

# NEWSLETTER

## Quarterly Quote

"Giving is not just about making a donation, it's about making a difference". -Kathy Calvin

**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to provide education, life skills and job readiness training to promote sustainability for individuals and families who seek to improve their economic independence.

## A Look Back on 2019







Johnathan Parnell, known to his family and friends as Nick, is a native of Greenwood, MS and was born to proud parents Viola Parnell and Will Brown, both of Greenwood. He attended Greenwood Public Schools and graduated in 2001 from Greenwood High School in the top 5 of his class. He went on to Mississippi State University, in Starkville, MS, where he earned a Bachelors of Science in the field of Computer Engineering in 2006.

Nick is currently an employee at Viking Range, LLC, where he serves as a Business Analysts in the Information Technologies (IT) department, and he has been employed at

Viking for the last 13 years. He is currently in training to become an IT Manager in the IT department. While employed at Viking Range, he has served as an IT Developer, an E-Marketing Web Developer, a SQL Programmer, an Applications Developer, and an Oracle Administrator.

Nick is a GOD fearing man who serves diligently in his local church, Greater Turner Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where he has served in numerous capacities. He has served as church Treasurer, a Trustee Board member, a Sunday School Teacher, an Assistant Youth Department Director, and a choir member. He is currently the Choir Director for both the Adult and Youth Choirs, he provides the Sunday morning breakfast for the Sunday School, and he is the Media Ministry President, where he manages his church's website, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages.

Nick lives by his favorite scripture, Psalm 1:3: "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."



Mississippi has a certain stigma associated with the place I call home. We are sometimes associated with being uneducated, that we aren't exposed to many world class cultures, and that we don't have a certain "class" about ourselves.

I Aisha Saffold started PEARLS because I wanted to clean up all those stains that others have placed on us as well as the ones we marked on ourselves. I believe every girl, no matter where she comes

from, deserves to be able to fulfill her utmost potential. Because of this we are striving to mold our girls into roles models, powerful women, who achieve their hopes and dreams.

In society where the media implants a false image of whom and what a young woman should resemble, I have vowed to take a stand to teach the contrary and impart knowledge and wisdom in PEARL's lives. I want every young girl to know that they are beautiful and I want to see them reach their goals and excel at all they put their hands to. As long as they have someone in their corner backing and pushing them to pursue their goals, they will definitely attain them.

We believe that every girl, no matter her zip code, deserves to be able to fulfill her utmost potential. Whether they are carrying a backpack or a briefcase, P.E.A.R.L.S. Mentoring for Girls, Inc. is dedicated to making sure that our girls are comfortable and confident in any social setting, and leave a lasting impression with whomever or whatever their professional and social future holds for them.

Our girls are future Presidents, CEO's, Ambassadors, Producers, Doctors, Teachers, Entrepreneurs, and much, much more!  
You name it...we'll claim it!



ChanDesignz creates personalized handmade items.

I'm Chanda Ratliff a self proclaimed monogram addict. My love for monograms jump started my at home crafting. I take great pride in the work that I put into every order.

My mission is to provide top-notch service and an array of quality personalized

products. I love what I do and I feel so blessed by God to have the opportunity to do something I absolutely love. I have always believed that a person should always do whatever they do to the absolute best of their ability and that God will bless that. That is how I operate my life and my crafting and I am so happy to have the opportunity to share my abilities and God-given talents with all of you so that you can also enjoy making beautiful things.

## FALL 2019 SPONSORED STUDENTS



My name is Domonique Hays, I was writing to thank my sponsor and also the whole MedEd Inc. Family for giving me an opportunity to enter into the Medical Assistant program at first it was rocky due to things happening to knock me off track but I kept striving and as I went through this program I would greatly appreciate Mrs. Drummer she was patient she taught us the things that was important also added more time for us to make sure we were "cable ready" in her voice when we get into the field we have completed.

I truly thank her for being there not only just as an instructor but as prayer warrior as well she taught us to have control of things. I would recommend this program, school, and the instructor to anybody that's looking to further career and skills. I had a great semester here at MedEd and if anything else come along I'm interested in I most definitely will be back. And having a sponsor who saw fit to pay for me to attend this class was the best thing to happen to me, as being a single mother of 3 children with no support system is very overwhelming but with faith I'm doing it because God right there holding my hand saying keep going it all gone pay off but I finished class with a B average.



