

Annual Mississippi Area Council Boys & Girls Club Meeting
Saturday, February 3, 2001
12:00 noon
Comfort Inn in Hattiesburg

(Message: 20 minutes on pursuing higher education leading to more opportunities in their life)

Opening

- Good Afternoon
- Thank you Apryle for your introduction (Apryle Williams is last years Youth of the Year).
- (Comment on Apryle being an outstanding citizen and a perfect example of the great young people in Mississippi.)
- (Super Bowl Story)

Main Points

1. Education
 - a. Look for opportunities!
 - b. You have many options to choose from regarding your education.
 - c. Today, a high school diploma is simply, just not enough.
 - d. (1st Grade Story)
 - e. You must make be able to “sell” yourself to your potential employers.
 - f. Now is the time for you to begin thinking about your future.

- g. Mississippi has numerous community colleges and universities for you to continue your education.

2. Computers in the Classroom

- a. Partnership with AOL to provide all classrooms in MS with a computer by 2002.
- b. Will be first in the nation to accomplish this.
- c. You must be able to access and understand this technology.
- d. With the introduction of the Internet, the world is much easier to access.
 - i. You are not competing with people around the globe for education and employment opportunities.
 - ii. We want you to be prepared.
- e. We are providing you with many tools to help prepare you for the future.
- f. At the touch of a button, you can access:
 - i. www.FastForwardMS.com
 - ii. You may have been hearing the advertisement for this website on the radio recently.
 - iii. A great new site that you, your parents, teachers or anyone can use to learn more about opportunities for your future.

1. About careers

2. About potential salaries
 3. College choices
 4. Financial aid
 - iv. The Internet is the future.
3. You have the Opportunity to be successful
- a. To make a good life for yourself
 - b. To give back to your community.
 - c. To make a difference, an impact, on Mississippi and for future Mississippians.
 - d. (Waverly Wray story)
 - e. You can give back to organizations like the Boys & Girls Club.
 - f. Working together, we can all make Mississippi an even better place.

Closing

- Mississippi's Image: Important how our neighbors, our nation and the world view us.
- How Mississippi is perceived affects us in all aspects: economic development, education, healthcare, etc.
- We have the opportunity to promote a positive image.
- A place where our children (You) can live, work and raise your families.
- America's State of Promise