A MESSAGE
FROM THE
LEGISLATURE

The Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) was established by the Mississippi Legislature in 1988 to honor academically talented students and faculty members who have made outstanding contributions in promoting academic excellence. This Appreciation Day is our way of saying “thank you” for your commitment to the future of Mississippi. It is an honor and privilege for the Legislature to recognize these honorees for their outstanding achievements. We wish them every success as they pursue their personal and professional goals.

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HEADWAESCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 15, 2005

10:00 a.m. Honoree Registration - State Capitol, First Floor
10:15 a.m. Official Welcome - State Capitol, Second Floor
10:20 a.m. Tour of Capitol - Capitol Hostess
11:45 a.m. Luncheon - Royal Ball Room - The Clarion Hotel
1:00 p.m. Adjournment
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Optional Photo Session - Galleries C and D

LUNCHEON AGENDA

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AMY TUCK
MISSRESS OF CEREMONIES

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Invocation
Recognition of Corporate Sponsors
Introduction of Speaker

Representative Tyrone Ellis, House of Representatives
Senator Travis Little, President Pro Tempore, Senate
Lieutenant Governor Amy Tuck, Chair, HEADWAES

THE HONORABLE WIN ROCKEFELLER
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ARKANSAS
GUEST SPEAKER

Honoree Recognitions
Response
Announcements/Adjournment

Representative J. P. Compretta, Speaker Pro Tempore, House of Representatives
D. Velvelyn Foster, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Jackson State University
(representing Dr. Ronald Mason, President, Jackson State University and the Mississippi Association of Colleges)
HEADWAE STEERING COMMITTEE

THE HONORABLE AMY TUCK, CHAIR
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Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning

DR. RONALD MASON
President, Jackson State University
President, Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities

DR. WAYNE STONECYPHER
Executive Director
State Board for Community and Junior Colleges
# HEADWAIE HONOREES

## 2004-2005

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LAKEISHIA NICOLE MYERS

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Political Science (Pre-Law)
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.67 GPA; Dean's List Scholar; United States Achievement Association Scholar; Who's Who in American Colleges/Universities; National Dean's List Scholar; Mack W. & Gertrude Payton Scholarship recipient; Walter Washington Memorial Scholarship recipient.
College Honors Held: Pi Gamma Mu Social Science Honor Society; Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society; Ronald E. McNair Summer Research Fellow; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Career Goals: To obtain the Juris Doctor and an Ed.D.; enter the world of politics, and eventually become President of the United States.
High School: Rufus King International Baccalaureate High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Parents: Johnny & Girtha Myers
Home Town: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

J. JANICE COLEMAN

Title, Department: Assistant Professor of English in the Department of Arts and Sciences
Years of Service at Institution: 17
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 17
Academic Credentials:

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Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: Member, National Council of Teachers of English; Advanced Placement Reader for National College Board; Former Mississippi Governor's School Instructor, 2000 and 2002; director of The "Write" Room at Alcorn State University.
Civic Activities: Frequent presenter on "Quilt Concepts in the Elementary, Junior High, and High School Classroom" and exhibit, "Quilts and Other Quadrilaterals."
Home Town: Alcorn State
GREGORY LOWELL HAWKINS

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Biblical Studies/Sports Ministry
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.8 GPA; Dean's List (four times); President's List (two times) every semester; invited and attend Honors Seminar every year held.
College Honors Held: Resident assistant for three years, Belhaven Leadership Council; Student Ministry Coordinator; led call to worship at R.U.F. (two years); Mississippi College soccer (1 year); cross country (three years), captain of team (two years); made All-Conference; voted Class Favorite (from Who's Who); voted Most Friendly on Campus; led weekly prayer on campus.
Career Goal: To be a youth pastor, then seminary, and then pastor of a church, or whatever the Lord may have for me.
High School: Home school, West Lafayette, Indiana
Parents: Ronald and Linette Hawkins
Home Town: West Lafayette, Indiana

ROSE MARIE FONCREE

Title, Department: Assistant Professor, Department of English
Years of Service at Institution: 6
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 13
Academic Credentials:

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Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: College English Association; Alpha Delta Kappa (Altruistic Projects chairperson); Mississippi Poetry Society Central Branch, first vice president.
Civic Activities: Volunteer Chaplain, Mississippi State Veterans' Home; volunteer, Matt's House (Stewpot Ministries) and Gateway Rescue Mission; member, Parents for Public Schools and Mission Mississippi.
Family: Son: David
Home Town: Jackson
SHEREE MCDOWELL

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Elementary Education
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.94 GPA; Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges; National Scholar Athlete; President’s List; Cap and Gown Honor Society.
College Honors Held: Class Officer; Class Favorite; MAE-SP president; Sportmanship; 2004 NAIA All Conference Basketball Team; 110% Award; Maid of Honor, Miss Blue Mountain College Court; Kappa Kappa Iota, member.
Career Goals: To teach in a good school and begin work on master's degree.
High School: Belmont High School; Belmont
Parents: James and Tammy McDowell
Hometown: Belmont

ROBERT E. RUCKER

Title, Department: Assistant Professor, Mathematics and Computer Science, and Director of Institutional Research
Years of Service at Institution: 13
Years of Service in Higher Education: 14
Academic Credentials:

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Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: Mississippi Association of Institutional Research.
Family: Spouse: Shirley; Son: Ryan
Home Town: Ripley
CASSANDRA FAYE WILSON

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Criminal Justice
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.2 GPA
College Honors Held: Member of Social Science Club
Career Goals: To serve on the parole board (counsel) for a correctional facility. I'm very interested in serving my country as an FBI agent.