Hello my name is Jasmine McLemore. I had a great opportunity not only to attend the Clinical Medical Assistant class but I was blessed as to where I did not have to pay for it. I was very excited about attending the class. It seemed like every time I made plans to pay for a class something came up. Being a single mother of six made it very difficult to pay. I truly believed that this was a blessing for my kids and I. A lot of people was trying to discourage me from going to class

because there were no jobs here for Medical Assistant but my response was that I didn't believe God blessed me to get into this class and I didn't have to pay for me not to find a job. The teacher was amazing and I met some great people in the class. So I appreciate this opportunity to further my education and thanks to everyone who helped with that.

Thank  
You

# WHAT'S NEW

## Volunteer hours

At MedEd Services, we believe in volunteering. It helps individuals learn more about themselves while growing and developing to their fullest potential. Employers look at volunteer hours of potential candidates and it helps these individuals to stand out. Volunteering looks good on a resume. So, starting January 2020, all students will be required to submit volunteer hours before completing the class and graduating. For those in our 16 weeks class, 15 volunteer hours are required. For those in our 8 weeks class, only 8 volunteer hours are required. If you have a business or can assist our students with volunteer hours in the healthcare field, please do. This really can help make a difference in the students careers.

## Fundraisers

MedEd Services is a nonprofit organization who does not receive any government funding at this time. Besides our fee for service programs, fundraisers are the 2nd biggest way to bring in a profit for MedEd. This profit helps the student by providing resources that they can use to help make the class successful. Due to this, all MedEd Services students are required to participate in at least 2 fundraisers(1 for Phlebotomy class). We are asking that you please support our students in this endeavor.

## New Pharmacy Tech Instructor



Hello everyone my name is Shanna Williams and I'm a 34 year old resident of Tallahatchie County; where I've been my whole life. I am also a 2004 Alumni of the West Tallahatchie High School in Webb, MS. I became a nationally Certified Pharmacy Technician through the National Health Career Association in 2018. I chose the pharmacy technician field purely out of nosiness. I wanted to know and understand the inner workings of this field. I saw that the physician or

nurse practitioner would jot some words and abbreviations down on a prescription pad and send you off to the pharmacy. I secretly wanted to know what those jargons between those two parties meant; so that's what started me on this journey. I now can talk with older relatives and friends to help them understand their medications and how to safely use them. It brings me joy to know that I'm making a difference or giving back to my community in a way that doesn't cause me to be under stress. This certification has allowed me to be more knowledgeable about understanding how medicine works in the body and also about some of the side effects and dangers of not adhering to the dosage instructions. I learned a lot and I'm continuing to learn as this fast paced industry changes. This certification has allowed me to become an instructor for Med Ed Services. I plan to prepare these upcoming pharmacy technicians for every possible encounter they may have in this field. I hope they come eager to learn and willing to be taught. I would like to thank my family, friends and church for their continued prayers and support.

Sincerely,  
Shanna Williams, CPhT

# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



MedEd Services is now in it's 2nd year of business as a nonprofit. When working within a nonprofit, there are a lot of things to consider as it relates to the community as well as complying. There is a lot that goes into it, but I wouldn't trade it for the world. I enjoy helping and giving back to the community. With that being said, it is my goal to continue to carry out our mission. I have a few goals in mind to accomplish this year. For one, obtaining more funding to be able to assist individuals in joining the program. Also, I plan on networking and creating lasting partnerships that will help our students to gain the necessary skills and experience they need. Furthermore, MedEd believes in helping our students grow to their fullest potential and being practical within their career field, so all students will be required to do volunteer hours as of Jan. 1, 2020. We are asking for the community's help in this. This is an awesome way for students to learn more about their health career chosen. Also, volunteer hours look good on a resume. Here at MedEd, we seek to enrich our students with the necessary knowledge they need to go and be successful. We go beyond the instructional material taught in the classroom and teach lifelong lessons as well. It is with great hope that all our students walk away with a much better concept and mindset about their healthcare career but more so, a better mindset about life as a whole. Continued thanks to our donors and sponsors. You all are the reason we continue to provide quality education. To those students that choose MedEd Services for their educational needs-we say thank you! As we prepare to enter this new year, we hope for a successful one with lasting memories. Thank you all and happy new year!

Respectfully yours,  
Jasmine Dunn, Executive Director

