

B.B. KING MUSEUM AMBASSADORS NEWS LETTER

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**"The beautiful thing
about learning is that
no one can take it
away from you."**

- B.B. King

B.B. King never stopped his quest for knowledge; he received honorary doctorate degrees from Tougaloo College, Yale University, Berklee College of Music, Rhodes College, Mississippi Valley State University, and Brown University.

Goal of the Program

Launched in 2011, the goal of the Ambassadors program is to provide Delta area youth with the opportunity to become actively involved with the Museum and help carry out its outreach mission. The hope is that through this program the Museum will develop long-term partnerships with local schools, enabling students to participate in a series of training experiences and intern opportunities that will help them develop into lifelong learners, productive citizens and community leaders.



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Celebrating Creativity: B.B.'s Bridge Building Ambassadors



Welcome Back Ambassadors!

Saturday, October 5th, the B.B.'s Bridge Building Ambassador Youth Leadership Program kicked off its 2024-2025 new class year with a morning meeting, orientation and attended NOLA Fest in downtown Indianola.



What is Leadership?

Saturday, November 2nd, Ambassador Coordinator Dr. Khalilah Ransom-Weeks, presented "Essentials of Effective Leadership and Becoming One."



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Ambassador Parents**

Community Projects



Wednesday, October 30th, Ambassadors volunteered at the annual Indianola's Night Out downtown, in support of providing a safe environment for children to receive goodies.



November 2nd thru 20th, Ambassadors, parents and the coordinator packed over fifty shoeboxes for less fortunate children around the world to donate to the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child drop off location at First Baptist Church in Indianola, Mississippi.

Continuing their community service, the Ambassadors assisted with teaching lessons, supervised recreation activities, and prepared and served lunch at Delta Missions to disadvantaged and at-risk youth on Saturday, December 7th.



In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Ambassadors participated in assisting a local CHIPP Project, packing non-perishable items for underserved elementary students to take home over the weekend for Monday, January 20th.

Graduation



Ambassadors bittersweetly attended their last meeting for the program on Saturday, May 10th, completing exit essays, surveys, self-evaluations and program evaluations.



The B.B.'s Bridge Building Ambassadors Youth Leadership Program held its graduation program on Monday, May 19th, in the Barksdale Cotton Gin, concluding its 14th year in service. A total of twenty-two Ambassadors received certificates of completion. The speaker was former Class of 2023-2024 Ambassador, Kyran Galvin.

2024-2025 Graduates

A'Mari Appleberry	Destiny Jernigan
Celestial Baggett	Jori Johnson
Adria Brown	J'Quan Jones
Draylon Brown	Angel Kemp
Kayci Burnett	NyAsia Kemp
Alaylah Corner	Shamarion McDaniel
Anthony Davis	Zyon McKnight
Serenity Davis	A'Myiah Myrick
Mia Gant	Kiersten Potts
Jaiden Hamilton	Kylan Spain
Keirstein Hamilton	Alexis Spain

Ambassadors of the Month

The Ambassadors were given the opportunity to be chosen for Ambassador of the Month based on approved criteria. The following Ambassadors met the criteria and were presented a certificate and had their pictures placed in the *Enterprise-Tocsin*.

Jaiden Hamilton – November 2024

Zyon McKnight – December 2024

A'Mari Appleberry – January 2025

A'Myiah Myrick – February 2025

Anthony Davis – March 2025

Ambassador of the Year – Zyon McKnight



Ambassadors were privileged to observe first-hand how decisions and city business is conducted while attending Indianola City Board Meeting on Monday, October 28th.



Saturday, November 23rd, Mr. Dexter Weeks, an engineer at Baxter Healthcare discussed the significance of setting career goals and the responsibilities and various roles of an effective leader and leadership importance.



Concluding the first half of the program year, Ambassadors completed chapter reading assignments and presentations from the required reading, *The Arrival of B.B. King* by Charles Sawyer on Saturday, December 21st.



During the Saturday, January 11th meeting, the B.B.'s Bridge Building Ambassadors Youth Leadership participants completed MLK projects, were assigned reading assignment chapters, and practiced their docent scripts.



On January 25th, the Ambassadors continued testing their docent skills by assisting Education Director Misty Clark-Johnson with a family group tour.



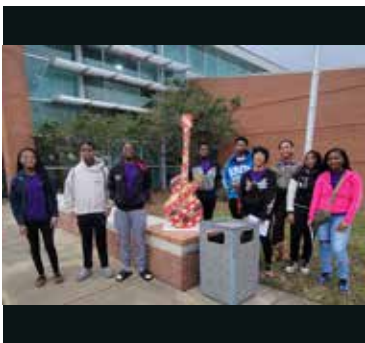
Thank you to Mr. Henry Torres of Planters Bank of Indianola for providing financial literacy lessons to the Ambassadors during their meeting on Saturday, February 8th.



Ambassadors completed Black History/B.B. King vision boards, their final chapters of *Let the People Decide* by J. Todd Moye, and the final scavenger hunts of the galleries on Saturday, February 22nd.



Ambassadors concluded Black History Month with attending a Step Afrika Performance at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale on Tuesday, February 25th.



On Saturday, March 8th, the B.B.'s Bridge Building Ambassadors achieved finding all Harmony Guitars during a scavenger hunt.



On Saturday, April 12th, Ambassadors learned more about local, state and federal law-making decisions and how bills are passed on the state level with Representative Otis Anthony II, District 31, and wife, Porchia Anthony, Sunflower County Election Commission, District 2.



On Tuesday, April 22nd, the Ambassadors, Ambassador Coordinator and Education Director attended the Sunflower County Consolidated School District Board Meeting to observe the inner workings of school politics and decision-making.



On Saturday, April 26th, Ambassadors and the Education Director revisited Delta Missions to assist with underprivileged youth.

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TRAVEL: Ambassadors Visit Jackson, Alabama & More

Meeting Dates

October 5, 2024	February 8, 2025
November 2, 2024	February 22, 2025
November 23, 2024	March 8, 2025
December 7, 2024	March 22, 2025
December 21, 2024	April 5, 2025
January 11, 2025	April 26, 2025
January 25, 2025	May 10, 2025



Ambassadors were granted the opportunity to observe a production of DRUMLINE Live at BPAC in Cleveland, MS on Tuesday, February 4th.



Ambassadors and Ambassador Coordinator traveled to Jackson on Saturday, April 5th to tour and learn about the state's history at the Two Mississippi Museums.

Delta Blues Tour:

Ambassadors traveled to the Delta on Saturday, March 22nd, learning about civil rights and blues trailblazers from the various Civil Rights and Mississippi Blues Trail Markers.



End of the Year Trip

May 30th – June 1st, the B.B.'s Bridge Ambassadors Youth Leadership graduates traveled to Alabama. Stops included Rosa Parks Museum: Arrest Site, National Memorial for Peace and Justice and the Legacy Museum in Montgomery; Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, AL. The trip and experiences allowed the Ambassadors to continue their educational museum connections, cultural exposure and understanding.

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