High School: Clarksdale High School, Clarksdale
Mother: Sadie McDonald
Home Town: Clarksdale

KENNETH LAMAR DONE SR.

Title, Department: College Instructor, Criminal Justice, College of Liberal Arts
Years of Service at Institution: 8
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 8

Academic Credentials:

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Publications/Honors/Awards: Mississippi Community College Faculty Organization; Lamplighters, 1999, 2000; Mississippi Community College Fellow (Starfish), 2003.

Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
Civic Activities: Member, Brown Baptist Church; PTA Shadow Oaks Elementary (Desoto County).

Family: Spouse: Karen Done; Children: Kenneth Jr. and Kaitlyn Done
Home Town: Horn Lake
KAREN WALLACE FREEMAN

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Pharmacy
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; Mississippi Eminent Scholar; Valedictorian; STAR Student; Leaders of Promise Scholar, 2004; Coca-Cola Scholar, 2004; National Beta Club Scholar; Mississippi State University Rural Medical Scholar; National Dean's List; President's List; All USA Academic Team nominee.
College Honors Held: Taylor Presidential Scholar; Phi Theta Kappa, president; President's Council, president; Sigma Kappa Delta, president; BSU, Scholar's Bowl Team; Phi Beta Lambda; Trailblazer; Who's Who Among American Community and Junior Colleges.
Career Goal: To attend pharmacy school at The University of Mississippi and obtain a doctorate degree. Then, I plan to work in research and development.
High School: Bogue Chitto High School, Bogue Chitto
Spouse: Bobby
Home Town: Bogue Chitto

Donny L. Lawson

Title, Department: Chair, Science Division; Instructor of Biology.
Years of Service at Institution: 25
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 26
Academic Credentials:
Degree Major Institution Year
Ed.D. Science Education University of Southern Mississippi 1991
M.S. Science Education University of Southern Mississippi 1976
B.S. Biology University of Southern Mississippi 1971
Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: Copiah-Lincoln Community College Education Association; National Arbor Day Foundation; Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges.
Civic Activities: Active member of the Brookway Church of Christ, Brookhaven, M S.
Family: Spouse: Dottie F. Lawson; Daughters: Kelly L. Dollar and Amanda L. McCurley.
Home Town: Brookhaven
JOSHUA PHILLIP WEST

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: English/Political Science
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.29 GPA; Dean's List; Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society; Leadership Scholarship; Student Performance Scholarship.
College Honors Held: SGA president; student director of Orientation; Renaissance Performing Group; Career Ambassador; Kappa Alpha Order Ritualist; SGA chief justice; SGA senator; SGA executive cabinet member; Delta Diplomat.
Career Goals: To attend graduate school or law school.
High School: South Pontotoc Attendance Center, Pontotoc
Parents: Joseph and Angie West
Hometown: Shannon

PHYLLIS C. BUNN

Title, Department: Assistant Professor of Office Administration and Business Education, Division of Management, Marketing and Business Administration
Years of Service at Institution: 10
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 10
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(Mangement concentration for Ph.D. Training & Development for M.S.)
Publications/Honors/Awards: Special interests: skills employers need, communication, skill standards and certification, mentoring, self-management. Publications based on research interest: 3 international, 6 national, 7 state, 13 proceedings. Presentations: 7 international, 24 national, 12 regional. 1989 Woman of the Year; New River Chapter American Business Association; recognized for contributions to classified staff VA.
Civic Activities: Cleveland Exchange Club Board of Directors, 2004; AAUW, 1999-present; Cleveland Garden Club; Habitat for Humanity; Crossfit sponsor & volunteer.
Home Town: Cleveland
JODI KELLEY PARTRIDGE

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Associate Degree Nursing
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.94 GPA; recipient of Bobbie Anderson Nursing Scholarship; ACT Scholarship; Presidential Scholarship; President's List Scholar.
College Honors Held: Who's Who Among American Community and Junior College Students.
Career Goals: To obtain my degree as a registered nurse and pursue my dream of helping others in need.
High School: Louisville High School, Louisville
Spouse: Sean Partridge; Parents: Joe and Cynthia Kelley
Home Town: Philadelphia

PHILLIP CRENSHAW

Title, Department: Instructor, World History and American Government
Years of Service at Institution: 2
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 2
Academic Credentials:
Degree Major Institution Year
M.A.T. University of West Alabama 2002
B.S. Secondary Education University of Southern Mississippi 1989
Publications/Honors/Awards: Mississippi Humanities Council Teacher Award, 2004-05; Mid-South Community College Fellowship Program, 2003.
Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: Mississippi Faculty Association Community and Junior Colleges (MFACJC).
Civic Activities: Children's Church Pastor, Northcrest Baptist Church, Meridian; Blood Donor; Youth Basketball Coach.
Family: Spouse: Kim; Daughter: Alexandria; Stepsons: Hunter and Dalton
Home Town: Meridian
ANNA MARIE HAILEY

