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Sen. Cory Booker (D), from New Jersey, threw his hat into the ring to become the presidential nominee for the Democratic Party.

Cory Booker announces presidential bid, joining most diverse field ever

(AP) NEW JERSEY U.S. Sen. Cory Booker on Friday declared his bid for the presidency in 2020 with a sweeping call to unite a deeply polarized nation around a "common purpose."

The New Jersey Democrat, who is the second black candidate in a primary field that's already historically diverse, delivered his message of unity amid an era marked by bitter political division.

"I believe that we can build a country where no one is forgotten, no one is left behind, where parents can put food on the table, where there are good-paying jobs with good benefits in every neighborhood, where our criminal justice system keeps us safe, instead of shutting more children into cages and coffins, where we see the faces of our leaders on television and feel pride, not shame," Booker said in the video, subtly jabbing at President Donald Trump.



Sen. Cory Booker-D says that he will have a positive, unifying message for Americans during his presidential bid campaign.

"It is not a matter of can we, it's a matter of do we have the collective will, the American will?" he added. "I believe we do."

Booker enters what's shaping up to be a crowded presidential primary, with three of his fellow Democratic senators — Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, Kamala Harris of California and Kirsten Gillibrand of New York — already either declared or exploring a run. But he's spent months telegraphing his intentions to join the race, visiting the early-voting states of Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina to build connections with key powerbrokers.

Booker, a former mayor of Newark, New Jersey's largest city, won a special Senate election in 2013 to replace Democrat Frank Lautenberg and then won a full Senate term in 2014. He will be able to run for a second full Senate term in 2020 while running for president, thanks to a law that New Jersey's governor signed in November.

But that doesn't mean the 49-year-old's path to

the nomination will be easy. As many as five more Democratic senators could soon mount their own primary bids, creating a competition for voters' attention, and several of Booker's rival presidential hopefuls bring higher name recognition to a race that may also feature popular former Vice President Joe Biden. Booker also will likely stand alone as an unmarried candidate, though he brings a compelling personal biography that could help elevate his message of bringing Americans together around what he described as "common purpose."

Booker's father grew up in a low-income community in North Carolina, and the senator has recalled his family's later struggle to settle in suburban New Jersey amid discrimination against black homebuyers. The senator has brought a heartfelt and passionate style to

UPAAB and BHMC host oratorical and essay competition

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The University Programs and Activities Board (UPAAB) in collaboration with the Black History Month Committee (BHMC) of the Alabama State University Languages and Literature Department is presenting the annual Black History Month Oratorical Competition and Essay Contest.

The oratorical competition will be held on Feb. 26 from 11 a.m. to

1 p.m. and features five separate categories including commentary, dramatic interpretation, informative, original oratory and persuasive, which are designed to ensure students are able to use their various talents to execute their speeches.

This year's Black History Essay Contest theme is "Black Migration." The "Black Migration" refers to the relocation of African Americans from rural farm areas and migrant la-

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Executive Vice President Devin Smith, who is opposed to the three-week training recommended a weekend session for training.

Student Senate's Stronger Candidate Act no longer valid

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During the Student Senate meeting held on Jan. 31 in the Knight Conference Room, tension began to fill the atmosphere as the Student Body President Jaylon Pickett and a number of senators disagreed on prerequisites for students interested in becoming executive and legislative branch members on May 1.

Vice President of Student Affairs Davida L.

Haywood and Acting Director of Student Life Kenneth Dean were invited to the meeting to answer questions that senators expressed regarding the election process.

"Neither of the bills can be used as neither one has gone through all of the steps that the constitution requires, therefore instead of using the bills, we will fall back on the constitution," Haywood said.

The bills that Haywood referenced were

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Students react to docuseries about 'Surviving R. Kelly'

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The Lifetime network aired a docuseries titled "Surviving R. Kelly," a six-part documentary series uncovering the stories of several young women who told their stories of what it was like to be with Robert Kelly, better known as "The Pied Piper of R & B" R.Kelly.

For decades, Kelly's career has been littered with allegations of predatory sexual behavior, abuse, and pedophilia toward young girls.

The docuseries, featuring more than 50 interviews, spared no details in examining Kelly's checked past.

After viewing it, some university students and faculty felt that the docuseries put the allegations

into an alarming perspective for R. Kelly.

