Farewell to Dr. Ally Calhoun-Mack

Dr. Ally Calhoun Mack, a pillar in the global sphere of international relations, said goodbye to a place she called “home away from home”, since 1967. Dr. Mack and Jackson State University have a special bond. Throughout her academic career, she has strived to enhance global relationships with as many countries and its citizens as possible, while always encouraging them to collaborate with Jackson State University.

She came to Mississippi with impressive credentials and an energetic spirit. Dr. Mack holds a PhD., from the University of Southern Mississippi in American Politics/International Studies/Theory and Methods/Comparative Politics, an M.A., from Atlanta University in Political Science, and a B.A., from Grambling State University in Political Science with a minor in Economics. Her academic tenure includes serving as Dean, Division of International Studies, Jackson State University Director, Office of International Programs; President/Executive Director, Mississippi Consortium for International Development (MCID), Jackson, Mississippi; Professor and Chair; Associate Professor and Associate Chair, and Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi; Assistant Professor, Department of Social Science, Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma; Instructor, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas; and Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas.

Dr. Mack served as Mississippi State Chair, Fulbright Exchange Program; Mississippi/Guyana Partners; People to People, International; and President, International Visitors Center of Jackson and Board of Directors, Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau. Her selected published works include, but is not limited to Introduction" in *U.S.-Liberia Relations* with Mary Delores Coleman, edited by Hanes Walton; "The Mississippi Legislature: Present and Future Trends," in *Mississippi Government and Politics in Transition*, edited by Joseph Parker, Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company; "Black Economic Development and Black Politics," *Today's Mississippi*; "Historically Black Colleges and Universities: What Role in Minority Business Development?" *Today's Mississippi*; "Black Politics in the South," in *Southern Politics: A Pragmatic Approach*, edited by James Lea, Louisiana State University Press. In addition to her other responsibilities, Dr. Mack served on the Board of Directors, Mississippi International Ballet; Steering Committee for Educating Minorities for Careers in World Affairs; Committee on the Status of Blacks in the Profession, American Political Science Association and The Atlantic Council. She serves on the Travel Committee for the National Association of Partners of the Americas; Diversification Committee, National Council for International Visitors; Jackson Public Schools Community Advisory Committee; Community Coordinating Committee, Jackson, Mississippi; and Coordinator, Election Campaigns for State/Local Candidates.

Dr. Ally, as she is fondly called, leaves us with a sense of urgency emphasizing that “the time is now and the place is here, Jackson State University, for us to begin preparing ourselves and our students for the world that is increasingly defining even the most minute details of our daily lives.” We’ll miss you…
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Gillman Award Recipient: Kirby Kendrick

Kirby Kendrick, Gillman Award Recipient is a junior Economics, Finance and Business Administration major at Jackson State University, from Pocahontas, Mississippi. Unlike many who want to study abroad, Kirby has a more adventurous spirit, one that was encouraged by his mother. With the decision to travel and study in China, Kirby felt defeated when faced with the realizations of limited financial resources, but through hard work and determination, this one obstacle was conquered. Like a dark cloud hovering overhead... one week before Kirby, was scheduled to leave he endured family tragedy. His mother passed away suddenly, leaving Kirby with yet another decision, to continue with his plans to travel to China or stay home. Kirby, relying on the strength of his mother, made the trip, dedicating his visit to the Great Wall in loving memory of her. Kirby is just one of the many outstanding young leaders being nurtured at Jackson State University.

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