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## COLLIN and GEORGE "Message"



## R.I.P. ROSE MARIE HAYNIE 1928 -2020



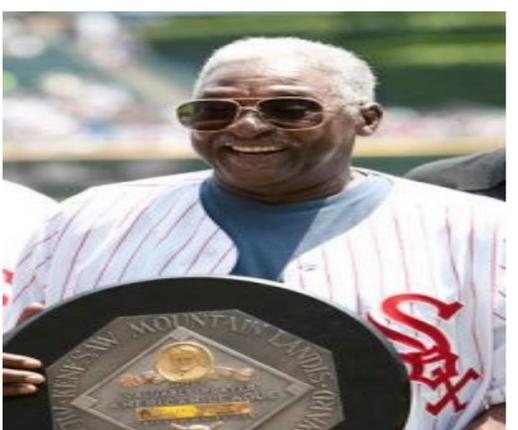
## R.I.P. CHARLEY PRIDE 1938-2020



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## HBCU ATHLETES FILES RACIAL DISCRIMINATION LAWSUIT AGAINST NCAA



Picture courtesy of HBCU Gameday

A group of Historically Black College and University (HBCU) athletes have filed a class action lawsuit against the NCAA and its Academic Performance Plan (APP). The plaintiffs, J'ta Freeman, Austin Dasent and Troyce Manassa, allege the NCAA's APP is based on a formula that includes metrics the NCAA knew would discriminate against Black Student athletes at HBCUs. The suit goes on to say the APP's postseason bans represent a pattern of intentional discrimination against student-athletes at HBCUs. According to HBCU Gameday, the APP requires teams to hit specific academic benchmarks using a metric called the Academic Progress Rate (APR). Punishment for failing to hit the benchmarks can range from

The suit states the benchmarks, which are based on grades, eligibility and whether athletes are graduating or staying in school, put HBCU athletes at a disadvantage because the mission of HBCUs

has always been to give low-income, first generation and at-risk students an opportunity at a higher education. "Despite promises by the NCAA that this formula was designed to improve graduation performance without having a disparate impact on ethnic minorities," the complaint states. The complaint also notes the NCAA knew that its APP's metrics continued to reinforce racial disparities knowing the graduation success rates for Black athletes were 20-30 percentage points lower than for white athletes. Manassa was the captain of the basketball team at Savannah State University in 2017, averaging 16.9 points per game. He was also named to the all-conference second team. However, his season ended with a postseason ban because a team from several years earlier did not hit its academic benchmarks. Manassa did not get a chance to play, which hurt his ability to get a professional contract overseas when he graduated.

"All schools are not created equal," Manassa told "So how you going to hold every school to the same standard, if every school don't have the means to live up to those standards?" Manassa and his teammate, Dasent both told HBCU Gameday they were unaware of the ban when they committed to the school. Freeman, a freshman who said she turned down other offers to play lacrosse at Howard University, said in the complaint her team is at risk of a postseason ban as well. The NCAA has been attacked by former and current athletes for its student-athlete position in recent years. However, NCAA President Mark Emmert has resisted calls to change rules. Now, lawmakers are taking matters into their own hands. Sports Illustrated reported Senator Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), the chair of the Senate Commerce Committee, has introduced a bill allowing college athletes to earn money through commercial and endorsement deals. Article by Black Enterprise's Derek Morgan.

## Collin Mays Named New Delta Township Community and Economic Development Coordinator



Collin Mays Picture courtesy of Delta Township

The search for a new Community and Economic Development Director began in October with 32 qualified applicants. Candidates were narrowed to seven where presentations and interviews were conducted with Mays selected as the final candidate. Mays replaces Ed Reed, who retired in August of this year and will officially begin on January 4. Collin Mays comes to Delta Township with both economic and workforce development experience. Collin has worked in state and local government. In addition, Collin has also worked in the nonprofit sector. Mr. Mays holds a BA in Political Science from Western Michigan University and a master's degree in Public Administration from Oakland University. Through Collin's professional work he has been recognized by the Michigan Chronicle as a 40 under 40 class of 2015, and a Crain's Detroit Business 20 in their 20's class of 2019. "I am thrilled to welcome Collin Mays to our community," said Township Supervisor Kenneth R. Fletcher. "His experience, leadership and expertise will help our Township to continue to build on our past successes and create new opportunities for a brighter future."

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# News, Views & "ON THE VIRG!"

