



**MAKING THE
DELTA STRONG...**
together

2017 ANNUAL REPORT



HARRY AND SHIRLEY SIMMONS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Harry Simmons

During my first weeks of assuming the Presidency, a team of talented people were brought in by Delta Council and others to look at the region through a different lens and report back on how we can best brand ourselves for a higher degree of success in the field of business retention and recruitment.

They came back to us and said simply that you should be “Delta Strong”. They had never been to a rural region with as much strength as they saw in the Mississippi Delta. From strong people, strong agriculture, strong transportation and infrastructure, to strong educational opportunities, they underscored that Deltans should never apologize for living and conducting business in this special place.

As I conclude my year of service, I can report they were exactly right. And by working TOGETHER through the fabric of leadership that Delta Council has woven over the past 80 years, we have accomplished a lot, and there is even more we can achieve.

And it is indeed our Delta people that are the overarching strength of this region and organization. I have served this year with some of the most talented and smart people who give selflessly to make the region a better place to live and conduct business. These accomplishments could not be reached without the several thousand people who consciously and consistently place their vote of confidence through a regional referendum when they return their membership form in support of Delta Council.

Today, and in this Annual Report, we celebrate some of those accomplishments and highlight some of our challenges, but most importantly, we lift up the members and friends of Delta Council who make it all happen. I am pleased that the new United States Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue, is our featured guest for this 82nd Annual Meeting of Delta Council. His career as a Georgia agri-businessman and Governor emphasizes his commitment to rural America and we look forward to working with him and his Administration.

Please enjoy the meeting and thank you again for your efforts in working together to make the Delta stronger.

2017 ANNUAL MEETING

June 9, 2017

BOLOGNA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
DELTA 1000 EVENT

Marshall Ramsey, *Editorial Cartoonist*
The Clarion-Ledger
Carlisle Clarke, *Special Presentation*

Location: McPherson Recital Hall

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
**2017 SALUTE TO
DELTA HONOR GRADUATES**

Archie Tucker, *Associate Director*
USDA-ARS

The Honorable Roger Wicker,
United States Senator (MS)

Location: "Under the Tent" on the East Side
of the Bologna Performing Arts Center

10:30 a.m.
WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
President William LaForge, *Delta State University*

INVOCATION

Reverend Herron Wilson, *Delta Missions*

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Boy Scout Troop 200, *Greenwood*

PATRIOTIC MUSIC

B.B. King Museum Allstars,
directed by **Harvey Jackson**

BUSINESS SESSION

Recognition of Special Guests
Good Middling Lady Recipient Recognition
Wear Cotton Recognition
Recognition of Honor Graduates,
Scholarship Recipient
Introduction of New Officers

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Honorable Roger Wicker,
United States Senator (MS)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Sonny Perdue, *U.S. Secretary of Agriculture*

12:00 NOON CATFISH LUNCHEON

Location: Delta State University
Quadrangle Lawn

RECOGNITION OF 2017 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Harry Simmons, *President*



PROFILE

GEORGE ERVIN "SONNY" PERDUE III

- Sworn in January 18, 2017 as the 31st U.S. Secretary of Agriculture
- 2003-11 Governor of Georgia
- 1990-2001 Georgia State Senator
- 2010 Governing Magazine named Perdue as 1 of 8 "Public Officials of the Year"
- Has had ownership stake in agribusiness and transportation businesses
- Focuses as Governor included government reform, improving education and economic development
- Served as Captain in the U.S. Air Force
- Earned Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine
- He and his Wife, Mary, have four children and eleven grandchildren

PICTURED LEFT: SENATOR THAD COCHRAN AND U.S. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE SONNY PERDUE

2017 MISSISSIPPI DELTA

Honor Graduates

BOLIVAR

T'Kerra Abalama, *West Bolivar High*
Jayda Bass, *East Side High*
Ashlyn Cummins, *Bayou Academy*
Anthony Davis, Jr., *Shaw High*
JaWanda Griham, *West Bolivar High*
Nakeveyonia Holmes, *Ray Brooks*
Kertrina Horn, *Broad Street High*
Ambria Jurnett, *East Side High*
K'yana Lee, *John F Kennedy High*
Deneshia Lindsey, *Ray Brooks*
Kailyn Lofton, *Bayou Academy*
Hunter Norwood, *Cleveland High*
Kyndal Porter, *Broad Street High*
Lillian Scott, *Shaw High*
Alex Smith, *Cleveland High*
Khalil Strickland, *John F Kennedy High*

