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2021 DELTA COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



LAURA AND PAUL HOLLIS

## PAUL HOLLIS

First and foremost, thank you for being here today with us to continue the tradition of Delta Council Day. It has been my pleasure to serve as President of Delta Council alongside an excellent team of leaders, as well as members and friends from across the region, the State, and the Nation.

During my tenure, working with our membership, committee chairmen, vice-presidents, directors and staff, I don't believe I have ever seen an organization more committed to the day-to-day activities of its people than Delta Council. Our accomplishments, such as new industrial locations and the headway we have made on the Yazoo Backwater Project just to name a couple, are due to our strong regional approach. This year has furthered my belief that the Delta can and will continue to work together to recover from challenges, and push forward to continue growing our economy, workforce, and our wellbeing as a region.

Today, and in this Annual Report, it is my honor to celebrate those leaders and partners that have helped Delta Council make a positive

impact on our region and State. As you flip through this report, you will recognize the faces and names of our friends that we cannot succeed without.

I am also pleased to introduce U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith as our keynote speaker for the 86th Annual Meeting of Delta Council. From flood control and rural healthcare to infrastructure and agriculture, she recognizes and champions the needs of our region. As a cattle farmer and former Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, Senator Hyde-Smith understands what it takes to continue to be a proactive advocate and strong voice for the people of the Delta, and we look forward to her message today.

As we enjoy this day and reconnect with one another, thank you for your support, service and friendship to the Delta, and to Delta Council.

# 86TH ANNUAL MEETING OF DELTA COUNCIL

June 4, 2021

**BOLOGNA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY / CLEVELAND, MISSISSIPPI**

**9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
2021 SALUTE TO  
DELTA HONOR GRADUATES**

**Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann**

Location: Lawn of the  
Bologna Performing Arts Center

**10:30 a.m.  
WELCOME &  
OPENING REMARKS**

**Paul Hollis**

*Delta Council President*

**Tom Gresham**

*Delta Council Chairman*

**INVOCATION**

**Reverend Holly Burris**

*Church of the Epiphany*

*Tunica, MS*

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS**

Boy Scout Troop 4100

Scoutmaster Dennis Walden

**PATRIOTIC MUSIC**

**Tricia Walker**

*Cleveland, MS*

**BUSINESS SESSION**

- Recognition of Special Guests
- Wear Cotton Recognition
- Good Middling Community Service Award Recognition
- Recognition of Honor Graduates & Scholarship Recipient
- Introduction of New Officers

**INTRODUCTION OF  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**Paul Hollis**

*Delta Council President*

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith**

**12:00 / NOON  
CATFISH LUNCHEON**

Location: Delta State University  
Quadrangle Lawn

**RECOGNITION OF  
2020-2021**

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

**Paul Hollis**

*Delta Council President*





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# 2021

# Honor

# MISSISSIPPI DELTA

# GRADUATES

## **BOLIVAR**

**Kourtney "Mia" Barfield** Bayou Academy  
**Kydrian Blocker** Northside High  
**Mary Ansley Chrestman** Bayou Academy  
**Shanyla Edwards** West Bolivar High  
**Tyler Feltson** McEvans School  
**Jykeviun Ford** West Bolivar High  
**Ashleigh McKinney** Cleveland Central High  
**Alyssa Robinson** Northside High  
**Laranyshaw Shaw** McEvans School  
**L'Kenna Whitehead** Cleveland Central High

## **CARROLL**

**Hannah Lynn Campbell** Carroll Academy  
**McKenzie Henson** J.Z. George High  
**Jason Alan Matthews** Carroll Academy  
**Teddra Randle** J.Z. George High

## **COAHOMA**

**Elizabeth Basha** Lee Academy  
**Xavier Cannon** Coahoma County High  
**Merri Evelyn Evans** Lee Academy  
**Addison Gooden** Coahoma Early College High  
**Miriam Howard** Clarksdale High  
**Jay'lin Johnson** Coahoma County High  
**Chelnieh Pollard** Clarksdale High  
**Jordan Turner** Coahoma Early College High