## TIME TO HEAL!

It's official. The Electoral College has voted: Joe Biden was elected and will be sworn in as the next President of the United States. Democracy has earned a victory lap. Yet COVID deaths hit a new, grim milestone, over 300,000, and many Americans are facing joblessness and potential eviction from their homes. Countless other challenges abound, and await the prescriptions of the Biden-Harris Administration. But let the healing begin. President-elect Biden put it this way: "In this battle for the soul of America, democracy prevailed. We the people voted. Faith in our institutions held. The integrity of our elections remains intact. And so, now it is time to turn the page. To unite. To heal." The heroes of 2020 are out in the field, spread across these United States. The

front-line health care professionals, working through exhaustion to save lives in a pandemic. The community organizers and volunteers who registered millions of new voters and got out the votes to restore the America we love. This nation - of the people, by the people and for the people - survived a close scrape with authoritarianism and delivered a victory for WE, the PEOPLE. Let it be a lesson to us all to never again let our guards down. Never again think for a minute that our vote doesn't count. And never, ever dream of skipping an election.



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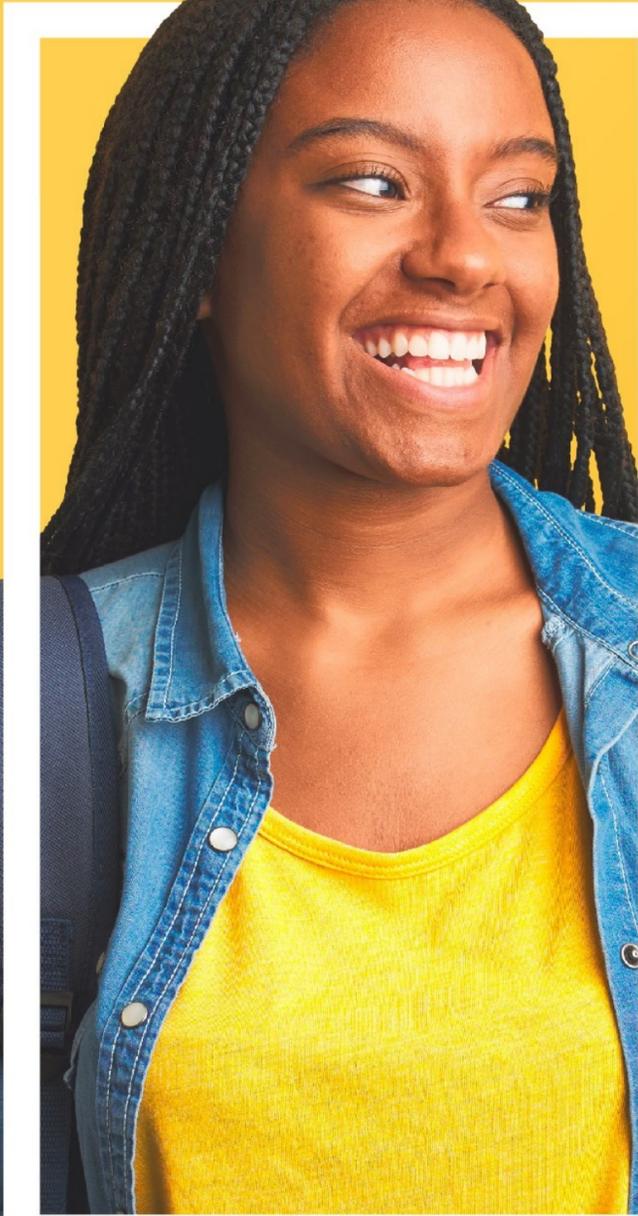
Sunday, November 29, 2020 — Lansing Spooft Journal  
ONB Sticker on Front Page of LSJ  
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Available @ ONB Website and at Select Newspaper Stands  
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Sunday, December 6, 2020 — Lansing State Journal  
Listing of ONB Donors & Opinion Piece w/a photo of Logan  
Insertion of Special Giving Remittance Envelope

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*Celebration  
Announcements*

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**Birthdays in December 2020**