CARROLL

Ashley Clark, *Carroll Academy*
Mary Alana McKay, *J.Z. George High*
Justin Randle, *J.Z. George High*
Ava Whitfield, *Carroll Academy*

COAHOMA

Lauren Agostinelli, *Lee Academy*
Jerome Coley, *Coahoma Co. Agricultural High*
Alison Fullilove, *Lee Academy*
Ahkenaton Furdge, *Clarksdale High*
Terrell George, *Coahoma County High*
Amber Scott, *Coahoma Co. Agricultural High*
Jahari Smith, *Coahoma County High*
Amber Stasher, *Clarksdale High*

DESOTO

Taylor Bond, *Lewisburg High*
Taylor Brunson, *Desoto Central High*
Kathryn Cavitt, *Hernando High*
Emily Clasen, *Horn Lake High*
Jacob Daniel, *Southaven High*
Annalee Droke, *Center Hill High*
Makayla Hankins, *Lake Cormorant High*
Megan Howell, *Olive Branch High*
Malika Lyles, *Lake Cormorant High*
Irene Muniz, *Southaven High*

Grishma Patel, *Desoto Central High*
Garrett Reeves, *Lewisburg High*
Casheu Stark, *Hernando High*
Mary Addison Wadsworth, *Northpoint Christian School*
Blake Waldrip, *Northpoint Christian School*
Rachel Walker, *Center Hill High*
Carson Wiseman, *Olive Branch High*
Jacquelyn Woitesek, *Horn Lake High*

HOLMES

Luke Johnson, *Central Holmes Christian School*
Jazsmine Lofton, *Holmes County Central High School*
Lakendra Roby, *Durant High*
Nepheria Thomas, *Durant High*
Allijahjuan Wade, *Holmes County Central High School*

HUMPHREYS

Amelia Brown, *Humphreys Co. High*
Breanna Moss, *Humphreys Academy*
Kimberly Thomas, *Humphreys Co. High*
Hannah Turner, *Humphreys Academy*

LEFLORE

Jacoby Gilmore, *Greenwood High*
Kalyn Jackson, *Leflore County High*
A'Keeriyanna Jones, *Greenwood High*
Swayze Pillow, *Pillow Academy*
Tyler Ross, *Leflore County High*
Collin Short, *Pillow Academy*
Jimia Stanford, *Amanda Elzy High*
Christina Staten, *Amanda Elzy High*
Dawn Wright, *North New Summit School*

PANOLA

Carly Coleman, *South Panola High*
Margo Haley, *North Delta School*
Nelson Howell, *North Delta School*
Caitlin Seay, *South Panola High*
Mercedes Shorter, *North Panola High*
Tearia Wheatley, *North Panola High*

QUITMAN

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Addie Scipper, *Delta Academy*
Isha Williams, *Madison S. Palmer High*
Kennedy Wright, *Madison S. Palmer High*

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Livvie Martin, *Sharkey-Issaquena Academy*
D'Asia Taylor, *South Delta High*
De'Essence Washington, *South Delta High*

SUNFLOWER

Lane Andrews, *North Sunflower Academy*
Nathan Burnett, *North Sunflower Academy*
Christian Hannah, *Gentry High*
Lakeiton McGee, *Ruleville Central High*
Coursey Pitts, *Indianola Academy*
Mitchell Pitts, *Indianola Academy*
Lachyna Primer, *Ruleville Central High*
Creshaundra Williams, *Gentry High*

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Janice Citchens, *West Tallahatchie High*
Janice Gosnell, *Strider Academy*
Alexia Holt, *Charleston High*
Hayden Cole Jackson, *Strider Academy*
Keundra Thomas, *West Tallahatchie High*

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Kosha Butts, *Senatobia High*
Gracie Crockett, *Independence High*
Nylah Farmer, *Coldwater Attendance Center*
Takia Johnson, *Coldwater Attendance Center*
Khiara Lee, *Independence High*
Avery Norwood, *Magnolia Heights School*
Kristen Roberson, *Strayhorn High*
Easton Van Every, *Magnolia Heights School*
Mary Elizabeth Williams, *Senatobia High*

TUNICA

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Rashawn Jackson, *Rosa Fort High*
Kayla Smith, *Rosa Fort High*
Tom Sullivan, *Tunica Academy*

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Holly Hayes, *St Aloysius High School*
Michelle Howington, *St Aloysius High School*
Zaria Neal, *Vicksburg High*
Rebekah Elizabeth Rogers, *Porter's Chapel Academy*
Alex Velazquez, *Warren Central High*

