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Letter from the Board

Dear Friends, Family, and Allies,

As we celebrate another year of Pride, I want to take a moment to extend my deepest gratitude to each of you—our attendees, VIPs, sponsors, volunteers, and supporters. Your presence and contribution make this festival a beacon of love, unity, and empowerment for our community.

When MS Capital City Pride first began, it was more than just an event—it was the beginning of a movement. Our founders dreamed of creating a space where the LGBTQ+ community in Mississippi could gather safely and proudly, where everyone could be themselves without fear of judgment or rejection. From those humble beginnings, we've grown into a powerful voice for equality, inclusion, and celebration in the heart of our capital city.

This journey has been nothing short of extraordinary, but we have never walked it alone. Each of you, whether a long-time ally or new to our Pride family, plays an essential role in building this legacy. Together, we've turned a vision into a reality, making a lasting impact in Mississippi.

To our VIPs and sponsors—thank you for believing in our mission and helping us take this festival to new heights. Your support is more than financial; it's a commitment to inclusivity and a brighter future for the LGBTQ+ community. To our attendees—thank you for showing up, for celebrating with us, and for making this movement your own. Pride exists because of you.

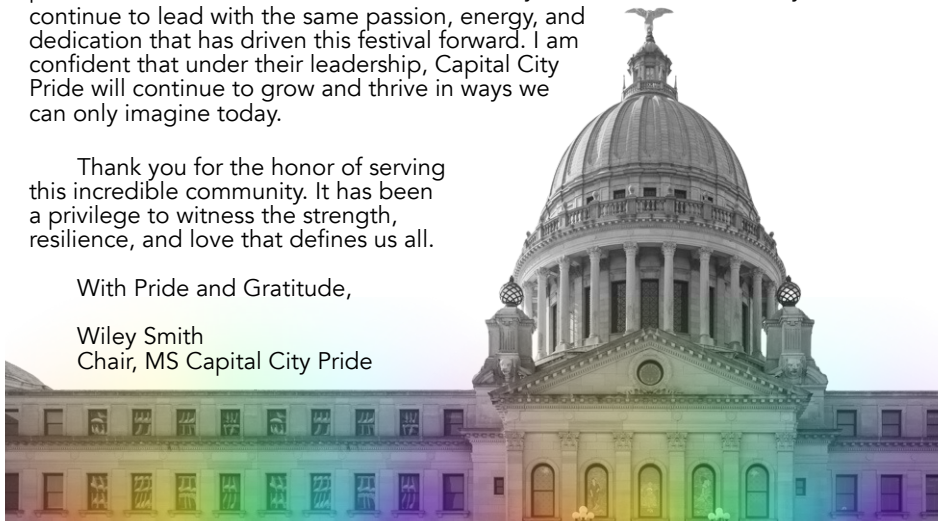
As we look to the future, I invite you to consider becoming even more involved in the mission of MS Capital City Pride by applying to join our board of directors. We are always looking for passionate, dedicated individuals to help guide our organization, shape the future of Pride, and continue the work of making Mississippi a more inclusive and accepting place for all. Whether you have a talent for event planning, advocacy, or community outreach, there's a place for you in this movement.

As this is my final year serving as Chair, it is with great excitement that I pass the torch to our new board chair for next year. I have no doubt they will continue to lead with the same passion, energy, and dedication that has driven this festival forward. I am confident that under their leadership, Capital City Pride will continue to grow and thrive in ways we can only imagine today.

Thank you for the honor of serving this incredible community. It has been a privilege to witness the strength, resilience, and love that defines us all.