## **DESOTO**

**Adriana Bermudez Loya** Horn Lake High  
**Serenity Blanch** Southaven High  
**Riley Kate Box** Hernando High  
**Ric Browning** Lewisburg High  
**Isabella Grace Desio-Dorian** Lewisburg High  
**Logan Deutschmann** Desoto Central High  
**Tucker Henley** Center Hill High  
**Heaven Hubbard** Horn Lake High  
**Omar Jamil** Desoto Central High  
**Joseph Jenkins** Southaven High  
**Christian Lesure** Olive Branch High  
**Madison Lott** Northpoint Christian School  
**Farrah Oswald** Lake Cormorant High  
**Emily Ott** Lake Cormorant High  
**Lauren Rusk** Hernando High  
**Mary Stevenson** Northpoint Christian School  
**Tyrea'hna Tillman** Center Hill High  
**Faith Troutt** Olive Branch High

## **GRENADA**

**Lillian Love Gober** Kirk Academy  
**Allie Grace Holland** Grenada High  
**Anna James** Grenada High  
**Anna Grace Lane** Kirk Academy

## **HOLMES**

**Breann Bell** Central Holmes Christian School  
**Kelsey Gilmore** Central Holmes Christian School  
**Cameron Keys** Holmes County Central High School  
**Kaitlin Kimbrough** Holmes County Central

High School

## **HUMPHREYS**

**Colby Alderman** Humphreys Academy  
**Riley Bellipanni** Humphreys Academy  
**Shemariah York** Humphreys Co. High  
**Avarius Young** Humphreys Co. High

## **LEFLORE**

**Shakiya Addison** Leflore County High  
**Caroline Hurst Brock** Pillow Academy  
**River Brownlee** Greenwood High  
**Ashley Cooper** Amanda Elzy High  
**Maggie Farmer** North New Summit School  
**Mariah Gardner** Greenwood High  
**Alijah Jones** Amanda Elzy High  
**Shelby Littleton** North New Summit School  
**JaMarkus McChristian** Delta Streets Academy  
**Heaven Patrick-Lacy** Leflore County High  
**Arushi Thakur** Pillow Academy

## **PANOLA**

**Cate Amis** North Delta School  
**Theodore Henley, III** North Panola High  
**Jamauria Lyons** North Panola High  
**Olivia D Neal** South Panola High  
**Kylie Stephens** North Delta School  
**Levi Williams** South Panola High

## **QUITMAN**

**Sara Booth** Delta Academy  
**Case Bynum** Delta Academy  
**Zandaisha Crawford** Madison S. Palmer High  
**Zylah Strickland** Madison S. Palmer High

## **SHARKEY/ISSAQUENA**

**Beyonce Kenny** South Delta High  
**Jaylen Maxey** South Delta High  
**Juliana Scott** Sharkey-Issaquena Academy  
**Ethan Willard** Sharkey-Issaquena Academy

## **SUNFLOWER**

**John Clayton Chism** Indianola Academy  
**Emmanuel Clark** Thomas E. Edwards, Sr. High School  
**Bre'Anna Coleman** Thomas E. Edwards, Sr. High School  
**Denise Ginn** Gentry High  
**Jacob Henley** North Sunflower Academy  
**Preslie McCool** North Sunflower Academy  
**T'Rossi Pernell** Gentry High  
**Temple Williamson** Indianola Academy

## **TALLAHATCHIE**

**Jaime Fairlee, Jr.** West Tallahatchie High  
**Breyona Gammill** Charleston High  
**Enochius Harris** Charleston High  
**Eboni Nicole Jones** West Tallahatchie High

## **TATE**

**Dylan Flippo** Strayhorn High  
**Taylor Johnston** Magnolia Heights School  
**Kaitlyn Lindsey** Independence High  
**Kenyon Latrell Page** Coldwater High School  
**Rebecca Renteria** Coldwater High School  
**Faith Shingler** Strayhorn High  
**Bryson Taylor** Senatobia High  
**Robin Tinnel** Senatobia High  
**Madison Whitehurst** Independence High  
**Gavin Woods** Magnolia Heights School