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Terriyana Bailey, *O'Bannon High*
Amaya Colbert, *Riverside High*
Molly Fontenot, *Washington School*
Kalie N Gibbs, *Greenville Christian School*
Asia Harden, *St Joseph High School*
Kyanna Hollin, *Riverside High*
Steteria Howard, *Simmons High*
Julia Jarrett, *Washington School*
Shakarra Johnson, *Simmons High*
Johnny Lawson, *Greenville High*
Jennifer Mansour, *St Joseph High School*
Hart Manus, *Deer Creek School*
Anne Bailey Peyton, *Deer Creek School*
Kayla B Ray, *Leland High*
Devontae M Rhodes, *Greenville Christian School*
Zy'Miria Thompson, *Leland High*
Alicia Wells, *Greenville High*
Khalifa Williams, *O'Bannon High*

YAZOO

William Logan Anderson, *Benton Academy*
Ayanna Hill, *Yazoo County High*
Tyler Lewis, *Yazoo City High*
Matthew Clark Liddon, *Manchester Academy*
Michael Eugene Newman, *Manchester Academy*
Vivian Lake Shipp, *Benton Academy*
Kayla Tardy, *Yazoo City High*
Katherine Uthoff, *Yazoo County High*

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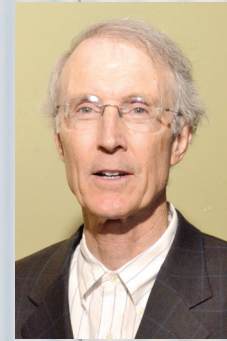
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Benoit



Outstanding Soybean Producer:

Matt Sharpe
O.J. Sharpe Farms
Rolling Fork



Outstanding Cotton Ginner:

Bernie Jordan
Yazoo Planters Gin Company
Yazoo City



Outstanding Contributions to Hardwood Forestry:

Ralph Pearce
Isola



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Terry Murrell
Carter Murrell

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Pace-Setter Award:

John Bush
Schlater

Wade Litton
Greenwood



**Outstanding Contributions
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Solon Scott, Jr.
Itta Bena



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Craig Tucker
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Good Middling Recipient:

Kim Pillow
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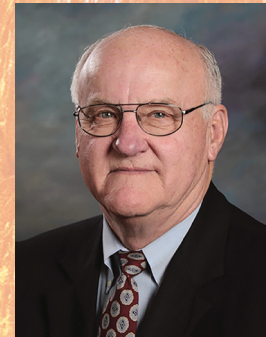


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- Aquaculture Resolution
- Catfish

FARM POLICY

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- Farm Policy
- Crop Insurance

FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

- Hardwoods Research
- Desired Forest Conditions
- Feral Hogs

GINNING AND COTTON QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

- Ginning Lab and Cottonseed Assistance

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- Delta Regional Authority
- Delta Heritage Area
- Growth And Prosperity
- Workforce Development
- State Historic Tax Credits
- Delta Strong
- Port Expansion

EDUCATION AND HEALTH POLICY

- Adult Literacy
- Early Learning
- Higher Education Funding
- Health Care

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

- Highway Development
- Corridor 18 (I-69)
- Delta Rail Service
- Bridge Replacement and Repairs

SOYBEAN WHEAT AND FEED GRAINS

- Soybean Resolution
- Corn Resolution

FLOOD CONTROL

- Flood Control
- Mississippi River Levee Enlargement

- MS River Valley Flood Control and Risk Management
- South Delta Flooding
- Hillside Watersheds
- Reservoirs
- Drainage Districts
- Yazoo Basin Flood Control
- Carter Rocky Bayou
- Upper Yazoo Project

SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES

- USDA Conservation Programs and Local Tax Base
- WOTUS
- Conservation Programs - WRP Enrollment Caps
- Soil and Water Resources
- Water Balance
- Alternative Strategies for Water Balance
- Water Resources

RICE AND SMALL GRAINS

- Rice
- Check-off Funds

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Delta Strong is a new regional branding, marketing, and business attraction program aimed exclusively at luring new manufacturing opportunities to the region. The new initiative has been supported by private sector financial institutions, our Planning and Development Districts, Port Terminals on the Mississippi River, local Economic Development Foundations, and our Utility and Infrastructure partners. (See logos.) This strategy, which is being led by the Delta Council Development Department, is a four-year plan which includes outcome measurements and transparency that will position the Mississippi Delta region as a major player in the attraction of manufacturing, distribution, and warehousing operations.