"We've heard allegations for years," said Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Rolundus Rice PhD. "The music industry, I know, has heard allegations for years. To see these women share their trauma was disheartening."

He continued, "In all candor, I know

my generation, those born in the '80s, grew up on R. Kelly, and his soundtrack is a part of many of our lives. So to see that he could be responsible for this type of treatment of women was truly sickening. That is if the allegations are true."

Endia Harris, a junior political science major, expressed that she felt



R. Kelly refutes all of the allegations that have been leveled against him by the females in the Lifetime docuseries.

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During the "Big Chop" forum, Keandria Ray decided to cut her hair and obtain a more natural look.

Radiant Souls sponsor "Big Chop" forum

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For many students, the new year is about making new resolutions and chopping off "dead ends" both physically and mentally, and on Thursday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. in the Facility One Residence Hall, a women's organization

named Radiant Souls hosted a "Big Chop Forum." The forum ended with Keandria Ray, a student, chopping her hair off, live, for the audience to see.

The forum consisted of several women who have either done the big chop or are currently wearing their natural hair.

The "Big Chop" or "BC" refers to a person cut-

ting the hair dye, chemical perm, or relaxer from their hair to obtain the "natural" state.

During the evening, the women sat at a long table and discussed their trials and triumphs of being natural. Students ranging from freshmen to seniors shared their stories about their "big chop" experience.

"Two, three days before I left for college, I decided to cut my hair. I wasn't sure if he could even cut my hair or not, but I took my wig off and told him to cut it" exclaimed Meka Wilson a freshman dance major, as she told the audience her big chop story.

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP

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Job Summaries for Editor-in-Chief, Enterprise Editor and Executive Assistant

Editor-in-Chief/Chief Executive Officer

The editor-in-chief provides the vision and mission of The Hornet Tribune. He or she manages and oversees the content produced for each edition. This includes reviewing all content produced, such as articles, graphics, headlines, subheads and photographs, developing strategies and style guidelines, and representing the brand at social events throughout the year. The editor-in-chief to work in an office-based environment and typically work 25 hours per week, although they may be required to work additional hours, particularly around deadlines. This job is well suited to people with a strong business acumen, excellent writing and proofreading skills, networking and interpersonal skills, and the ability to guide a team towards editorial goals. The editor in chief determines the editorial guidelines and tone of voice for The Hornet Tribune, ensuring that all content produced falls in line with this style. The editor-in-chief acts as The Hornet Tribune's representative at social functions; and some travel may be required. The editor in chief is responsible for hiring the staff for the content and editorial team, in particular, the hiring of managing editors. The editor in chief works closely with the team members to develop an editorial board for upcoming issues or campaigns.

Enterprise Editor

The enterprise editor is a brilliant, energetic editor to guide some of The Hornet Tribune's most ambitious reporting. This editor should be brimming with compelling, untold story ideas about the most important forces shaping American and campus life today, including racial, gender and economic inequality, and the concentration of corporate power. Because of his or her poignant reporting, they will drive other reporters to break news and write vital stories that cut through the noise. Applicants should have a minimum of two years of full-time reporting experience. They must have demonstrated investigative expertise and a gift for writing fair, clear and engaging narratives about complex subjects. They should be comfortable working with public records and databases. The work of the enterprise editor aims to highlight stories that other news organizations miss, underestimate or misunderstand. To assure this highly specialized work reaches a larger audience, we partner with other news outlets.

Executive Assistant

The executive assistant works very closely with the editor-in-chief and the managing editor for Editorial Operations to support the team. He or she will manage mostly business related tasks for the team such as creating reports, organizing travel and accommodation, taking minutes, and other organizational tasks. To do this role properly the executive assistant should have a detailed understanding of the full Microsoft Office suite, be extremely fast at solving problems and have experience as an executive or administration assistant in the past. In addition to general administrative work, executive assistants are in charge of scheduling meetings, taking minutes during editorial board meetings, maintaining databases and producing reports or presentations for the leadership.

