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THE VOICE OF MISSISSIPPI'S TRUCKING INDUSTRY



THE MTA FOUNDATION SERVES MANY PURPOSES BEYOND JUST SCHOLARSHIPS

Most are aware of the scholarships the Foundation awards each year. It is certainly something our membership should be proud of as we have given out over 400 scholarships to date, but there is so much more the Foundation does in the realm of education and promotion of the trucking industry.

The MTA Foundation works to promote trucking in a positive light in hopes of drawing others into our industry. MTA and the Foundation have a history of supporting efforts that will educate others on the importance of our industry and provide information on what it means to be a part of trucking. The Foundation has been engaged in multiple efforts to support workforce development in Mississippi.

Believing it is never too early to introduce the wonders of trucking to others, we, along with many of our members participate in the annual Touch a Truck event presented by the Junior League of Jackson. Thousands of people, both young and old, come out to experience first-hand the equipment, as well as meet company representatives in the trucking industry. Experts help connect these gigantic vehicles to our Mississippi economy and inspire kids to imagine possible careers in trucking. We encourage our members to support the next Touch a Truck event scheduled for March 22-23, 2024!

The Foundation is a financial supporter of ATA's *Trucking U* program. This educational initiative offers students the opportunity to explore and learn about the trucking industry

through networking and mentorships. By supporting this program, Mississippi State has been able to send several students through Trucking U which allows these students to become exposed to our industry, and we hope it will lead them towards a career in Mississippi trucking!



Filling the dual role of both public safety education and positive image projection, the Foundation helps support the fight against Human Trafficking by not only contributing to *Truckers Against Trafficking* but also

helping organize training throughout the state for various law enforcement agencies and other industries to help bring information to many others regarding what human trafficking is. MTAF partnered with the Department of Public Safety and the Attorney General's office in the Be the Solution statewide education and awareness campaign, as well as the Secretary of State's office MS Businesses Against Trafficking (MBAT), to empower everyday Mississippians to help rid our State of human trafficking.

Through the generous support of our members for the past many years, your Foundation has grown into an amazing machine for so many good efforts. We hope you find much pride in being associated with such an amazing and positive organization and will continue to support it as we go forward so that we can continue to do good things for and through our industry.













CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2023-2024 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

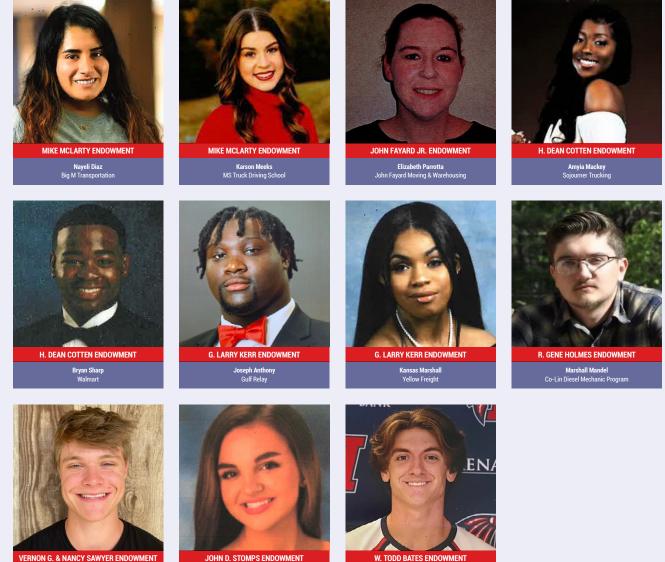
Over thirty years ago, the Mississippi Trucking Association Foundation Scholarship program was created. The primary objective of the Foundation, a 501(c) (3) charitable corporation designed to receive contributions, memorial gifts and property, is to promote educational projects related to the trucking industry and provide scholarships to deserving students who have ties to the trucking industry and are enrolled in scholastic endeavors in Mississippi. This class joins over 400 students who have received this scholarship.

Scholarships are offered through the Mississippi Trucking Association Foundation and the following endowments: Mike McLarty, John Fayard, Jr., H. Dean Cotten, G. Larry Kerr, R. Gene Holmes, Vernon G. & Nancy Sawyer, John D. Stomps, and W. Todd Bates.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2023-2024 ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Over the past twenty years, eight Endowments have been established by generous MTA members as a way to give back to the trucking industry through the MTAF Scholarship program. An endowment requires \$100,000 to be initiated and it can be custom fit with a bent towards either geographic or occupational classification as to who gets preference on the scholarship award. Current established Endowment donors are: Mike McLarty, John Fayard, Jr., H. Dean Cotten, G. Larry Kerr, R. Gene Holmes, Vernon G. & Nancy Sawyer, John D. Stomps, and W. Todd Bates.



John Bucy Long

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THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN 2022-2023!

2023-2024 MTAF Chairman, Whitney Stokes, presents Past Chairman, Carter Holmes, a plaque in appreciation for his leadership during 2022-2023.

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CENTURY CLUB

Shortly after the Foundation was created, the prestigious Century Club was established to recognize those donors who made a one-time significant contribution to support the activities of the Foundation. Since then, over 95 MTA members have joined the Century Club.

If you would like to be a part of this group, the request is to make an \$8,000 contribution to the Foundation. It can either be a lump sum donation or spread out over a 4-year period. Those new members will be given special recognition at our Annual Convention in June. **If you are interested, please contact Hal or Mary John at 601-354-0616.**



2023 Century Club

MISSISSIPP TRUCKING Association Century Club

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MISSISSIPPI TRUCKING ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION CENTURY CLUB MEMBERS

The MTA Foundation was organized in 1989 and has evolved into one of the most ingenuous Foundations of its kind. The Century Club was organized in 1999 and there are currently 95 members of this prestigious organization.

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PROVIDENCE HILL FARM

2600 Carsley Road • Jackson, MS Thursday, November 2, 2023

MISSISSIPPI TRUCKING ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION SKEET FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Registration and Lunch 11:30 am Shotgun start 1 pm Cocktails & Appetizers served after Tournament