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Forensic Chemistry
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; received the Freshman Chemistry Award and the Biology Award at the college's spring award ceremony in 2004; President's List, inducted in Phi Theta Kappa, spring 2004.
College Honors Held: Editor of the 2004 Lion Yearbook; president, Eta Upsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa; Who's Who Among America's Community College Students; All USA Academic Team nominee; campus coordinator for the Partnership for a Healthier Mississippi Campus.
Career Goal: To obtain a degree in forensic chemistry, and possibly attend medical school to become a forensic pathologist.
High School: Kemper Academy, DeKalb
Parents: Billy and Janice Hailey
Home Town: Preston

LUCY ALFORD HULL

Title, Department: Instructor, Economics/Political Science
Years of Service at Institution: 16
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 25
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Publications/Honors/Awards: Who's Who Among American Teachers (multiple honoree); Phi Theta Kappa advisor; MS/LA Region Horizon Award, 2004; Outstanding Phil Hardin Leadership Development Instructor, certified in 1994; E.M.C.C. “Best Overall” annual award in Mississippi competition, 1996 advisor.
Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: Phi Delta Kappa; Mississippi Professional Educators; Phi Theta Kappa.
Civic Activities: Kemper County Women's Civic League; “Relay for Life”, committee chairman (Kemper); Sunday school teacher/vacation bible school teacher; United Methodist Women.
Family: Spouse: Dewayne C. Hull; Son: Jonathan L. Hull (deceased)
Home Town: DeKalb
CLAIRE DURST

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Nursing
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.92 GPA; National Dean's Scholar; President's Scholar; ACT Scholarship; Cheerleading Scholarship; W.H. Cochran Scholarship.
College Honors Held: Associated Student Government, president, former district reporter/historian; Cheerleader; Hinds Connection member, former social chairman; Homecoming Queen; Mu Alpha Theta; Phi Beta Lambda; Phi Theta Kappa; Psi Beta, special projects director; Who's Who Among Students in American Community Colleges.
Career Goals: To become a successful nurse anesthetist and one day hold a directorship in the anesthetist program.
High School: Sharkey-Issaquena Academy, Rolling Fork
Parents: Bill and Evelyn Durst
Home Town: Rolling Fork

JERRY PEYTON AGENT

Title, Department: Instructor, Department Chair, Curriculum Coordinator, Department of Speech and Theatre
Years of Service at Institution: 31
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 32
Academic Credentials:
Degree Major Institution Year
M.Ed. Speech Mississippi College 1972
B.S. Speech Education University of Southern Mississippi 1971
A.A. Hinds Junior College 1969
Professional Affiliations/O ffices Held: Mississippi Communication Association, 33 years, former president, former executive secretary, 6 years; Southern States Communication Association, 20 years; Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior College, 10+ years.
Civic Activities: Member: Mississippi Museum of Art, Crossroads Film Society, various community theatres.
Family: Son: Charlie Agent
Home Town: Raymond
ERIC W. BURDEN

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Pre-Medicine
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; Board of Trustees Scholar; Phi Theta Kappa.
College Honors Held: Ambassador; Phi Theta Kappa, vice-president of Fellowship; BSU Ministry Team, chairman.
Career Goals: To become a psychiatrist and own my own practice.
High School: East Holmes Academy, West
Parents: Ronnie and Connie Burden
Home Town: Sallis

ROBERT VERNON HARRIS

Title, Department: Science and Mathematics Department Chair and Computer Science Instructor
Years of Service at Institution: 19
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 19
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Publications/Honors/Awards: Mid-South Community College Fellowship Program, 2004; NISOD Excellence Award, 1996; Lamplighter Award, 1995; Phi Theta Kappa Advisor Appreciation Award, 1992, 1996.
Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: Mississippi Community and Junior College Faculty Association; Holmes Community College Education Association, past president, past secretary; Phi Theta Kappa (Kappa Alpha Chapter, former advisor); Association for Computing Machinery, former member.
Civic Activities: Miss Mississippi Preliminary Judge; Miss Mississippi Local Directors' Association, 1993-2000.
Home Town: Goodman
Kristen Cox

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Pre-Dentistry
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.58 GPA; President's List, 2003; Phi Theta Kappa, 2003-04; Who's Who Among College Students, 2003.
College Honors Held: Valedictorian Scholarship; Lane Furniture Scholarship; Scholar's Bowl Scholarship; Marching Band; Symphonic Band; Color Guard; Woodwind Ensemble; Baptist Student Union; Science Club; Modern Language Club.
Career Goals: To pursue general family dentistry career.
High School: Pontotoc High School, Pontotoc
Parents: Mike and Leda Cox
Home Town: Tupelo

Ann Arnold

Title, Department: English Instructor
Years of Service at Institution: 34
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 34
Academic Credentials:
Degree Major Institution Year
M.A. English University of Mississippi 1969
B.A. English Belhaven College 1966
Publications/Honors/Awards: Who's Who, Community College Teachers; Meritorious Achievement Award, Itawamba Community College, 1996.
Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: National Council of Teachers of English.
Civic Activities: March of Dimes, volunteer.
Children: John and Dana
Home Town: Belden
SHARON JANILLE HURLEY