Mr. Kevin Alexander Tyler celebrates his 27<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 1<sup>st</sup>, at home with family.  
 Ms. Alisha "Happy" Randle celebrates her 36<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 1<sup>st</sup>, "just chill 'in!"  
 Ms. Diona Houston celebrates her birthday on December 1<sup>st</sup>. She will turn 35 years of age.  
 Ms. Marsha Civils celebrates her birthday on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
 Mrs. Tracy Faulkner celebrates her birthday on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, with family and friends.  
 Mr. "Wolf" celebrated his 57<sup>th</sup> year of life, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
 Ms. Markita Atwater celebrates her 29<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 4<sup>th</sup>. "I want to say thanks to my mother, Rhonda Horton, for being here for me and watching me become a grown woman... Love you Mom!"  
 Ms. Patricia Robinson, (deceased): We celebrate her birth on December 4<sup>th</sup>.  
 Mr. T. J. Baldwin celebrates his 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday on December 5<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.  
 Mr. Pone, of the Hood Riders MC, celebrates his birthday on December 6<sup>th</sup>. He says "Jesus loves you!!!" to his daughter and granddaughter.  
 Ms. Cynthia Delapaz enjoys her 39<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 7<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends. "Much Love to my daughters!"  
 Ms. Chantelle Brandon celebrates her birthday on December 8<sup>th</sup>.  
 Ms. Jasmine Harris will celebrate her 31<sup>st</sup> birthday on December 9<sup>th</sup>.  
 Ms. Tabitha Fortner celebrates her 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday on December 10<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.  
 Ms. Kaylin "KayKay" Perkins, celebrating her 24 years, on December 12.  
 Mr. Marc David Tyler II celebrates his 31<sup>st</sup> birthday on December 13<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.  
 Ms. Candace Clay celebrates her birth, 44 years, on December 15<sup>th</sup>. She says, "I love Living!"  
 Ms. Kimmy Herlick celebrates her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 15<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.  
 Mr. Andy Brown celebrates his birthday on December 15<sup>th</sup>, with his wife Coral, daughters and son.  
 Ms. Cheryl Horn-Bernard will celebrate her birth on December 16<sup>th</sup>.  
 Ms. Victoria Jefferson will be celebrating her "18<sup>th</sup>" birthday on December 17<sup>th</sup>. "Happy Birthday Baby Girl!" from your Dad Marcus.  
 Ms. Karen Morrow celebrates her 49<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 17<sup>th</sup>. "God Bless my family, friends and extended family, Love you all!"  
 Mr. Stafford L. Cobb celebrates his birthday on December 20<sup>th</sup>. "Life is lived forward and learned backwards" "Peace to all and 1 love!"  
 Mr. Jameel Cooper celebrates his birthday on December 20<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.  
 Ms. DaQuaria Watkins will celebrate her 24<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Grandma says, "She is an excellent student!"  
 Mr. Tommie L. Boyd will celebrate his 49<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 21<sup>st</sup>.  
 Ms. Sharita Robinson-Murphy will celebrate her birthday on December 21<sup>st</sup>, with her husband Michael and children. "Love You, my niece", Uncle Billy Mr. Tyrell Potts will celebrate his birthday on December 25<sup>th</sup>.  
 Mr. Anthony Michael Quarles will be celebrating his 29<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 26<sup>th</sup> with family and friends.  
 Mr. Al Travis will celebrate his birthday on December 26<sup>th</sup>.

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Pastor/Chaplain Pamelajune (Pj) Anderson, DMin.  
 Lt. Commander (RET) USN Chaplain Corps  
 Certified Peer Support Specialist



**NOW, TODAY, IS THE DAY OF HOLY SPIRIT GRACE, WISDOM, AND AWARENESS. BE STILL AND LISTEN TO HEAR HER VOICE**



<sup>2</sup>My Father's home is designed to accommodate all of you. If there were not room for everyone, I would have told you that. I am going to make arrangements for your arrival. <sup>3</sup>I will be there to greet you personally and welcome you home, where we will be together. John 14:2-3 The Voice



"Dear God, I am so grateful for Your protection, Your provision, and Your revelation. O, that more of us would acknowledge You first, and throughout our days. You would answer our most significant need to BE kind, merciful, faithful, thoughtful, gracious, and filled with Your love and goodness. That was my privileged relationship with my sister – Emma Kathryn Anderson Summers."

The first week of quarantine in Ohio and Michigan, she said to me, "I'll see you in glory." I thought she was making fun, so I said, "speak for yourself. I'm planning to BE here a long, long time."

Little did I know that she was speaking for herself, and God favored us with nine months of bonding in the Womb of Wisdom. My sister [and I] ate of the Fruit of the Spirit. She grew in grace exponentially, and we had lengthy adult conversations. We grew closer to each other and God. She, an amputee, walked down the proverbial memory lane from a time before I was born.

In her way, she shared her joyful and hurtful childhood. I shared my unhappy childhood, particularly the trauma I felt worshipping with a white Jesus mural over the baptismal pool, singing the slaveholders' hymns, and listening to plantation theology designed to make me feel less than.

