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## **LeFleur Museum District Receives Donation from Jackson Prep Students**

**JACKSON, MS** – The LeFleur Museum District (LMD) has received a generous donation of \$4,325.00 from the students of Jackson Prep's Senior High. This donation marks the end of a year of successful partnership between the school and the four museums that sit just a few miles from each other on Lakeland Drive.

In May of 2017, the LeFleur Museum District was chosen to be the official Jackson Prep community partner for the 2017-2018 school year. Jackson Prep selects a different non-profit organization in the Jackson area to be its service partner each year. Students, and the school at large, invest significant time and resources to this designated non-profit partner. Jackson Prep students also donate thousands of volunteer hours to many non-profits throughout the Jackson Metro area. This program and core value at Prep teaches its students the importance of being involved and giving back to your community. Students from Prep served during the LMD's first joint Mississippi Science Festival in September 2017. They have also spent their Saturdays and breaks from school volunteering at each museum in many different capacities.

"Service is one of the core values at Jackson Prep. I love the mutual benefit that both non-profits and our students have through working together," said Kelly Headley, Director of Community Service at Jackson Prep. "I believe our student help and resources have benefitted the museums greatly this year, just as the museums have had a wonderful impact on our students through service, education and fun. It's been a win-win!"

The junior class from Prep organized a successful garage sale earlier this month that, after expenses, raised \$22,000 and chose to make a generous donation to their community service partner from those profits. "The LeFleur Museum District is incredibly grateful to the students at Jackson Prep for choosing us as their service partner this past year. We enjoy seeing these students involved in their community and working hard for non-profits in the city of Jackson," said Andrea Patterson, Marketing Director for the MS Sports Hall of Fame & Museum. "The donation made today will go a long way to sustaining the Museum District and continuing to make it a destination in our city and a place where children can come to engage, explore and learn about our state."

The LeFleur Museum District serves to strengthen and enhance the community while connecting visitors to education and cultural experiences that bring joy to families, inspire children to dream, and make classrooms come to life. LMD includes the MS Agriculture & Forestry Museum, the MS Children's Museum, MSDWF's Museum of Natural Science, and the MS Sports Hall of Fame & Museum.

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