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Chemistry
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.87 GPA; 2004-05 Earl Cooper Scholar; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, 2004 FBI Honors Intern; 2003 Science and Engineering Scholar.
College Honors Held: Dean's List Scholar, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., president of the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE).
Career Goals: To work in field of law.
High School: Murrah High School, Jackson
Parents' Names: Dr. and Mrs. John F. Hurley
Home Town: Jackson

HONGTAO YU

Title, Department: Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Chemistry
Years of Service at Institution: 8
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 8
Academic Credentials:

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<td>Chemistry</td>
<td>Chinese Academy of Science</td>
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<td>Chemistry</td>
<td>University of Science and Technology</td>
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Publications/Honors/Awards: 38 referred publications; 56 presentations; National ChemLuminary Award by the American Chemical Society, 1998; Best Service Award, Mississippi Local ACS Section, 1998; Teacher of the Year, Sigma Phi Student Honor Society, 1998; National AACR-HBCU Faculty Award in Cancer Research, 1998.
Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: American Chemical Society; American Society for Photobiology; Environmental Mutagen Society.
Civic Activities: Church leader: Jackson Chinese Christian Church.
Family: Spouse: Deshun Li; Sons: Eugene, Christian, and Joseph Yu
Home Town: Madison
Austin C. Smith

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Biological Sciences
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; Letter “J” Award; Jones County Junior College Hall of Fame; Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.
College Honors Held: Phi Theta Kappa, president.
Career Goals: To be a medical doctor.
High School: The Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science, Columbus
Parents: Ronnie and Renee Smith
Home Town: Petal

Theresa Sanchez

Title, Department: Instructor, Division of Fine Arts
Years of Service at Institution: 10
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 14
Academic Credentials:

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<td>Music</td>
<td>University of Southern Mississippi</td>
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Publications/Honors/Awards: Compact discs: “Southern Nights” with USM Symphony Orchestra; “Orchestral Works by Carey Smith” with Meridian Symphony Orchestra; “Songs of Luigi Faninelli” with Maryann Kyle, soprano (forthcoming); numerous performances: solo, chamber, and with orchestra, all as a pianist.
Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: College Music Society; Music Teachers National Association; Mississippi Music Teachers Association, (past president and several other offices); Hattiesburg Music Teachers League, past president; artistic director of Vicksburg, MS, International Chamber Music Festival.
Home Town: Hattiesburg
RICHARD S. BENSON

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: B.A. in Bible
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.57 GPA; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, 2002 and 2004.
Career Goals: Ministry and full-time preaching, and to pursue a master's degree in Christian Leadership.
High School: Germantown High School, Germantown
Family: Spouse: Katharyn A. Benson; Father: Richard F. Benson
Home Town: Union

ROGER HINES

Title, Department: Associate Professor of Bible
Years of Service at Institution: 4
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 21
Academic Credentials:

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Publications/Honors/Awards: Summa Cum Laude, Harding University; articles for Magnolia Messenger; papers at American Academy of Religion at North American Patristics Society in Chicago.
Professional Affiliations/Office Held: American Academy of Religion, and Society of Biblical Literature
Civic Activities: Church work, especially preaching with the North Liberty Street Church of Christ in Canton, M.S.
Family: Spouse: Karen S. Hines; Children: Malcolm, Philip, and Matthew
Home Town: Kosciusko
MATTHEW R. PRATER

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Pre-Med
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; Dorothy McCauley Bates Memorial Scholarship; Meridian Community College Gold and Silver Scholarship; Mississippi Community College President's List
College Honors Held: Phi Theta Kappa, member; National Dean's List; All USA Academic Team, nominee.
Career Goals: To become a physician, specialty undecided.
High School: West Lauderdale High School, Collinsville
Parents: Tilton Prater and Dionia Tidmore
Home Town: Collinsville

MICHÈLE MAIDA SMITH

Title, Department: Division Chair, Wellness and Fitness; Director, Wilhelmine Damon Fitness Center
Years of Service at Institution: 11
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 11
Academic Credentials:

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Publications/Honors/Awards: Honor Award, Mississippi Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; T. J. Harris Award, Meridian Community College; Lamplighter, Meridian Community College; Outstanding Young Educator, Meridian Jaycees; Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year for the State of Mississippi.
Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: President, 1997-98, MS Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance; president, 2003-04, Meridian Community College Faculty/Staff Association; Governor's Committee for Physical Education and Sport, 1992-1993; member, MAHPERD and AAHPERD; member, MACJC Faculty Association.
Civic Activities: American Heart Association; Cardiac Arrest Board; Hope Village for Children Program Committee; State Games of MS, volunteer; Food Collection-Love's Kitchen; support various art programs; West Lauderdale Elementary Gifted Program, speaker.
Spouse: Carey Michael Smith
Home Town: Meridian
Megan E. Holcomb

