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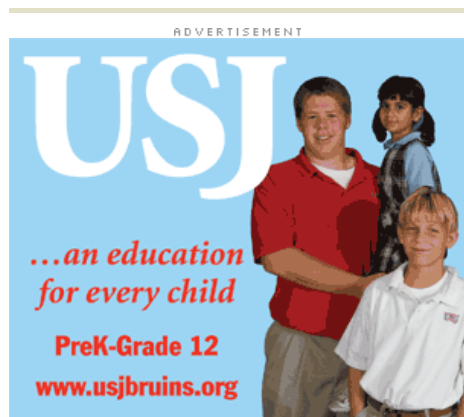
What to know A time for students, parents

Two-day event aims to help future college students and their families

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A two-day event in Jackson aims to strengthen families and help high school juniors and seniors on the road to higher education.



On Wednesday, TV's Judge Glenda Hatchett will present her initiative "Parent Power" at Oman Arena. The event is free and open to the public.

From 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday, more than 30 colleges and universities will participate in the college fair.

100 Black Men of West Tennessee spokesman Ernest Brooks said this is the first time that National Scholarship Service, which is under the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation Inc., is bringing the event to Jackson.



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fair to Jackson," Brooks said.

Organizers have invited high school juniors and seniors within a 100-mile radius to attend the free event.

"A month ago we sent information to several school districts inviting them to participate," Brooks said.

"We want juniors and seniors to be exposed to opportunities at different colleges and universities," he said.

Brooks said he hopes the high cost of fuel does not prevent school districts outside of the area from attending.

"The college fair is going to offer so much to students," he said. "It's not just historically black colleges and universities, but our local colleges as well. And for students that bring their transcripts, there will also be scholarship commitments made on site."

Jackson Central-Merry High School juniors and seniors said they were excited to have a college fair within walking distance of their campus.

"I'm excited about going to college," said Britney Yarbrough, a junior at JCM. "But I'm nervous about meeting college recruiters."

Yarbrough, 16, is considering attending Clark Atlanta University or Austin Peay State University.



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"Both schools have good psychiatry programs," she said.

Yarbrough said Thursday's college fair will be the first one she's attended, but she's planning on making a good first impression.

"I'm going to introduce and present myself with a smile," she said.

JCM senior Andy Sun is undecided about his plans for college, but still plans to attend the college fair.

"I'm going to visit with any college that catches my eye," he said.

Morris Rogers, also a JCM senior, plans to keep his options open.

"I'm looking for a good balance of football and curriculum," said Rogers, 17.

He plans to be a chemical engineer or biochemist.

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