

Inagine possibilities Summit

The Imagine the Possibilities (ITP) Summit took place on Fri., Sept. 30 at the Orchard in Tupelo. This event featured about 175 participants representing school, business, and community leaders who learned ways they can support the core tenets of the Toyota Wellspring Education Fund to expose, prepare, and connect students to their futures.

Participants left with the charge to support the ITP Career Expo virtual experience and Career Connection platform while also finding ways to strengthen the school and community connection. Check out the <u>ITP Summit Video 2022</u> and images to drive home the focus of this meeting.

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The student panel featured students from across the region discussing ways that they were exposed, prepared, and connected to their future careers. Constant Contact



The adult panel featured individuals from the K-12 sector as well as the business and industry sectors in the region.



NEMYF Kick off

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The Northeast Mississippi Youth Foundation (NEMYF) is a youth-directed foundation established in 2001 to offer 11th and 12th graders leadership, philanthropy and community involvement opportunities. NEMYF participants meet monthly from September through April, and the 2022-2023 cohort is the largest group in the history of NEMYF with **64 students** representing **all 17 counties** the CREATE Foundation serves across **36 schools**. Check out the NEMYF students at their first meeting on **Sun., Sept. 18**.





TEACHER of DISTINCTION

EXCELLENCE THAT SETS ONE APART



Tupelo Public School District educators were honored with the prestigious Teacher of Distinction Awards on September 26, 2022, at the BancorpSouth Conference Center in Tupelo. With 30 teachers and assistant teachers given awards, it was the largest group of winners in the program's history. Read more <u>here</u>.



"THE SKY IS THE LIMIT ... "

Through the Toyota Wellspring Education Fund, Career Coaches across our region are providing high school students with real-world experiences aligned to their aptitudes and career interests. Jose Quintanilla, a Saltillo High School student, became a private pilot and is enrolled in an industrial maintenance program, pursuing his dream career. When a student has a vision of his or her future, the impact of a mentor, such as a career coach, can propel them to new heights. In Jose's case, the sky's the limit!





To learn more about the Toyota Wellspring Education Fund and the Career Coaches, visit www.createfoundation.com

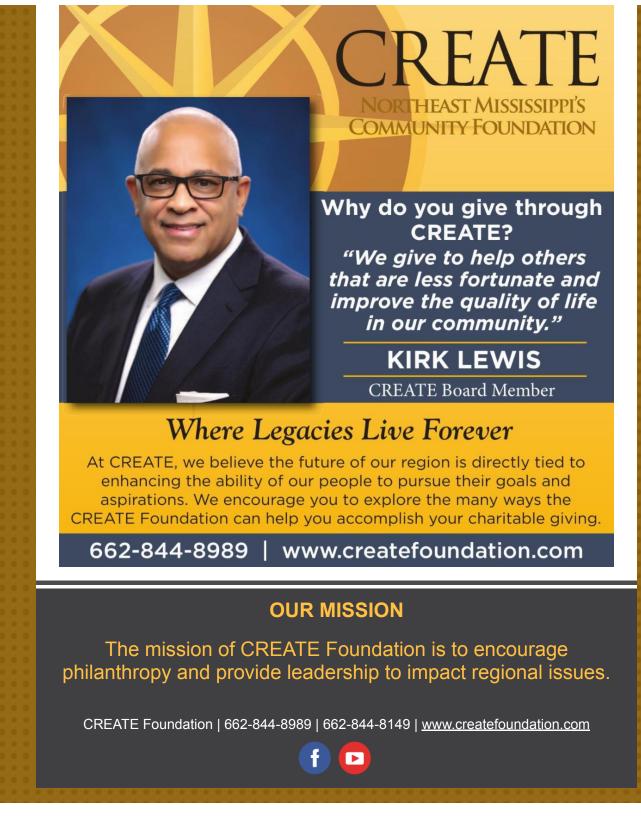
JOHN ROBERT ARNOLD ENDOWMENT FUND

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John Robert Arnold was an extraordinary person who had a successful career in agriculture, manufacturing, retail and in the charter bus business. His great success in business was secondary to his faith, love and commitment to family, friends and love of his fellowman. CREATE was honored to partner with John Robert and his family in establishing the John Robert Arnold Endowment Fund to help continue his legacy of service. This fund provides annual support to First United Methodist Church of Starkville, Pushmataha Council of the Boy Scouts, SOAR, Millsaps College, Rust College, Lake Junaluska Methodist Camp, United Way of Oktibbeha County, MSU Symphony, Lake Stephens Methodist Camp, and the Sessums Community Club. He demonstrated his commitment through his leadership and involvement with numerous ministries at First United Methodist Church in Starkville. He was instrumental in establishing the churches' TV, bus and day school ministries as well as teaching generations of 7th grade youth. Mr. Arnold was highly active in a number of community organizations including (SOAR) – Starkville-Oktibbeha Achieving Results, an affiliate of the CREATE Foundation. He was also a big supporter of the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo, one-year volunteering for four consecutive days.





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