Class Standing: Junior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Political Science and Economics
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; President’s List, last four semesters; vice president, Phi Eta Sigma Honorary.
College Honors Held: Chair, Honor Code Council, fall 2004 – spring 2005; secretary, Tri Delta; secretary, Millsaps Young Democrats; treasurer, Habitat for Humanity; member, Student Body Association; Community Outreach Committee, fall 2004 – spring 2005; and Academic Affairs Committee, fall 2003 – spring 2004.
Career Goals: To pursue a career in law.
High School: Tupelo High School, Tupelo
Parents’ Names: Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Holcomb
Home Town: Tupelo

Suzanne Marrs

Title, Department: Professor of English and Welty Foundation Scholar in Residence, Millsaps College
Years of Service at Institution: 16
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 31
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Publications/Honors/Awards: One Writer’s Imagination (LSU Press 2002); a Choice Outstanding Academic Title; Eudora Welty and Politics Did the Writer Crusade (LSU Press 2000); co-editor, The Welty Collection (University Press of Mississippi, 1988); Millsaps Distinguished Professor Award, 2004; Phoenix Award for Distinguished Achievement in Welty Scholarship, 1998; Phi Beta Kappa; numerous articles in scholarly journals.
Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: Eudora Welty Society, past president; Society for the Study of Southern Literature Association.
Civic Activities: Lectures at schools and libraries; work with Eudora Welty Foundation.
Home Town: Jackson
MICHAEL W. ROBERTSON

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Double major: Business Administration and History
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.41 GPA; member: Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Alpha Theta; Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities; President's List.
College Honors Held: SGA president, SGA chief of staff, SGA senator; Campus Activities Board member; sophomore class president.
Career Goal: Following graduation from law school, to begin a career in law and one day politics.
High School: John Curtis Christian School, River Ridge, Louisiana
Parents: Michael and Pam Robertson
Home Town: River Ridge, Louisiana

BILL P. STARK

Title, Department: Professor, Sadler Professor of Biology and Biological Sciences
Years of Service at Institution: 28
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 28
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<td>Natural Science</td>
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Publications/Honors/Awards: More than 130 articles and five books published; Lifetime Achievement Award, International Association of Plecopterologists, August 2004; Mississippi College Distinguished Professor, May 2004, May 1981; Mississippi College, Arts and Sciences Distinguished Lecturer, fall 1988.
Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: North American Plecoptera Society, past president; North American Benthological Society; International Association of Plecopterologists; Monarch Watch Society; Kansas Entomological Society.
Civic Activities: Clinton Community Nature Center (Board of Trustees)
Spouse: Linda M. Stark
Home Town: Clinton
LOGAN COLLINS

Class Standing: Sophomore  
Major/Minor Field of Study: Christian Studies  
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.96 GPA; Certificates of Merit:  
Western Civilization I & II, Literature I & II, Physical Science, Adolescent  
Psychology, Government, and Newspaper Award.  
College Honors Held: Hall of Fame, Phi Theta Kappa Golden Key Award; Pi  
Theta Kappa chapter president and regional historian.  
Career Goal: To work with FCA at Christian campuses.  
High School: Greenville Christian School, Greenville  
Parents: Joe and Trudy Collins  
Home Town: Leland

JOHN AMMONS

Title, Department: Biology Instructor  
Years of Service at Institution: 18  
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 22  
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<td>Ph.D.</td>
<td>Education Management/Physiology</td>
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<td>Zoology/Chemistry</td>
<td>Mississippi State University</td>
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Publications/Honors/Awards: 2003 MSTA-College Science Teacher of the Year; Lamplighter; Oxford Scholar in England, Boston University; contributing editor to Margaret Barnett’s “Microbiology Laboratory Exercises” and “American Society of Microbiologists Laboratory Exercises”.  
Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: State Board of Directors, MS Science Teachers Association (12 years); Mississippi Academy of Science, past chair and vice-chair of Science Education Division.  
Civic Activities: 28 years, adult volunteer with Boy Scouts of America; 13 years, scout master, past board member, Rotary International.  
Family: Spouse: Dianne; Children: Chris and Rachel  
Home Town: Indianola
VANESSA ROSE REMEL

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Elementary Education
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; President’s List Scholar, spring 2003, fall 2003, spring 2004, and fall 2004.
College Honors Held: The George O. Bierkoe Distinguished Member Award, 2004, Phi Kappa Internationals; made the connections and launched an effort to help raise money and build a house with “Habitat for Humanity,” Northrup Grumman, and Wal-Mart; chairman of Relay for Life; led effort to raise money for Blair E. Batson Children’s Hospital in Jackson, MS; put together a campaign to collect canned goods and books for needy.
Career Goal: To teach children how to tap into the world of knowledge and to instill in them confidence in themselves. I want to continue volunteer work.
High School: Bay High School, Bay St. Louis
Family: Spouse: Daniel Remel; Parents: Mary and Albert Lancaster and Carl McGill.
Home Town: Gautier

LISA COURTNEY

Title, Department: Business and Office Technology Instructor, Chairperson, Career and Technical Education Department
Years of Service at Institution: 19
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 19
Academic Credentials:

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<td>University of Southern Mississippi</td>
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<td>A.A. B.S.</td>
<td>Preparatory</td>
<td>MGCJC, Perkinston Campus</td>
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Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: National Business Education Association; Southern Business Education Association; Mississippi Business Education, historian, 1994 to present; lifetime member, Future Business Leaders of America, Phi Beta Lambda Professional Division.
Civic Activities: Secretary for golf tournament to benefit Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research; Foundation; Sight Night; Book Drive; food drives.
Family: Spouse: Stephen Courtney; Daughter: Jacy Taylor
Home Town: Wiggins
ADAM TELLE

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Computer Science and Journalism/Software Engineering
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.67 GPA; Phi Kappa Phi, spring 2002; Most Outstanding Inductee of Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key Honor Society, Society of Scholars; President's List, 2000-2003; University of Honors program.
College Honors Held: President, MSU Student Association; Mr. Mississippi State University; Student Association, executive assistant; Student Association, director of athletic support; Mississippi State University Roadrunner, student staff, Campus Crusade for Christ; co-founder, Student Bulldog Club.
Career Goal: Law/Student Affairs
High School: Tuscaloosa County High School, Northport, Alabama
Parents: Whitney and Rita Telle
Home Town: Northport, Alabama

LINDA M. WAYLAND POTE

Title, Department: Professor, Interim Head, Department of Basic Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine
Years of Service at Institution: 19
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 19
Academic Credentials:

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<td>Animal Science: Parastology</td>
<td>University of Arkansas</td>
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<td>Animal Nutrition</td>
<td>Oregon State University</td>
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<td>English/Journalism</td>
<td>University of Central Arkansas</td>
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Publications/Honors/Awards: 74 publications and papers presented; 8 competitive grants ($730,000); 28 industrial grants ($914,659); co-major or major professor of 15 graduate students; directed, in her research lab; over 70 undergraduates; 2 interns, 1 visiting scientist; honors: CVM Deans Pegasus Award for Research (1991, 2002) MSU Office of Research Award, 2002; Sigma Xi Outstanding Research, 1991; reviewer for numerous journals and granting agencies; visiting lecturer (LSU-Aquamed).
Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists, Animal Disease Workers in the Southern State, secretary/treasurer, 1995-present; American Fisheries Society; Phi Zeta; Southern Society of Parasitologists; past vice president, Faculty Senate.
Civic Activities: Manager, Syso Soccer team; treasurer, Starkville High Girls Soccer Team.
Family: Spouse: Jonathan Pote; Children: Hannah, Jenny, and Sam Pote.
Home Town: Starkville
**AMRITA BALACHANDRAN**

Class Standing: Senior  
Major/Minor Field of Study: Microbiology/Chemistry  
Career Goal: To complete doctoral studies in immunology and infectious diseases, and thereafter conduct research/teach in a research institute.  
High School: Indian Language School, Lagos, Lagos State, Nigeria  
Parents: Father: V. R. Balachandran; Mother: Ranjini Balachandran  
Home Town: Columbus

**MARTIN LEE HATTON**

Title, Department: Associate Professor and Communication Program Director, Division of Business and Communication  
Years of Service at Institution: 12  
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 13  
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<td>Speech Communication</td>
<td>The University of Alabama</td>
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<td>B.S.</td>
<td>Broadcasting</td>
<td>Mississippi University for Women</td>
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Publications/Honors/Awards: five articles published in the Encyclopedia of Communication and Information; regularly review for research journals such as Media Psychology; M UW Faculty Member of the Year, 2004; Communication Faculty Member of the Year for the Division of Business and Communication, 2004, 2002, 1998, 1995.  
Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: Founding member of the Alliance for a Media Literate America; member, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication; member, National Communication Association; member, Southern States Communication Association.  
Civic Activities: listed on M UW Experts List for Media Effects and Media Literacy and speak before community groups concerning the media.  
Family: Spouse: Shannon Finch Hatton; Son: Brian Martin Hatton  
Home Town: Caledonia
ERVIN D. COBURN

Class Standing: Junior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Biology and Chemistry (double major)
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.5 GPA; student president, University Honors Program.
College Honors Held: Thurgood Marshall Fund Scholar (twice); Honors Program Director’s Award (twice).
Career Goal: To attend medical school.
High School: Louisville High School, Louisville
Parents: Timothy Wrag and Janis Wragg
Home Town: Louisville

ORLANDO MOSS

Title, Department: Assistant Professor of Music
Years of Service at Institution: 15
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 25
Academic Credentials:

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<td>Music Education</td>
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Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: National Association of Teachers of Singing; American Coral Directors Association.
Civic Activities: Greenwood, Mississippi Voter’s League.
Family: Spouse: Ollie Moss; Children: Orlando, Jr., Frederic Jerome, and Karen Y. Moss
Home Town: Itta Bena
KATHERINE PAIGE GREEN

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: English/Spanish
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.83 GPA; Dean’s List, President’s List, Phi Theta Kappa.
College Honors Held: Who’s Who Among College and University Students, Class Favorite, Homecoming Maid.
High School: Jumpertown High School, Booneville
Parents: Gerry and Kathy Green
Home Town: Booneville

THOMAS G. HILL

Title, Department: Computer Science Instructor
Years of Service at Institution: 15
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 18
Academic Credentials:

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Publications/Honors/Awards:
Professional Affiliations/Offices Held:
Association for Computing Machinery, member; ACM Special Interest Group in Computer Science Education, member; presented at ACM SIGCSE Doctoral Consortium, 2003.
Civic Activities:
Church member, deacon, pro bono consulting at high school, speaker at Rotary Club.
Family: Spouse: Nell; Children: Scott, Micki, and Paul
Home Town: Ripley
Rachel Parks

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Pre-engineering
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; President’s List (all semesters); National Dean’s List; Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges; United States Achievement Academy.
College Honors Held: Member, Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society; president, Spanish Club, two semesters; member, Math and Science Club, nominated for Hall of Fame.
Career Goal: To become a successful chemical engineer.
High School: Senatobia High School, Senatobia
Parents: the late Bobby Parks and Machel Parks
Home Town: Senatobia

James R. Gilliam

Title, Department: Tool and Die Instructor
Years of Service at Institution: 14
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 14
Academic Credentials:
Degree Major Institution Year
A.A.S. Tool and Die Northwest Mississippi Community College 1988
Publications/Honors/Awards: Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers; participated in state Skills USA Competition for the past 14 years; NWCC Tool and Die students have won 1st place six times, 2nd place twice and 3rd place twice.
Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: Skills USA, advisor; ACTE, member.
Family: Spouse: Mary Beth Gilliam; Children: Jeremy and Chelsey Gilliam.
Home Town: Potts Camp
LAUREN B. RICHARDS

Class Standing: Sophomore  
Major/Minor Field of Study: Business and Marketing Management  
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.93 GPA; President's List, Dean's List.  
College Honors Held: Outstanding Marketing Student, 2005.  
Career Goal: To work as a sales representative with a consumer products organization.  
High School: North Forrest High School, Hattiesburg  
Spouse: Jason Richards  
Home Town: Hattiesburg

CAROL C. WILLIAMS

Title, Department: Instructor, Business Marketing and Management Technology  
Years of Service at Institution: 14  
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 14  
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Publications/Honors/Awards: Advisor of Year, 1999; Mississippi Delta Epsilon Chi, 2001; Honorary Life Member, Mississippi Delta Epsilon Chi.

Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: Mississippi Association of Marketing Educators, president; Faculty Association, president, 2001-2003; legislative liaison, Faculty Association, department chairperson, Marketing and Banking.

Civic Activities: Secretary and Board member, Poplarville Chamber of Commerce; chairperson, American Cancer Society Relay for Life; chairperson, Pastor/Parish Relations, First United Church Methodist Church, president, Group 1, Women's Circle; president, Poplarville School Foundation Board.

Family: Spouse: Jon Williams; Children: Kyle and Leslie  
Home Town: Poplarville
JOSEPH DOUGLAS HILLRICH

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Master of Divinity
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.86 GPA
College Honors Held: Bachelor of Arts from The University of Toledo, 1999.
Career Goal: To plant and pastor a church.
High School: Northwest High School, Canal Fulton, Ohio
Spouse: Abigail S. Hillrich
Home Town: Monclova, Ohio

W. ANDREW HOFFECKER

Title, Department: Professor of Church History
Years of Service at Institution: 7
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 32
Academic Credentials:

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Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: Evangelical Theological Society
Family: Spouse: Pamela Hobbs Hoffecker; Children: Drew, Scott and Timothy Hoffecker
Home Town: Clinton
JUSTIN T. JEFFRIES
Class Standing: Junior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Business Administration/Management
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: Dena’s List, 2002-present; highest GPA in Honors Biology, 2002; highest GPA in Grammar and Composition I.
Career Goal: To form a non-profit organization to aid single parents in purchasing homes; own my own apartment complex with a coffee shop and dance studio built in.
High School: Central High School, Memphis
Parents: Debra Jeffries and Dwight Jeffries
Home Town: Memphis

RICHARD J. FREDERICK
Title, Department: Instructor, Division of Business, Management
Years of Service at Institution: 4
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 4
Academic Credentials:
Degree  Major                  Institution                     Year
Ph.D.  Management             University of Phoenix expected graduation 2007
M.B.A.  Management             University of Memphis            2000
B.B.A.  Economics/Management   Austin Peay State University       1982
A.B.A.  Management             University of Kentucky            1980
Publications/Honors/Awards: Who’s Who of American Teachers
Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: Faculty Advisor, SAM.
Civic Activities: Deacon, Ross Road Church of Christ; offer free tutoring on resume and cover letter writing to all students and church-related groups.
Family: Spouse: Phyllis; Children: Candace and Lisa
Home Town: Memphis
ROBYN MICHELE STRICKLAND

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Elementary Education
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 2.68 GPA
Career Goal: To be a successful teacher at a Christian school making a difference in children's lives.
High School: George County High School, Lucedale
Parents: Richard and Glenda Strickland
Home Town: Lucedale

SAMMIE JEAN MCLEOD

Title, Department: Instructor, English Department
Years of Service at Institution: 2
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 2

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Civic Activities: Active member of Liberty Baptist Church, Waynesboro, MS.
Family: Spouse: Randy; Children: Marie, Stephen and Kacey; Grandchildren: Mallory and Reagan.
Home Town: Laurel
STEVEN ANDREW BURCH