## **TUNICA**

**Cordaveon Carter** Rosa Fort High  
**Savannah Mann** Tunica Academy  
**Madelyn Swindoll** Tunica Academy  
**Myahia Watson** Rosa Fort High

## **WARREN**

**Bailey Andrews** Porter's Chapel Academy  
**Hailey Henderson** Vicksburg High  
**Ashley Nicole Jarratt** St Aloysius High School  
**Anna Marie Lamanilao** St Aloysius High School  
**Michael Montgomery** Vicksburg High  
**Brianna Poole** Porter's Chapel Academy  
**Anita Reed** Warren Central High  
**Scott Wallace** Warren Central High

## **WASHINGTON**

**Ethan Allegrezza** Deer Creek School  
**Antorie Barber** Unity Christian Academy  
**Erika Nycole Brisco** Leland High  
**Jayla Edwards** Simmons High  
**Jakhya Ford** Greenville Christian School  
**Perry L Gibson Jr** O'Bannon High  
**Alana Henderson** Greenville High  
**Haley Hoover** Riverside High  
**Justin Irion** Riverside High  
**Cam'ron Jones** Greenville High  
**Elyssia Jones** Greenville Christian School  
**Jeremiah Jones** Unity Christian Academy  
**Diamond Kingdom** O'Bannon High  
**Bryant Lucas, Jr.** Leland High  
**John Chandler Lyles** Washington School  
**Anna Grace McGaugh** St Joseph Catholic School  
**Austin Rexrode** Deer Creek School  
**Simar Thomas** St Joseph Catholic School  
**Mollie Warrington** Washington School  
**Takira Williams** Simmons High

## **YAZOO**

**Caliyah Benson** Yazoo County High  
**Lucas Clark** Yazoo County High  
**Chan'cey Figures** Yazoo City High  
**Ciniaya Grayer** Yazoo City High  
**Grace Jones** Benton Academy  
**William Quitman Peeler** Manchester Academy  
**Yash Dilipkumar Sharma** Manchester Academy  
**Jewell Vandevere** Benton Academy



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# 2020

# MISSISSIPPI DELTA *Honor* GRADUATES

## **BOLIVAR**

**Caiden Craddock**, Cleveland Central High  
**Dakari Keyshun Crockett**, Shaw High  
**Semaj Daniels**, Northside High  
**Sydney Davis**, Bayou Academy  
**Kearja Markhi**, Dorsey Shaw High  
**Patrick Grayer**, Ray Brooks  
**Alexia Richardson**, West Bolivar High  
**Emma Short**, Bayou Academy  
**Madison Smith**, Northside High  
**Natassja Thomas**, Ray Brooks  
**Jaylen Townsend**, Cleveland Central High  
**Tanarious Williams**, West Bolivar High

## **CARROLL**

**Mary Jordan Milton**, Carroll Academy  
**James Armstrong Neill**, Carroll Academy  
**Jasmine Newman**, J.Z. George High  
**Robert Charles "Carson" Skelton**,  
J.Z. George High

## **COAHOMA**

**Hunt Barksdale**, Lee Academy  
**Joseph Curcio**, Lee Academy  
**Taylor Matthews**, Clarksdale High  
**Antonia Morales**, Coahoma County High  
**Cordeja Murphy**, Coahoma County High  
**Amber Roland**, Clarksdale High  
**Aquaysheonna White**, Coahoma  
Early College High  
**Thomas Williams, Jr.**, Coahoma  
Early College High

