

THE BRIDGE



YOUTH ENTREPRENEURIAL TRAINING COURSE

BRIDGE Client, Alshunda Quinn, of Allie Quinn Consulting, LLC, led a entrepreneurship/financial literacy training course with the students of the CTE in the Sunflower County Consolidated School District. They learned about money management, saving and spending, and Halls of Knowledge when going to college. The students really enjoyed the lessons and showed their enthusiasm throughout the sessions!

QUICKBOOKS TRAINING PART I

The BRIDGE program hosted a QuickBooks Training Part I on February 17 in Broom Hall on the campus of Delta State University. Topics in this session included how to understand bookkeeping fundamentals and accounting terminology, navigate QuickBooks Online efficiently, set up and manage company files, and record income and expenses accurately.





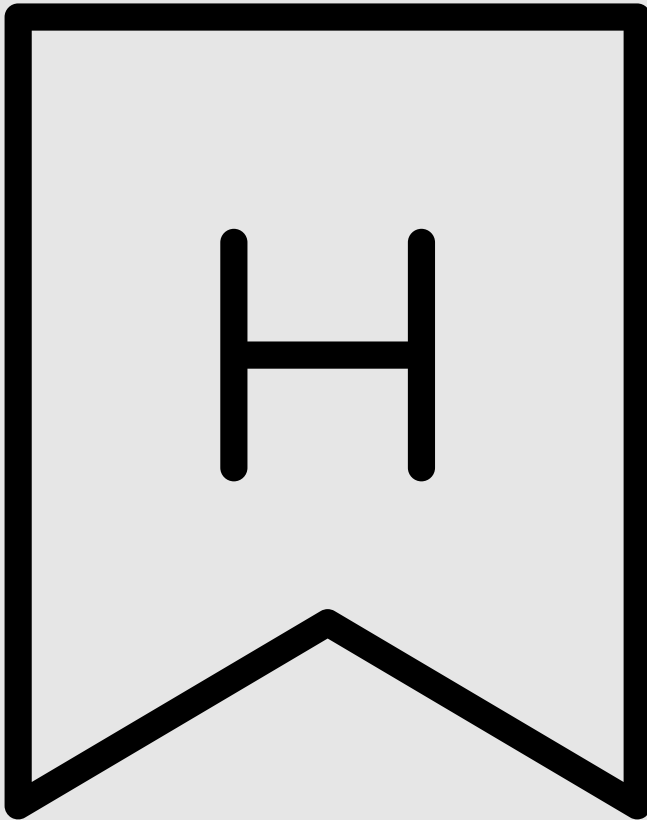
MINORITY & SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

On February 19, the BRIDGE partnered with the Mississippi Development Authority to host a workshop to help clients register to become a certified minority and small business. In this workshop, they went through the preliminary steps of the process before submitting the necessary documentation. They experienced success! All that's next to complete the process is to submit the documentation and they will complete their certification process! Thanks to MDA for coming to help our clients with this process!

QUICKBOOKS TRAINING PART II

The BRIDGE program hosted a part II of the QuickBooks Training. QuickBooks Online expert, Natasha Demby, came back to go over various topics including Expenses, Vendors, and Bills, Bank Reconciliation, Payroll & Sales Tax Basics and more. Clients went through a module and set up an account and got the chance to set up their own accounts if they wanted to on QuickBooks Online.





HUBZONE CERTIFICATION TRAINING

The BRIDGE program hosted a webinar that focused on the HUBZone Certification. Joyce Conner, Business Opportunity Specialist with the US Small Business Administration led the informational training and spoke about what HUBZone really is. HUBZone certification is a federal program that helps small businesses in economically disadvantaged areas gain preferential access to federal contracts. Many attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and decided whether to apply.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Carla Ross with Guaranty Bank, graced us with her presence to talk about financial literacy and how knowledge is power when it comes to your business. She discussed ways to develop a budget, how to keep track of your monthly spending and ways to reduce spending, monthly discretionary income, and even steps to repair your credit. She also discussed the MCFAC program, the program that helps those who are interested in growing their financial literacy. Call Leslie Cartlidge if you want to learn more about MCFAC.





MORE UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

April 2026:

- QuickBooks Training Part III (4/7)
- Credit Counseling (4/15)

May

- Business Basics: What the IRS Wants You to Know (5/6)
- Small Business Fraud Training (TBA)

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