I missed the clues until she said to me one evening, "I had a wonderful conversation with Debbie last night." I reminded Em that Debbie [our deceased brother's first born] had been dead for over ten years. She said, "impossible." I asked, "what did you talk about?" She replied, "family." I changed the subject, promising her box of goodies would arrive on Thanksgiving. And she replied, "They won't get here in time."

Sure enough, she went to sleep on Thanksgiving Eve and slept on to glory.

I can only imagine Jesus slipping into her room, greeting her personally and welcoming her home, where they are together with her husband, our parents, and our siblings.

It's my turn to say to Em and my entire family, "I'll See You in Glory."



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**Sports**

**Three Spartans Earn All-Big Ten Honors on Defense**

Shakur Brown, Antjuan Simmons and Drew Beesley garner All-Big Ten accolades.

EAST LANSING, Mich. – Three Spartans have earned All-Big Ten honors on defense, the conference office announced on Wednesday afternoon.

Redshirt junior cornerback Shakur Brown was named to the first team by the coaches and the second team by the media, while senior linebacker Antjuan Simmons was named to the second team by the media and the third team by the coaches. Redshirt senior defensive end Drew Beesley was an honorable mention choice by both the coaches and media.

Brown is tied for first in the FBS with five interceptions, including four in the last four games (two each vs. Indiana and Northwestern). Brown, who has started two games at nickelback and five games at cornerback this season, also has a team-high four pass break-ups this season to rank second in the Big Ten in passes defended (nine total: five interceptions, four pass break-ups).

With his two picks against Indiana, Brown became the first Spartan to record two interceptions in the same game since David Dowell in 2017 vs. Penn State, and he followed that effort with another two picks vs. Northwestern.

Brown has seven career interceptions, and his 186 career interception yards rank eighth most in MSU history.

Brown becomes the ninth different Spartan to earn first-team All-Big Ten honors in the secondary under cornerbacks' coach Harlon Barnett (S Otis Wiley in 2008; S Trenton Robinson in 2011; CB Johnny Adams in 2011-12; CB Darqueze Dennard in 2012-13; S Isaiah Lewis in 2013; S Kurtis Drummond in 2013-14; CB Trae Waynes in 2014; S David Dowell in 2017).

Simmons ranks second in the Big Ten in tackles, averaging 10.7 per game (75 total), and is fourth in tackles for loss (9.0). He has recorded double-digit tackles in six of MSU's seven games this season (11 vs. Rutgers, 11 vs. Michigan, 14 vs. Indiana, 13 vs. Northwestern, 12 vs. Ohio State, 10 vs. Penn State). A native of Ann Arbor, Michigan, Simmons leads all active Spartans with 231 career tackles and 26.0 career tackles for loss.

After helping MSU limit Northwestern to 20 points and 63 yards rushing in the win over the No. 8 Wildcats on Nov. 28, Simmons was selected the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week. He logged a game-high 13 tackles, including two tackles for loss and a 4-yard sack, against the Wildcats.

Simmons, who had a breakout season with a team-leading 90 tackles and a career-best 15 tackles for loss as junior in 2019, has started 20 consecutive games for the Spartans.

Beesley has started all seven games for the Spartans and has a career-high 27 stops, including 5.5 TFLs and a team-best three sacks. In the opener against Rutgers, Beesley had a career-high 2.5 tackles for loss, including a 7-yard sack, with six tackles overall. He had a career-high two sacks (18 yards) and tied his career high with 2.5 TFLs (19 yards) in the win over No. 8 Northwestern.

Michigan State (2-5) wraps up the regular season at Maryland (2-3) on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in College Park. The game will be televised on the Big Ten Network.



# 29 Shakur Brown First Team All Big Ten Cornerback –pic www.msuspartans.com

**\*Special Holiday Message from:**

**Mr. Party, The Ambassador of Celebration**

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Love is GOD's Character; choosing to put the needs of others before self.

As you spend time with family (The foundation of a person's life), friends and loved ones...

**Remember:** It is nice to be important, it's more important to be nice!!!

You can never show a kindness too soon for you never know how soon it might be too late!!!

We don't laugh because we're happy, we're happy because we laugh!!!

Smile, laugh; Celebrate a life filled with love every day...  
 May the Love of GOD bring you Peace and Joy!!!

Merry Christmas/Happy New Year 2016  
 Joyful Hanukkah/Kwanza/Ramadan

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