CLEVELAND-BOLIVAR INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATION

PORT OF GREENVILLE

CLARKSDALE-COAHOMA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY

“Delta Council is an incredible and comprehensive regional organization which covers the entire gamut of economic development activities. From cutting edge workforce development, to government relations, to community and traditional economic development, no organization anywhere does it as well as Delta Council. The Delta Strong effort, led by Delta Council with unprecedented buy-in from entities around the territory, is just a further example of how a truly regional economic development effort can benefit the economy of local communities.”

Robert Ingram
President/CEO
Common Sense Economic
Development, LLC



“Delta Council and Delta Wildlife have been valuable partners in the management of forests in this region for decades, and I have been impressed by the importance which these groups attach to Delta lands. The management decisions we make for forests today will establish a legacy on the land which can be enjoyed for generations to come. For this reason, we must make good decisions, and both Delta Council and Delta Wildlife have always cultured, supported, and endorsed proper management of our bountiful forest resources.”

Andy Ezell
Department Head
College of Forestry
Mississippi State University



“As a Senate staffer for over 10 years, I have not seen an organization that is able to provide meaningful input on as wide a variety of issues as Delta Council and still be effective. Delta Council is able to draw on local expertise to provide real-time, firsthand knowledge that is critical for decision makers. Regional, member-run organizations can become paralyzed by focusing advocacy efforts too broadly. However, the structure, tenure, and history as well as seldom-evolving mission statement ensures Delta Council isn’t one of those.”

PJ Waldrop
Deputy Chief of Staff
U.S. Senator David Perdue

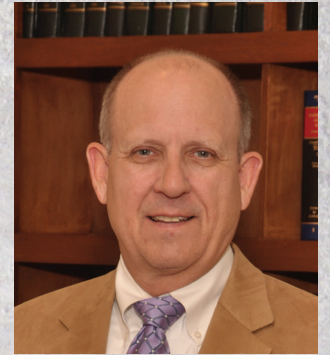


“Delta Council is the premier membership organization in the Southeast; Staff and Leadership always have the pulse of issues that impact or have the potential to impact its members. The relationships they have forged and their direct work to impact policy and legislation in Mississippi and Washington is exemplary. Of recent times, their cooperative work to address pollinator issues and to improve pollinator/wildlife habitat is recognized nationally. Syngenta is grateful for the long standing and deeply beneficial relationship with Delta Council/Delta Wildlife and Delta F.A.R.M.”

Todd Barlow
Director of State Affairs
Syngenta



“Unfortunately for those of us who live and work in the Mississippi Delta, flooding rivers, streams, lakes and reservoirs are a perennial fact of life. Each flood event is the same and yet different from all the preceding flood events. Although every county, municipality, and landowner reacts to each flood event as it affects them, flooding is not a localized event but rather a total watershed event with consequences spreading out to neighboring counties and businesses. Flood control is not just one mitigation structure or project, but many, and Delta Council is the only organization I have seen in my 26 years of public service that attempts to coordinate these flood control endeavors into a system-wide program so that as one area is helped, another is not endangered by any one project. Delta Council continually brings state and federal flood control specialists into our local areas to meet with public officials to help develop flood control plans.”



Butch Scipper
Quitman County Chancery Clerk



“In the past three years, Greenville Garden Club members have initiated an effort to restore the Winterville Mound site to its pre-Columbian appearance. Delta Council Executive Vice President, **Chip Morgan**, was instrumental in advising and supporting their successful efforts of obtaining \$300,000 from the State Legislature to clear obstructive trees and create new trails and signage as well as advising club members to create the Winterville Mounds Association whose donations to improve the mound site are funded through the B.F. Smith Foundation. Without the guidance of Delta Council, these efforts to protect one of the Delta’s greatest treasures would not have been possible.”



Lynn Cox
Winterville Mounds Association President



“Delta Council continues to be widely recognized and respected for their tremendous support and impact on agricultural research. I know of no other organization in the country that is as effective as Delta Council in bringing State, Federal, and Private entities together to address common agricultural problems for the benefit of the American people.”

Archie Tucker
Associate Area Director
USDA-ARS-Southeast Area



“Delta Council’s leadership with regards to water supply and declining alluvial aquifer levels has been indispensable. They successfully advocate for and facilitate procurement of funding for Mississippi State University, which enable their scientists to create applied research and extension programs that makes Delta producers more profitable, while concurrently reducing the demand on the alluvial aquifer. Moreover, Delta Council’s guidance was instrumental in forging a unique NRCS program that enabled producers to adopt irrigation water management tools across the Mississippi Delta. The adoption of irrigation water management tools by Mississippi producers is unrivaled in the United States, and I am convinced that this phenomenon is due to the leadership provided by Delta Council.”

Dr. L. Jason Krutz
Extension Irrigation Specialist
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