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OXFORD, Miss. – The University of Mississippi Alumni Association honors six alumni with its highest annual awards during Homecoming Weekend Oct. 16-17.

Inductees into the Alumni Hall of Fame are John Warner Alford Jr. of Oxford, John "Kayo" Dottley of Vicksburg, George E. Hilliard of Memphis and William W. Parsons Jr. of Merritt Island, Fla. David E. Brevard of Tupelo will receive the Alumni Service Award for service to the university and the Alumni Association. Tamara Yvette Crawford of Arlington, Texas, will receive the Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

The Alumni Association is hosting a public reception for the honorees at 6 p.m. Oct. 16 in the Gertrude C. Ford Ballroom at The Inn at Ole Miss. A dinner for the recipients follows the reception and tickets with advanced registration by Oct. 2 are required. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$375 for a table of eight. Call 662-915-7375.

The honorees will be introduced Oct. 17 at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium before the Homecoming game kickoff with the University of Alabama-Birmingham. (Game time is to be announced.)

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Warner Alford

– Alford retired as executive director of the Ole Miss Alumni Association in 2008, a position he had held since 2004. A former Ole Miss football player, coach and athletics director, Alford earned three letters as a guard on Rebel football teams in 1958-60. He was co-captain of the 1960 undefeated national champion team and went on to serve as UM athletics director from 1978 to 1994. He helped expand athletics opportunities for both men and women, increasing the school's varsity sports from eight to 15.

From 1994 to 1999, he worked as a vice president for Mississippi Diversified Corp., which provides insurance and related products to more than 300 auto dealers. In 1999 he was named athletics director for the University of Louisiana-Monroe and served in that position until he

was named vice president and national sales manager of Assurant Group's Indirect Auto in 2001. He returned to Ole Miss as executive assistant for development for the UM Foundation.

A McComb native, Alford holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from UM. He is married to the former Kay Swayze of Oxford, and they have three children, Thomas Swayze Alford, John Warner Alford III and Phyllis Alford Daniels, and six grandchildren.

– Dottley was born in Birmingham, Ala., and reared in McGehee, Ark. He earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in administrative education from UM. He was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Kappa Sigma fraternity, was elected Colonel Rebel, selected to the student Hall of Fame and earned numerous awards in football, including All-American honors in 1945 and '46.

After graduation, Dottley was drafted by the Chicago Bears and played fullback until a car accident ended his career. He was Rookie of the Year and was the first rookie back in NFL history named to play in the Pro Bowl. He left Chicago for Vicksburg, where he was owner of a Jitney Jungle Super Market. He also worked with his father to found Dottley's Spice, which he serves as board president.

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Kayo Dottley

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Students Learn 'Real Politics' in Washington, D.C., Winter Session

OXFORD, Miss. – Eleven University of Mississippi students spent their winter break learning about the people who work behind the scenes of the American government in Washington, D.C. Lead by Jonathan Klingler, assistant professor of political science, the students of Pol 391: Applied Politics met not with candidates, but with the people who make candidates'

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OXFORD, Miss. – Stephanie Jennings Teague, of Chicago, sees her commitment of \$100,000 to the Patterson School of Accountancy's new building at the University of Mississippi as a means of saying "thank you." "It is a way to show a small token of my appreciation to Ole Miss, the faculty and staff, and the accounting

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Reuters: Keep an Eye on the Money Supply

U.S. inflation roller coaster prompts fresh look at long-ignored money supply By Michael S. Derby NEW YORK – The amount of money sloshing around the U.S. economy shrank last year for the first time on record, a development that some economists believe bolsters the case for U.S. inflation pressures continuing to abate. The Federal Reserve's

He is married to the former Nina Nosser. They have three daughters, Nina Rocconi, Debbie Brumitt and Dani Kay Thomas, and two sons, John Albert Dottley Jr., (deceased) and Billy Joe Dottley. They have nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

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George Hilliard

– Hilliard is president and partner in the Memphis independent insurance agency Pete Mitchell and Associates Inc. As managing partner, he is responsible for the agency's service standards, business practices and profitability. A Hemando native, he is a member of the national, state and local associations for Professional Insurance Agents. The Tennessee association recognized him as its 2008 Agent of the Year.

