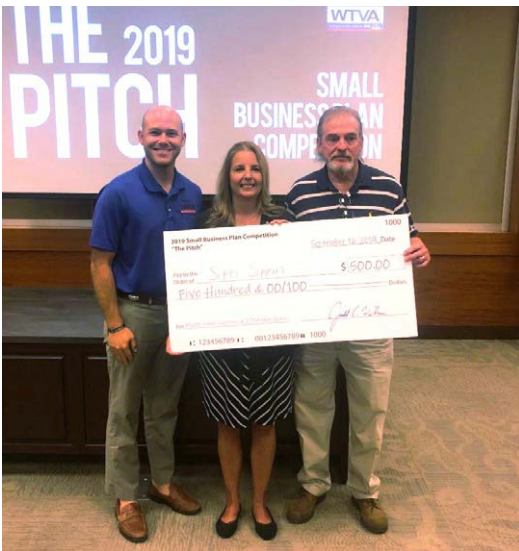


Transforming Mississippi One Small Business at a Time



## September 2019 News Update

### [MSBDC counselor mentors winners of The Pitch](#)



### Sippi Sippin' Wins The Pitch !

TUPELO, Miss (WTVA) -- The 2019 small business competition, The Pitch, was hosted at the CDF building in Tupelo on East Main Monday night.

Over \$5000 worth of prizes go to the winner of The Pitch to help start their business- this includes a small seed fund, professional services, and space in the idea hub within the Renasant center for ideas.

Linda and James Maxey, the business owners, are wanting to open a drive-through coffee shop here in Tupelo on North Gloster next to Woody's restaurant.

For the past month the couple got the chance to work with a mentor from the Mississippi small business development center, Derek Stephens, who has helped the couple refine their business plans. Click [here](#) for more information.

*Winners Linda and James Maxey pictured left with MSBSC counselor Derek Stephens*

### [Grow with Google Comes to Mississippi](#)

The [MSBDC](#) and [Grow With Google](#)

The Mississippi Small Business Center paired with Grow With Google and local libraries in Clinton, MS and Hattiesburg, MS for two events in August.



Left in blue shirts are Nancy and Aletha from the MSBDC with Angela and Alyssa from Grow with Google.

## Client Spotlight - [Time 4 Toys](#)



### [Time 4 Toys](#)

Time 4 Toys is a specialty toy store offering a variety of unique and educational toys for children of all ages, as well as a selection of products for individuals with Sensory Processing Disorder, Autism, and ADHD. The store is arranged so children and adults can play to find the perfect toy before their purchase. They host craft days, story time, and an annual art contest. Click [here](#) to learn more!

Time for Toys is located in Flowood, MS

<https://www.time4toysms.com/>

Owner *Bethany Mathis* pictured left

## ASBDC Annual Conference

### ASBDC Conference in Long Beach, California

The Mississippi SBDC was well represented in Long Beach, CA for the annual ASBDC conference - after 3 days of workshops, great speakers and seminars we are bursting with enthusiasm and new ideas for small businesses! Congratulations again to [Connie Whitt](#) our state star who was honored at the event !



## Events / October



BancorpSouth is Hosting a  
**Small Business SEMINAR**

Featuring tools and tips to help you start and grow your small business. October is National Women's Small Business Month, dedicated to celebrating the contributions and successes of our nation's women small business owners.

**Thursday, October 17 • 5:30 to 7:30 pm**  
Mississippi University for Women  
Cochran Hall-Limbert Assembly Room | 1100 College St | Columbus, MS

**Featuring Guest Speakers:**  
Lisa James, President, Columbus Chamber of Commerce  
Chip Templeton, Director, Small Business Development Center  
Julie McCauley, Vice President, BancorpSouth, SBA Department  
Karen Stanley, Owner, reworkRDG, Inc.  
Ashley Adkins, CMA, CIMA, T.E. USA B Company  
Christie Holbrook, President and CEO, Graham Roofing, Inc.

For questions or additional info, call: (662) 329-5379 or email: [David.Vega@bxs.com](mailto:David.Vega@bxs.com)

Bancorp south is hosting a small business seminar featuring tools and tips to help your small business grow. October is national women's small business month, dedicated to celebrating the contributions and successes of our nation's women small business owners. Thursday October 17, 5:50PM to 7:30PM Mississippi University for Women Cochran Hall – Limber Assembly Room 1100 College St, Columbus, MS For questions or additional info call 662-329-5379. Or email [David.vega@bxs.com](mailto:David.vega@bxs.com)



**LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY STRONGER.**

Woodforest National Bank<sup>SM</sup> is hosting this event to listen and learn from local community practitioners and leaders, like you. This is an open forum to discuss your community's needs related to:

- Affordable housing
- Economic development
- Community revitalization and stabilization
- Community services

The feedback you provide will assist Woodforest in meeting the needs of the communities where we live and work.

**Join us for a Community Listening Session in Starkville, MS**

October 9, 2019  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Thad Cochran Research Park  
60 Technology Blvd., Suite 105E  
Starkville, MS 39759

**SPACE IS LIMITED - RSVP TODAY**

Please RSVP to Carmelita J. Scott at (228) 229-0539 or email [CScott@woodforest.com](mailto:CScott@woodforest.com)

Refreshments will be served.

There is no fee for this event. This event is not a financial product or service of Woodforest National Bank to openly promote products that may help address the community's needs.

 [www.woodforest.com](http://www.woodforest.com)

Let's work together to make our community stronger. Woodforest national bank is hosting this event to listen and learn from local community practitioners and leaders like you. This is an open forum to discuss your community's needs related to : affordable housing, economic development, community revitalization and stabilization and community services. The feedback you provide with assist Woodforest in meeting the needs of the communities where we live and work. Join us for a community listening session in Starkville, MS October 9, 2019 Thad Cochran Research Park 60 Technology Blvd. Suite 105E, Starkville, MS 39759 Please RSVP to Carmelita Scott at 228-229-0539 or [cscott@woodforest.com](mailto:cscott@woodforest.com) refreshments will be served. There is no fee for this event.

For a complete listing of business workshops in your area, visit our [website!](http://www.mssbdc.org)

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## SBA Free Online Course : [How to prepare government contract proposals](#)

## IRS Free Tax [Webinars](#)

## From our Clients

**“This has been a wonderful experience for the beginning of my start-up. I’ve had many, many questions answered, and things discussed that never occurred to me. I’m very thankful for this service.”**  
—Amber B., Lauderdale Co.

**“My counselor was very detailed in what I needed to do to move my concept forward. Her high energy level added to my excitement. The session was very informative.”**—Ethel P., Lamar Co.

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