## **DESOTO**

**Eli Ashley**, Olive Branch High  
**Galín Jayne Burton**, Northpoint  
Christian School  
**Oralia Cavazos**, Horn Lake High  
**Adrell Evans**, Horn Lake High  
**Brooke Gowan**, Lewisburg High  
**Ashley Halford**, Center Hill High  
**Taylor Howell**, Olive Branch High  
**Rachel Lane**, Lake Cormorant High  
**Alexandra Mobley**, Lake Cormorant High  
**Angeline Morgan**, Southaven High  
**Klein Morrow**, Lewisburg High  
**Hope Joy Owens**, Northpoint  
Christian School  
**Riley Payne**, Southaven High  
**Raegan Stafford**, Desoto Central High  
**Cassy Tigner**, Hernando High  
**Charleston Vance**, Hernando High  
**Kaitlyn Weirich**, Desoto Central High  
**Kyle White**, Center Hill High

## **GRENADA**

**Shaunna George**, Grenada High  
**John Collin Keys**, Grenada High

## **HOLMES**

**Jasmine Carthan**, Holmes County  
Central High School  
**Wykece Johnson**, Central Holmes  
Christian School

**Hannah Malone**, Central Holmes  
Christian School  
**Issac Randle**, Holmes County  
Central High School

## **HUMPHREYS**

**Caleb Gorton**, Humphreys Academy  
**Maury McClellan**, Humphreys Academy  
**Jatricia Stuckey**, Humphreys Co. High  
**Tamilya Thomas**, Humphreys Co. High

## **LEFLORE**

**Kapri Burden**, Greenwood High  
**Christian Glass**, Amanda Elzy High  
**Narkeshia Green**, Leflore County High  
**Anthony Johnson**, Leflore County High  
**Madison Rose Lary**, North New  
Summit School  
**Mary Long**, North New Summit School  
**John (Jack) Henry Reichle**, Pillow Academy  
**Shane Houston Stephens**, Pillow Academy  
**Cassidy Washington**, Greenwood High  
**Juliaunia White**, Amanda Elzy High

## **PANOLA**

**Damien Cooper**, South Panola High  
**Jay Logann Cossey**, South Panola High  
**Nigel McGhee**, North Panola High  
**Taniya Phillips**, North Panola High  
**Abbi Roark**, North Delta School  
**Taylor Rowland**, North Delta School

## **QUITMAN**

**Casey Moore**, Delta Academy  
**Roinissia Presley**, Madison S. Palmer High  
**Talacia Robinson**, Madison S. Palmer High  
**Jhalen Wells**, Delta Academy

## **SHARKEY / ISSAQUENA**

**Makiah Eason**, South Delta High  
**John Bryce Fulton**,  
Sharkey-Issaquena Academy  
**Jessie Mason, Jr.**, South Delta High  
**Sarah Grace Perkins**,  
Sharkey-Issaquena Academy

## **SUNFLOWER**

**Cori Barnett**, North Sunflower Academy  
**Jacorriah Bracey**, Thomas E. Edwards, Sr.  
High School  
**Ashley Gordon**, Gentry High  
**Journey Grayer**, Gentry High  
**Kalia Lockett**, Thomas E. Edwards, Sr.  
High School  
**James Roberts**, Indianola Academy  
**Jillian Roberts**, Indianola Academy  
**Hannah Utz**, North Sunflower Academy

## **TALLAHATCHIE**

**Caleb Buckley**, Charleston High  
**Kavon Hooper**, West Tallahatchie High  
**Shakya Truly**, Charleston High  
**Kyla Washington**, West Tallahatchie High

## **TATE**

**Angela Beard**, Coldwater High School  
**Grant Borgognoni**, Magnolia Heights  
School  
**Jonathan Christon**, Coldwater High School  
**Peyton McClure**, Senatobia High  
**Claire Meeks**, Magnolia Heights School  
**Chariti Nettles**, Independence High  
**Jabari "Blake" Richardson**, Senatobia High  
**Cameron Roberson**, Independence High  
**Marley Smith**, Strayhorn High  
**Adrian Turner, Jr.**, Strayhorn High

## **TUNICA**

**Ja'Kyla Dunn**, Rosa Fort High  
**Anna Grace Gibson**, Tunica Academy  
**Hailey Goff**, Tunica Academy  
**Mykendria Herring**, Rosa Fort High