Hilliard serves as a member of the board of directors for the Memphis Chamber Foundation and the Ole Miss Alumni Association. He has received

numerous personal awards and honors including the Memphis Silver Star New Achievers' Award; Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. African American Male Image Award; Black Business Association of Memphis Special Recognition for Outstanding Board Service; and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. Southwestern Regional Bigger and Better Businessman Award.

While at Ole Miss, he was a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. Hilliard and his wife, Malinda, have three daughters, Sabrina, Melodia and Brittany.

– Parsons joined Lockheed Martin Mission Services in October 2008 as vice president of Strategic Space Initiatives. He is responsible for helping to formulate Mission Services' strategy as it relates to Civil and Defense Space Programs and assists other business units as requested. Before joining Lockheed Martin, Parsons served as director of NASA's John F. Kennedy Space Center.

Parsons joined the NASA team in 1990 at Kennedy Space Center in the Shuttle Operations Directorate. He has served as director of the Center Operations and Support Directorate of NASA's Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston and has twice served as director of the John C. Stennis Space Center. In 2003, he was appointed space shuttle program manager to lead the Return to Flight activities for the agency and played a key role in the success of the Discovery STS-114 mission.

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Bill Parsons

He earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from UM and a master's in engineering management from the University of Central Florida. He received the Engineer of Distinction Award from UM and the Alumni of the Year award from the University of Central Florida. Parsons and his wife, Amy, have two children, Sarah and Wil.

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David Brevard

– Brevard is president of B&B Concrete Co., a family business engaged in the manufacture and delivery of ready-mix concrete, concrete pipe and precast concrete items. He serves on the board of directors of the Ole Miss Alumni Association, University of Mississippi Foundation, Mississippi Methodist Senior Services Inc., Community Development Foundation, Yocona Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Journal Inc., B&B Concrete Co. Inc. and Concrete Industries Inc.

Brevard is a past president of the Ole Miss Alumni Association, former chairman of the board of directors of Mississippi Methodist Senior Services Inc. and the Health Care Foundation of North Mississippi. He has received numerous awards, including the Yocona Area Council's Silver Beaver Award for Distinguished Service to Youth, Rotary

International Foundation's Paul Harris Fellow Award, Parent of the Year Award for Church Street Elementary School and Mississippi Business Journal's Top 40 Under 40 Leadership Award.

Brevard is a 1978 summa cum laude graduate of Ole Miss, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree. He earned an MBA from the University of Virginia in 1981. He is married to the former Shawn R. Stewart, and they have two daughters, Stewart and Lizzie.

– Crawford, 31, is a senior aeronautical engineer for Lockheed Martin

Aeronautics Co., an aerospace defense company headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas. Working in the area of mass properties, she utilizes fundamentals of systems engineering processes to accomplish production and modernization tasks on the F-22 Raptor fighter aircraft.

She began her career at Lockheed Martin in 2003 as a systems engineer and was selected as one of three young engineers from the company to participate in the inaugural cross-training initiative for mass properties. Earlier this year, Crawford was nominated for a Women of Color in Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Award in Community Service, a national award that recognizes women of color based on leadership, innovation and outstanding work in the STEM fields. She received the 2009 Women of Color Technology Rising Star Award, which recognizes advancement in shaping technology for the future and demonstrating excellence in the workplace and community.

Crawford is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and was initiated into the Theta Psi Chapter at UM. After earning her bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from UM, she received a master's degree in systems engineering from Southern Methodist University. She is a leader of the Ashanti Community, which is a rites of passage program for girls ages 8 to 18. Crawford oversees more than 100 women and girls, and volunteers 60 hours a month overseeing Ashanti Community activities.

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Tamara Crawford



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