Selection Process for Students who desire to work in Student Leadership Division

THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

With the exception of the editor-in-chief, the selection committee is composed of the editor-in-chief, chief and the general manager. The process is divided into stages unless the number of applications received is very low. Selection of finalists for any of the positions as stated above is based upon the following criteria:

THE SELECTION PROCESS

To be selected to work in the Student Leadership Division of **The Hornet Tribune** is a monumental achievement and is relatively one of the higher honors that a student can receive while attending Alabama State University. Any student who is selected to the positions of editor-in-chief, enterprise editor, and executive assistant must submit the following information before he or she can be considered for the above mentioned positions: completed staff application, high school or college transcript, resume, and essay.

STAFF APPLICATION

Each student must submit a completed staff application to the selection committee. The staff application is interactive, so it must be neatly typed and submitted before the stated deadline. It must also be signed. The staff application should be submitted as part of a package that contains the transcript, essay and any portfolios that the candidate would like for the selection committee to review.

STUDENT'S ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

The transcript allows the selection committee to review the academic performance of the applicant. It also allows the selection committee to look at the courses the applicant has taken and the grades earned in both high school or college. In addition, the selection committee would like to review any news articles copy edited by the candidate and published at Alabama State University, high school or any other publication.

RESUME

The resume' will be carefully analyzed to determine how much time and effort has been given to its preparation. Remember, first impressions are lasting and in a situation where several people are competing for a position, your resume' may be the deciding factor. Therefore, ensure that your resume is clean, modernized and without errors. Resume's submitted with errors will be trashed. Any employment experiences that relate to copy editing or proofreading should also be included on the resume with detailed information regarding references and time periods for holding the respective jobs. We wish you much success.

THE ESSAY

The essay of each finalist is read, graded and averaged by the selection committee members. It usually receives special attention in the final evaluation. The purpose of the essay is three-fold: (1) to get an idea of how the applicant writes and develops a story; (2) to take a look at the applicant's critical thinking and analysis skills and (3) to measure the uniqueness of his or her responses. After all criteria are considered, the selection committee determines which finalists to interview by telephone or in person. That decision is made by re-evaluating all parts of each finalist's application and includes telephone calls to references on the application form. Three references are required.

THE INTERVIEW

The interview is probably the most important part of the process. This is where the candidate receives an opportunity to meet with the selection committee and demonstrate why he or she is the best person for the position. Here are some of the interview questions that have been asked in the past of candidates who applied for some of the positions: Why do you want to be in the position? What do you believe you can bring to the position in terms of skills, attitude and goals? What have you done in the past that demonstrates you would be an asset to this publication, and if selected, and what will you do to move it forward? Each applicant should prepare well as your responses will weigh heavily on the decision made for the position being sought.

THE CALL

After the selection committee has deliberated and selected and ranked the candidates, the general manager will call the candidates according to ranking and offer he or she the position. If the candidate accepts, he or she will meet with the general manager and the managing editor for Standards and Ethics/copy desk chief for an orientation.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Each student who is selected to a position in Student Leadership must go through basic student leadership training, which is usually held during the summer months. The training is essential as it allows the candidate to ensure a level of competency before taking on the position. The training takes four to six weeks and is modified to complement the position for which he or she is training. All students must go through the training unless they have previously gone through the training while holding another position.

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Student Leadership Division STAFF APPLICATION

OFFICE USE ONLY

Interview	1.	_____
Grades	2.	_____
Essay	3.	_____
Experience/Writing Samples	4.	_____
Resume'	5.	_____
TOTAL		_____

Position Applying For: _____

Name _____
Last First Middle

Gender: _____ Male _____ Female Classification _____

Social Security Number: _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? _____ Yes _____ No SID# _____

Home/Permanent Address

Address _____ Apartment # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____ Web Address _____

University Mailing Address

Address _____ Apartment # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____ Web Address _____

Personal Information

The Hornet Tribune makes a special effort to attract applicants who are members of racial or ethnic minority groups.

Please check one category: _____ Caucasian _____ Hispanic _____ Asian/Pacific Islander
_____ American Indian/Alaskan Native _____ African American

Personal Information (Continued)

List your undergraduate major/minor _____

What leadership positions have you held while in high school? _____

What leadership position have you held since attending Alabama State University? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime (other than a traffic violation) or been imprisoned during the last seven years? A conviction will not necessarily bar you from employment. _____ Yes _____ No. If yes, explain: _____

Names of friends or relatives that are employed by The Hornet Tribune _____

Academic Information (Continued)

Junior High School Attended _____

Senior High School Attended _____

University Attended _____

If you listed journalism/communication, indicate your emphasis or concentration

_____ Advertising _____ Public Relations _____ Digital Journalism _____ Design
_____ Broadcasting _____ Print Journalism _____ Multimedia _____ Print

Which of the following courses have you taken or will have completed by the end of the Spring semester?

