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Schools create dual credit program

Jackson State teaming up with Jackson Public

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Jackson Public Schools and Jackson State University recently announced an expanded partnership to create greater opportunities for high school students. Through dual enrollment programs,

JPS students can take college-level courses while still in high school, earning credits that not only give them a head start on their college journey but also reduce the overall cost of higher education. By entering college with credits already completed, students gain a significant advantage — shortening the time needed to earn a degree, reducing tuition costs and developing the confidence to succeed in a university environment. The partnership equips JPS students with both academic and financial benefits as they prepare for life after graduation.

“Jackson State University is proud to partner with Jackson Public Schools to help prepare the next generation of scholars,” said Dr. Denise Jones Gregory, interim president of JSU. “This collaboration gives scholars an early introduction to college-level learning while making higher education more affordable and accessible for families in our community.” Jackson Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Errick L. Greene emphasized the depth and importance of the longstanding partnership with JSU.

“JPS and JSU go together — it’s like a marriage,” Greene said. “Almost everyone in Jackson has a connection to both the Jackson Public School District and Jackson State University. This partnership is not only essential for our scholars, but also for the success of the city of Jackson, the state of Mississippi, the Southeast region, and the United States.” Together, JPS and JSU are preparing students to pursue their dreams while building a stronger educational pipeline that will impact the community for generations to come.



Zion Washington speaks during a City of Jackson listening session for the nationwide police chief search at Forest Hill High School in Jackson on Sept. 23. The listening session is one of five forums held on the topic.

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Residents weigh in on police chief search

‘What we have is a city that is very traumatized’

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When Jackson resident Georgia Cohran grabbed the microphone Tuesday, Sept. 23, at a public forum inside the auditorium of Forest Hill High School, the room fell silent. Cohran delivered a message that blended frustration and hope, reflecting the shared sentiment of those gathered to discuss the selection of the next Jackson Police Department chief. “I think it’s really important that we choose a chief that is sensitive to the needs of the community in which they will serve,” Cohran said. “What we have is a city that is very traumatized. We are suffering from trauma.” Cohran was the first person to speak at Tuesday’s public forum, which was one of five sessions planned as part of the City of Jackson’s nationwide search

for a new Jackson police chief. On Aug. 26, Jackson Police Chief Joseph Wade announced he was stepping down after nearly three decades with the department and just two years after being unanimously confirmed to lead the city’s police force. Hinds County Sheriff Tyree Jones currently serves as interim police chief until the city finds a replacement. The forums, organized by the city’s Police Chief Search Committee, aim to give residents an opportunity to share their views on public safety priorities and leadership qualities. Tuesday’s event drew a diverse but sparse crowd of approximately 25 concerned residents, local activists and city leaders, with topics of accountability, transparency and community-focused

policing dominating the discussion. Jackson Mayor John Horhn, who was absent from Tuesday’s session, previously shared plans for both internal and external searches to identify the next JPD chief. But, all of the roughly 15 speakers expressed skepticism and concerns about hiring an outsider, favoring instead someone who rises through the ranks — similar to the history of Wade’s ascent. James Hopkins, CEO of the community-based organization Reset Jackson, emphasized the need for the next police chief to come from within the department to ensure continuity in crime reduction efforts. Hopkins noted the city’s decline in homicides as a

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Millsaps flag football set for kickoff

How college is building new women’s program

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Elyse Warren grew up loving football. In elementary school, she spent recess playing football with the boys. It didn’t matter that she was a girl. She ran, caught and enjoyed the game just like her peers. As she and the boys she played with got older, Warren couldn’t play anymore. The boys started putting on pads and helmets and left Warren behind on the elementary school field. “(Playing football) was something in my childhood that I wish I could always do,” Warren told the Clarion Ledger. “Even in high school, if they would have let me on the team as kicker, I would have been happy with that.” Now a senior women’s basketball player at Millsaps College, Warren will finally get her chance. On Sept. 11, Millsaps announced it would be starting a club women’s flag football team in the spring of 2026 that would transition to a varsity program in 2027. Millsaps athletic director Justin LeBlanc believes it will be the first collegiate women’s flag football program

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Elyse Warren is the first player on Millsaps College’s flag football roster for the program’s inaugural season in 2026. PHOTO PROVIDED BY MILLSAPS COLLEGE

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