With Pride and Gratitude,

Wiley Smith
Chair, MS Capital City Pride



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ALWAYS FREE TO PLAY

Trivia Night

Oct. 7
6pm-8pm

Hal & Mal's
in the Brew Pub
Dress Theme
Halloween Costumes

Hosted By
Penny Nickels

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It's Pride Y'all 2024 Schedule

Friday, September 27

7:00 pm **VIP KICK-OFF GALA**
*featuring DJ CITIZEN JANE
with LOVE LATONIA, MIA CHAMBERS,
and SASHA LEIGH CHAMBERS*

Rooftop
The Faulkner

Saturday, September 28

9:00 am **MENTAL HEALTH & LEGISLATION PANEL**

10:00 am **LGBTQ+ HISTORY IN MISSISSIPPI PANEL**

First Floor
The Faulkner

11:00 am **DRAG 101 PANEL**

12:00 pm **IT'S PRIDE Y'ALL 2024 WELCOME**

12:15 pm **KICKING**

1:30 pm **SWEETIE!**

2:15 pm **BRANDON ANDREWS**

Main Stage
Capitol Street

2:45 pm **MEET & GREET with Latrice Royale**

First Floor
The Faulkner

3:15 pm **ANTHONY HALE**

4:00 pm **LATRICE ROYALE**

*with PENNY NICKELS, SERAPHINA
and WILL RYDER*

Main Stage
Capitol Street

4:45 pm **MEET & GREET with Shea Couleé**

First Floor
The Faulkner

5:15 pm **POP FICTION**

6:45 pm **SHEA COULÉÉ**

*with KA'MIAH L. TYMES, DE'BRONSKI,
and IVY WHITE*

Main Stage
Capitol Street

7:30 pm **DJ CITIZEN JANE**

NEON DANCE PARTY

10:00 pm **OFFICIAL AFTER PARTY**

Shade Pub
and Nightclub

Vendors

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KATHY CLEM

Kathy Clem, executive director of The Good Samaritan Center since 1999, works tirelessly to make sure struggling Jackson families receive year-round services such as case management, financial and job assistance, counseling services, clothing, and food, as well as a soup kitchen to address food insecurities in Laurel. Kathy volunteered at Good Sam when her mother was executive director, who encouraged her to get more involved, said "You love people." When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Kathy realized food insecurity would grow while farmers and closed restaurants turned away fresh food orders they were unable to sell. Good Sam rescued this food to give to food pantries and soup kitchens throughout the state. Kathy joined Capital City Pride, first as a volunteer, and then in 2020 as a committee member. Her extensive knowledge and leadership of planning fundraising races throughout the Capital City region led her to excel in coordinating the annual Rainbow Run 5k, which also includes a children's fun run. Creating safe places for all queer individuals and their allies, especially youth, is a huge passion for Kathy.



TEMICA "TUTT" MORTON

Temica "Tutt" Morton is a dedicated LGBTQIA+ advocate and entrepreneur based in Jackson, MS, whose efforts have made a significant impact on her community. Witnessing firsthand the stories and struggles of those around her, she created L.I.F.E., Inc. in 2018 to fill the gaps in services and resources. L.I.F.E., Inc. offers HIV rapid testing, advocacy training, and a community food pantry, all designed to meet the diverse needs of the community. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Tutt and her team continued to support the community through phone calls, medication deliveries, and transportation assistance for essential workers. Tutt is also the owner of Metro 2.0, a nightclub that has served as a vital gathering place for LGBTQIA+ people of color in Jackson since the late 1990s. Tutt's leadership has culminated in the establishment of Metro Reunion Weekend, an annual family reunion event that promotes health awareness, testing, and education. Through her work with L.I.F.E., Inc. and Metro 2.0, she continues to inspire and uplift the LGBTQIA+ community in Jackson, MS, making a lasting impact on the lives of those she serves.





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SEPTEMBER 29th

AT SHADE PUB & NIGHTCLUB
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LEGENDS
& BALL

SHOWTIME

12:30PM

The Events

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Local Drag Stars



FRIDAY • 8PM • THE FAULKNER



SATURDAY • 4PM • MAIN STAGE



SATURDAY • 6:45PM • MAIN STAGE

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Enjoy Pride,

Robin



Hope to See You Soon.

Dawn

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2024 It's Pride Y'all Panel Discussions

MENTAL HEALTH & LEGISLATION PANEL

Join us at 9:00 AM at the Faulkner



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KEYS**



**JACOB
THOMAS**



**JUSTIN
LOFTON**



**REPRESENTATIVE
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The Mental Health and Legislation Panel will bring together influential speakers who will share their resources unique to the mental health needs of LGBTQ+ people and talk about Mississippi's recent anti-LGBTQ+ legislation and what we can do for the upcoming legislative session.