## **WARREN**

**Elaina Bailey**, Warren Central High  
**Kameren Batty**, Vicksburg High  
**Anna Ware Brown**, St. Aloysius High School  
**Khya Gaines**, Vicksburg High  
**Ian Gordon**, Warren Central High  
**Madison Henderson**, Porter's  
Chapel Academy  
**Elizabeth Keen**, St. Aloysius High School  
**Storey Kirklin**, Porter's Chapel Academy

## **WASHINGTON**

**Hayes Azlin**, Deer Creek School  
**Britney Bettis**, O'Bannon High  
**Ethan Blasingame**, Riverside High  
**Ashanti Brown**, St. Joseph Catholic School  
**Camariyah Butler**, Leland High  
**Miyah Hampton**, Greenville Christian School  
**Alasia Henderson**, Riverside High  
**Mary Grace Hobart**, Deer Creek School  
**Christopher Jackson**, Leland High  
**Rosie Johnson**, O'Bannon High  
**Jay'Den Jones**, Greenville High  
**Williette Kingdom**, Greenville  
Christian School  
**Kyra Lewis**, Simmons High  
**Mary Michael Mahalitz**, St. Joseph  
Catholic School  
**Kendall McKinnon**, Washington School  
**Chelsie Mickel**, Greenville High  
**John Bentley Soares**, Washington School  
**Timothy Wells**, Simmons High

## **YAZOO**

**Reid Turner Bain**, Manchester Academy  
**Nathan Gueringer**, Yazoo County High  
**Joseph Upton Hitt**, Manchester Academy  
**Dylan Collins Moore**, Benton Academy  
**La'Nisha Richardson**, Yazoo City High  
**Ron'Nisha Richardson**, Yazoo City High  
**Shajaka Shelton**, Yazoo County High  
**Hannah Rene Waldrup**, Benton Academy

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# 2021-2022 Board of DIRECTORS

## COUNTIES

<b>BOLIVAR</b> Donald Gant, Merigold Robert Young, Boyle	<b>GRENADA</b> Brent Brasher, Holcomb Chip Graham, Grenada	<b>PANOLA</b> Ann Billingsley, Como Sledge Taylor III, Como	<b>TATE</b> Marty Allison, Sarah Matthew Raff, Senatobia
<b>CARROLL</b> Calvin Bowlin, Carrollton Richard Macy, N. Carrollton	<b>HOLMES</b> Milton Parrish, Lexington Patrick Martin, Greenwood	<b>QUITMAN</b> Lewis Barksdale IV, Marks Charles Walker, Marks	<b>TUNICA</b> Gary Bailey, Tunica Richy Bibb III, Tunica
<b>COAHOMA</b> Mattson Flowers, Lyon John McKee III, Friars Point	<b>HUMPHREYS</b> Willard Jack, Belzoni Robert Royal, Midnight	<b>SHARKEY</b> Mike Lamensdorf, Cary Jeffry Mitchell, Cary	<b>WARREN</b> Hunter Fordice, Vicksburg David Wansley, Valley Park
<b>DESOTO</b> Jim Sayle, Lake Cormorant Duane Steadham, Nesbit	<b>ISSAQUENA</b> Todd Heigle, Rolling Fork Matt Sharpe, Rolling Fork	<b>SUNFLOWER</b> Lawrence Long, Indianola Will Nobile, Moorhead	<b>WASHINGTON</b> Carter Murrell, Avon C.D. 'Bubba' Simmons III, Arcola

