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Global Teaching Project Recognizes HCCHS Students

Lexington, Miss. — Thirteen Holmes County Central High School (HCCHS) Advanced Placement (AP) Physics and AP prospective students attended a four-day residential AP Access program in Jackson January 17-20, hosted by the Global Teaching Project, Millsaps College and Jackson State University (JSU). The HCCHS students joined 60 Mississippi high school students, 16 Mississippi high school teachers, 14 tutors from the University of Virginia, Yale University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and more than 20 Mississippi school administrators, Global Teaching Project staff, university faculty, guest speakers, Congressional staff, and other guests for a total of more than 120 participants.

Matt Dolan, Chief Executive Officer of the Global Teaching Project, said, "I am, as always, particularly grateful for the support and participation of the Holmes County faculty, staff, and students. I was very pleased that Holmes County Central was, once again, very well represented in Jackson." Mr. Dolan's son, Brian, is a senior Physics major at Yale and has tutored HCCHS students for the past three years.

The program was an excellent example of multi-dimensional learning not limited to direct instruction, but also incorporating individual instruction, small group discussion, hands-on activities, teamwork, inquiry-based learning, project-based learning and cultural activities. The students visited the Mississippi History and Civil Rights Museums on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and were focused, actively engaged, keen to learn, eager to express, and ready to explore.

HCCHS Physics teacher, Iftikhar Azeem said, "The students were inspired, motivated and impressed by their interactions with the participants and guest speakers."

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. James L. Henderson, said "These kinds of cross-cultural, cross-geographical opportunities are exactly what our students need as part of their preparation to engage in the global workforce following high school. We are pleased the Global Teaching Project hosts such a meaningful event each year for our high-achieving Advanced Placement students."

Current AP Physics students: Alexandria Hilliard, Cameron Keys, Kaitlin Kimbrough and Tempres Mines. Current AP Computer Science students who attended the event: Chardonay Brooks, Zamiah Brownlos, Cai Davis and Isaac Randle. The prospective students: Jasmine Carthan, Shakayla Hester, Brittany Higgins, Quatez McGee and Shundarvis Taylor.



Left to Right: HCCHS Physics teacher Iftikhar Azeem, Brittany Higgins, Kaitlin Kimbrough, Quatez McGee, Alexandria Hillard, Tempress Mines, Cai Davis, Shakayla Hester, Zamiah Brownlow, Cameron Keys, Isaac Randle, and SVME teacher Reena Singh



Front Row L-R: Brian Dolan (AP Physics tutor), HCCHS teacher Iftikhar Azeem, Shundarrvis Tatlor, Quatez McGee, Alexandria Hillard, Chardonne Brooks, Kaitlin Kimbrough, Brittany Higgins
Back row: Isaac Randle, Jasmine Carthan, Zamiah Brownlow, Cai Davis, Tempress Mines, Shakayla Hester, Cameron Keys, Global Teaching Project CEO Matt Dolan



Students, teachers and tutors in the Jackson AP Access Program January 2020.



Brittany Higgins and Shakayla Hester build a structure with spaghetti noodles to hold a marshmallow on top.



Quatez McGee receives a Certificate of Completion from Global Teaching Project CEO Matt Dolan (far right) and two physics tutors from Millsaps College.