LGBTQ+ HISTORY IN MISSISSIPPI PANEL

Join us at 10:00 AM at the Faulkner



JACK MYERS



**GUS DANIELS-
WASHINGTON**



**CHARLENE
BARKER**

The LGBTQ+ History in Mississippi Panel will bring together three individuals who have made and are making history in Mississippi and share their stories about early LGBTQ+ rights and activism as well as how we continue to make history.

DRAG 101 PANEL

Join us at 11:00 AM at the Faulkner



PENNY NICKELS



WILL RYDER



SERAPHINA

The Drag 101 Panel will bring together three talented drag artists - Jackson's own Penny Nickels and Seraphina along with Mr. Will Ryder from Memphis. Penny Nickels will host this panel where we will learn the behind the scenes of performing drag and proper etiquette at drag performances.

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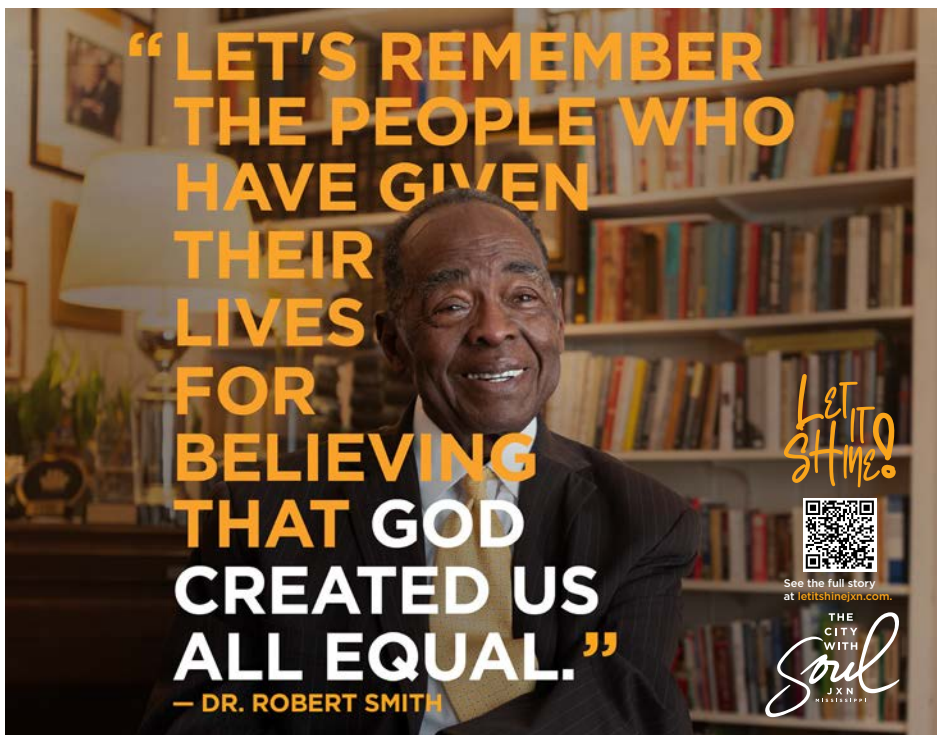
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— DR. ROBERT SMITH

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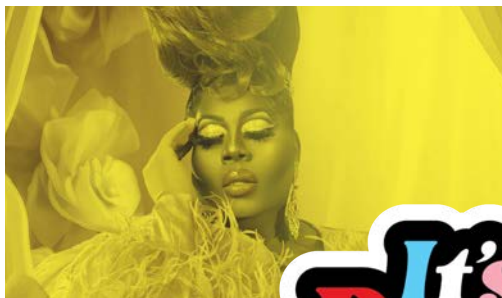
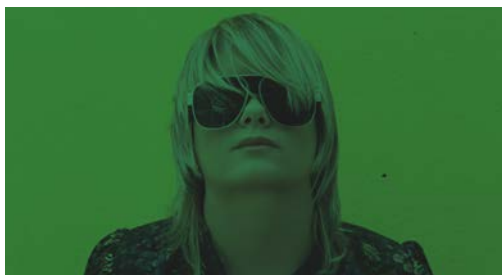


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