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<b>CHARLESTON</b> John Burt Strider	<b>DREW</b> Tucker Miller III	<b>GRENADA</b> Keith Mitchell	<b>INDIANOLA</b> John Rodgers Brashier Alan Hargett	<b>VICKSBURG</b> Jan Daigre Gilbert Rose
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Clifton Porter, Rolling Fork  
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Bowen Flowers, Clarkdale  
Dick Flowers, Tunica  
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George King, Chatham  
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Yazoo City  
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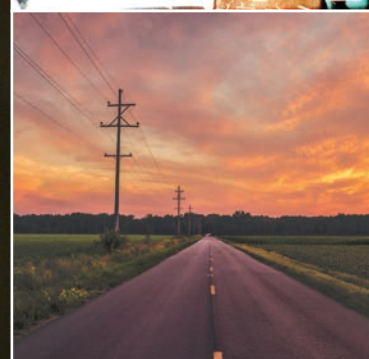
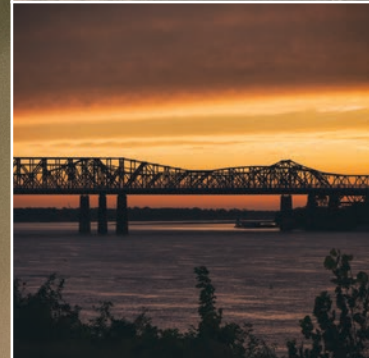
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Ellis T. Woolfolk, Jr., \* Tunica (1947-48)  
W.T. McKinney, \* Anguilla (1948-49)  
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R.P. Parish, \* Greenwood (1958-59)  
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Sidney Livingston, \* Ruleville (1960-61)  
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George K. Wade, \* Greenwood (1964-65)  
Frank T. Brumfield, \* Inverness (1965-66)  
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E.M. Hood, Jr., \* Tunica (1967-68)  
James Hand III, \* Rolling Fork (1968-69)  
Morris Lewis, Jr., \* Indianola (1969-70)  
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J. Tol Thomas III, \* Cruger (1972-73)  
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Henry C. Self, \* Marks (1974-75)  
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W.P. Brown, Jr., \* Schlater (1976-77)  
Robroy Fisher, \* Glen Allan (1977-78)  
Seymour Johnson, \* Indianola (1978-79)
- Jimmie Dick Carter, \* Rolling Fork (1979-80)  
William H. Houston III, Tunica (1980-81)  
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## ADVISORY RESEARCH

- Support for Public Sector Science and Education in Agriculture
- Delta Research and Extension Priorities
- Property Tax Calculations
- Economic Threshold
- National Centers
- Soil Health: Research and Extension
- Water Resources Research and Education Center
- Cotton Research and Market Development: Non-Wovens

## AQUACULTURE

- Aquaculture
- Food Technology

## FARM POLICY

- Farm Policy
- Crop Insurance
- Copper Theft

## RICE AND SMALL GRAINS

- Rice
- Mississippi Rice Check-Off

## SOYBEAN, WHEAT, CORN, AND FEED GRAINS

- Soybeans
- Corn

## SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES

- Corps Groundwater Mission
- Accurate and Complete Data
- Delta Water Resources Sustainability
- Alternative Strategies for Water Balance
- Groundwater Permits
- Adoption of Water-Conserving Practices and Interagency Cooperation
- Compatibility of Water Quality and Water Supply Strategies
- Water Resources, Research, and Education Center
- Soil Health: Research and Extension
- USDA Conservation Programs and Local Tax Base
- Conservation Programs-USDA - Wetlands Reserve Easement Caps

## GINNING AND COTTON QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

- USDA Cotton Ginning Laboratory - Stoneville
- Ultra Low Gossypol Cottonseed (ULGCS)

## FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

- Hardwoods Research
- Feral Hogs

## FLOOD CONTROL

- Corps Groundwater Mission
- Flood Control
- Flood Control Reservoirs
- Mississippi River Levee Enlargement
- Yazoo Basin Flood Control
- Upper Yazoo Project
- Hillside Watersheds
- Carter-Rocky Bayou Watershed Project

## HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

- U.S. Highway 82 Bypass
- Highway Development
- Corridor 18 (I-69)
- Bridge Replacement and Repairs
- Delta Rail Service

## EDUCATION AND HEALTH POLICY

- Higher Education Funding
- Health Care: Access, Education and Research
- Early Learning
- Adult Literacy

## DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- Delta Strong
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