_____ Beg. Newswriting _____ Copy Editing _____ Photo Editing
_____ Inter. Newswriting _____ Advanced Copy Editing _____ Newspaper Design
_____ Adv. Newswriting _____ Advanced Grammar _____ Online Editing
_____ Page Design _____ Intermediate Grammer _____ Multimedia

If you had to say which area that you would excel the best would it be writing, reporting or editing? _____

Practical Journalistic Experience

Have you ever worked for a high school, college or professional (newspaper, yearbook or literary magazine)?
_____ Yes _____ No Name of Publication _____

Check duties performed _____ Copy Editing _____ Reporting _____ Design
_____ HTML Coding _____ Photography _____ Proofreader

Check all of the positions that you have held on a staff

Executive Editor Content Editor Feature Writer
 Managing Editor Design Editor Art Critics
 Columnist Reporter Copy Editor

How many hours a week do you plan to devote to this endeavor if you are selected to lead the staff?

1-5 hours 6-10 hours 11-15 hours 16-20 hours 21-25 hours
 25-30 hours 31-35 hours

Are you serving as a stringer or freelancer for a professional newspaper, magazine or online publication?

Yes No Name of Publication _____

Indicate why you believe that you would be the best person to fill this position _____

Employment History (Begin with most recent employer)

1. Employer _____ Dates Employed _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Beginning Salary _____ Ending Salary _____ Position held _____

Reason for Leaving _____

2. Employer _____ Dates Employed _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Beginning Salary _____ Ending Salary _____ Position held _____

Reason for Leaving _____

3. Employer _____ Dates Employed _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Beginning Salary _____ Ending Salary _____ Position held _____

Reason for Leaving _____

Military Service

Branch of Service _____

Dates of Service _____

Duties/Special Training _____

Additional Information

Do you have any disabilities that may require special accommodations on the part of The Hornet Tribune staff in order for you to function efficiently? Yes No If yes, please elaborate _____

References

List the name, title, address, email address, office and home telephone numbers of two people (professors, former high school teachers (no relatives) who are familiar with the abilities that are needed for the job in which you are applying. Be sure to include area codes for telephone numbers and zip codes for addresses. Screening Committee members will call them during the selection process so please be sure they are aware that you have listed them as references. Do not list peers as references.

1. Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Telephone _____ Office Telephone _____

Email Address _____ Cell # _____

Professional Title _____

1. Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Telephone _____ Office Telephone _____

Email Address _____ Cell # _____

Professional Title _____

1. Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Telephone _____ Office Telephone _____

Email Address _____ Cell # _____

Professional Title _____

Applicant's Statement (Signature Required)

I have read all of the information pertaining to The Hornet Tribune and if selected by the Office of Student Media, I agree to honor my commitment to complete my year as an administrative editor unless I become medically disabled. All of the information I have given in this application is true.

Signature _____ Date _____

CHECKLIST

The following materials must be submitted in order for you to be considered for a position to work in the Student Leadership Division:

- _____ 1. **Student Leadership Application.** Everything must be typed. The application will not be accepted with cursive handwriting.
- _____ 2. **A typed resume.**
- _____ 3. **A 500 word essay.** The application will not be accepted without the essay.
- _____ 4. **A portfolio of new clips from previous writings.**

Your Essay . . . An Important Part of the Committee's Decision

Your 500-word eessay must be typed in an easy-to-read computer print font. It is permissible to make minor editing marks, should you spot errors while proofreading.

Often panelists read and re-read an essay when deciding which students will advance to the finalist stage. Therefore, it is important to write a well-organized, straightforward piece.

TOPIC: Write an essay on what methods you would implement to improve The Hornet Tribune during the next nine or 12 months in order to increase readership.

BE SURE TO TYPE YOUR FULL NAME AT THE TOP OF EACH PAGE OF THE ESSAY

Please staple the essay to this page