



**An Educator of Excellence**  
**MRS. MERDIS A. ANDERSON**  
**1948-2019**

A native of Amite County who made her home in Lexington, Mississippi, Mrs. Merdis A. Anderson devoted her entire adult life to her family, church, and to educating children of all ages. Excellence in education was her passion and character. She believed in young people achieving and becoming the very best that they can be.

A social science (sociology) 1970 graduate of Mississippi Valley State University of Itta Bena, Mississippi, Mrs. Anderson served in the field of Education 38.5 years in Holmes and other counties, not for the money but for the rewards that teaching brings.

Approximately, 10 years ago, in her retirement, she gracefully volunteered to serve and assist the Community Students Learning Center (CSLC) in its various educational programs and activities. She served as a tutor and instructor with the Striving Towards Academic Research Standards (STARS) Afterschool Tutorial and the Summer Youth Enrichment Programs. During her years of dedicated volunteerism, Mrs. Anderson was very instrumental in helping to establish the center's annual scholarship essay writing contest for graduating seniors in Holmes County school systems. In fact, she assisted in coordinating the essay contest (including assigning the topics and determining the writing rubric).

Mrs. Anderson was a very prompt and precise person. Each essay had to be handwritten on site. She would arrive on the Saturday morning of the contest before the building was opened to make sure everything was in place for the participants. She would begin the writing contest as scheduled at 9 a.m. sharp. During the scholarship banquet, she took great pride in announcing the first-, second-, and third-place winners.

Therefore, in honor and in memory of her relentless mission as an educator and a volunteer, the Community Students Learning Center's (CSLC) Board of Directors has officially renamed the banquet as **THE CSLC MERDIS A. ANDERSON ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BANQUET**. The essay writing contest also honors her name.



**COMMUNITY STUDENTS  
LEARNING CENTER**  
**333 Yazoo Street**  
**Lexington, MS 39095**

# THE COMMUNITY STUDENTS LEARNING CENTER (CSLC)

*celebrates its*

## Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet's



*Under a New Name Dedicated in Memory of a Great Educator*

### **The CSLC Merdis A. Anderson Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet**



### **“Continuing Your Education Counts!”**

**Saturday, January 25, 2020 • 6 p.m.**

**LEXINGTON MULTI-PURPOSE COMPLEX**

**22521 Depot Street (Hwy 12) • Lexington, Miss.**

#### **Featured Speaker:**



**PASTOR WALTER ELKRIDGE, JR.**  
*Lebanon M.B. Church, Lexington, MS*



**Featured Entertainment by the Award-Winning Holmes County Central H.S. Singers**  
*Under the Coral Direction of Music Educator of the Year Pierrdro Gallion*

#### **Guest Emcee:**

**Mr. Shawn Anderson, USDA, Washington, D.C.**



#### **Banquet Tickets:**

**\$20 Adults; \$10 (Ages 6-17)**

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