississippi Department of Mental Health, Mississippi Department of Education, and Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration. During her career she has worked to help improve the lives of those with mental illness and the children in the state.

In her community, Shannon services as a board member of Mississippi Congress of Parents and Teachers Association (MSPTA). She has serviced with this organization since 2013 in various position; Bylaws Chairperson, VP of Education, Membership Committee Member, Nomination committee member, Sandra McCall Scholarship chairperson, webpage designer, newsletter committee member, assist to the current VP of Education, convention committee member, and currently serve as VP of Leadership. She has a passionate about serving others and works in any area that help is needed.

VP of Leadership Arian Alexander



I am Arian Alexander and look forward to serving as your next VP of Leadership with Mississippi PTA. I am a Mississippi native and live in Olive Branch, MS. I am married to Tuesda Alexander and we have 4 lovely kids. I have previously served on the Mississippi PTA State Board as Regional Director, VP of Legislature and President. I am excited about the next 2 year of service to the children and community of Mississippi.

VP of Education Deloris Scott



Deloris Scott is a mathematics instructional coach for Bailey Education Group specializing in training, co-teaching, and tutoring students. During her nearly 30 years in education, Ms. Scott has served in many capacities to include classroom teacher, school and district math specialist, assistant principal and principal. During her career she has experienced successful student achievement with a 100% passing rate for 10 consecutive years in 8th grade Algebra 1. Her highest level of education is an Education Specialist in Administration from Delta State University.

When she is not working in the educational field, she enjoys her entrepreneurships of being the founder and CEO of Delo Personal Training and executive administrator and part owner of Allow Cornell Catering with her finance. She is the mother of 2 sons, Steven Jr. and Desimeon and the grandmother of Mallorie and Maliah.

VP of Legislature Jerry Knight



Jerry A. Knight was born and raised in Jackson. He attended Christ the King Catholic School, Blackburn Junior High, and Wingfield High School before enrolling into Jackson State University in 1975. He earned three degrees at JSU; B.S Speech Language Pathology, Vocational Counseling and Educational Administration and Supervision degrees. Mr. Knight has worked in juvenile counseling, social work, and education (vocational and academic on the elementary, middle, high school, and postsecondary levels) over a more than thirty year career. He also worked ten years with the MS Department of Education. Jerry is now retired and currently works part-time for the MS Department of Archives and History. He has been an advocate for the children of Mississippi and has previously served as VP of Legislature with MS PTA. Jerry is the father of three children and one grandson.

Secretary Jacqueline Hughes



Jacqueline Hughes is an experienced Human Service and Workforce Development professional. She was employed with the Mississippi Department of Human Services in various capacities for 37 years providing assistance to needy families. She became a member of the Mississippi Congress of Parent and Teachers Association Board to maximize her management skills and to benefit children and families using a multi-generational collaboration approach. She is currently the Disaster Recovery Coordinator for Sharkey and Humphreys Counties and is employed by the South Delta Planning and Development District. She Received a Bachelor of Business Administration from Delta State University and has maintained a Minor in Mathematics. Her professionalism has developed having completed the Smart Train- the- Training Course by the Mississippi College Board in 2018.

Treasurer

Tijuanda Beckworth



Tijuanda Beckworth is an active community leader. She is a strong advocate for education in her community. She currently serves as Secretary for Mississippi PTA and Treasurer for her local school, Amanda Elzy High School PTSA. She is Treasurer for (PPSGLC) Parents for Public Schools of Greenwood and Leflore County, Inc. where her and two ladies saw the need to start a Parents for Public Schools Chapter in Greenwood, MS. On July 2, 2012, they were officially declared a chapter and were incorporated with the State of Mississippi in late August of 2012. They are the only chapter in the Mississippi Delta.

She serves as Education Chairperson for the Greenwood and Leflore County Chamber of Commerce where she spearheads the MS Scholars Program for all the high schools in Leflore County. She has served on the PAC, P-16, School Improvement Plan Committee, and Health Council Committee at her local Junior and High School. She is a facilitator for the Parent Engagement Program (PEP) hosted by PPSGLC and a facilitator for the Financial Education Boot Camp with MCFAC. She is a 2011 Parent Leadership Institute (PLI) graduate through PPS (Parents for Public Schools) where she is now a certified parent leader. Improving student's achievement in our public schools through more parental engagement is one of the main focuses of the PPS training institute.

She received her Bachelor of Science in Computer Science at Mississippi Valley State University and a MBA in Business Administration at Delta State University. Among her volunteer work, she works at Greenwood Leflore Hospital as a Security/Audit Coordinator. She is married with a son and daughter.