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Pre-Law
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.7 GPA; Dean's List; Phi Theta Kappa, officer; Honor's Forum (Invitational Leadership Course); National Dean's List.
College Honors Held: BSU President; Bear Tracker, Cheerleader.
Career Goal: To be a successful prosecutor and to have my own law firm.
High School: Parklane Academy, McComb
Parents: Andy Burch and Brenda Burch
Home Town: Summit

DIXIE L. CANTON

Title, Department: Program Director, Practical Nursing Program
Years of Service at Institution: 8
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 8
Academic Credentials:
Degree Major Institution Year
A.S.N. Registered Nurse Regency of New York 1996
Certificate Licensed Practical Nurse Southwest Mississippi Community College 1990
Publications/Honors/Awards: Lamplighters, a celebration of teaching excellence, 2004; Mississippi State Accreditation, Practical Nursing Program, 2003; Curriculum Rewriting team member, 2004; Employee of the Month at North Oaks Medical Center, 1996.
Professional Affiliations/Officers Held: Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges.
Family: Spouse: Gary Canton; Children: Jason C. Canton, Kerrie Nell Canton, and Orianna L. Dickerson.
Home Town: Jayess
SARA ELIZABETH COLEMAN

Class Standing: Sophomore  
Major/Minor Field of Study: Special Education  
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.74 GPA; Alpha Lambda Delta; Vice President's Award for Academic Excellence; Kappa Delta Pi; SN EA; Vice President's Scholar; nominated, Who's Who; Gladys Noel Bates Scholar.  
College Honors Held: Undergraduate Research Scholar  
Career Goal: To pursue a terminal degree in education.  
High School: Callaway High School, Jackson  
Parents: Dr. James C. Coleman and Dr. Marilyn Houston-Coleman  
Home Town: Ridgeland

CHARLES HOLMES

Title, Department: Associate Professor and Pre-Law Advisor, Political Science Department  
Years of Service at Institution: 11  
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 35  
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Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: American Bar Association; National Bar Association; Magnolia Bar Association; NAACP; and American Political Science Association.  
Civic Activities: Board membership of Mt. Helm Baptist Church; Common Cause; ACLU-Mississippi, Marietta Reading Center; campaign worker for several political campaigners.  
Family: Spouse: Willene; Daughter: Marionette Holmes  
Home Town: Jackson
GORDON WITHMOND FELLOWS

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: International Studies
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.55 GPA; Omicron Delta Kappa Mortar Board; Order of Omega; Lambda Sigma; Lambda Sigma, secretary; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; George F. Holmes Scholarship; Trammel Scholarship; United States Senate Youth Program Scholarship; Trent Lott Leadership Institute Scholarship. College Honors Held: President, Associated Student Body; Associated Student Body Senator of the Year; PSR-TKA National Champion in Congressional Debate (twice). Career Goal: To practice law, perhaps work in foreign service.
High School: Tupelo High School, Tupelo
Parents: Bettie and Byron Fellows
Home Town: Belden

IRVING WADE WATERS

Title, Department: Professor and Research Professor, Department of Pharmacology and Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Years of Service at Institution: 38
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 38
Academic Credentials:

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<td>Zoology</td>
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Publications/Honors/Awards: Distinguished Service Award, American Heart Association, 1984; Faculty Achievement Award, University of Mississippi, 1997; Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher Award, University of Mississippi, 2004; Basic Science Teaching Award, School of Pharmacy, 1980, 1985, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2001 and 2003.
Professional Affiliations/Officers Held: American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics; Society of Toxicology; American College of Clinical Pharmacology (Fellow); Southeastern Pharmacological Society; National Honorary Societies: Sigma Xi, Rho Chi, and Phi Kappa Phi.
Civic Activities: Professional lectures to pharmacists, physicians, and nurses; chairman, Mississippi Affiliate AHS Research, 1985.
Family: Spouse: Tommie C. Waters; Daughters: Elizabeth Coon and Beverly Waters.
Home Town: Oxford
CHARLES DANIEL Niolet

Class Standing: Senior, Dental Student  
Major/Minor Field of Study: Dentistry  
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 2004 Hinman Scholar; 2004 Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy Dental Scholarship; 2004 Dr. James W. Rice and Grace Vaughan Rice Scholarship in Dentistry; 1984 Outstanding Student, LSU Dental Laboratory Technology. 
College Honors Held: Senior Class President, 2004-05; American Dental Educators Association (ADEA), 2004-05, South Central Regional Representative; ADEA, 2002 – present, UMC School of Dentistry Student Representative; 2002-03 Sophomore Dental Class H onors Council Representative; 2000-present, American Student Dental Association (ASDA), member; 2004-05, Student Representative to the Strategic Planning Committee for UMC School of Dentistry; 2003-04, Mississippi Dental Association, Student Member to the Board of Trustees. 
Career Goal: To practice general dentistry or endodontics and teach at UMC School of Dentistry at a minimum of part time. 
High School: Long Beach High School, Long Beach  
Spouse: Amy Niolet  
Home Town: Clinton

FRANCIS G. SERIO

Title, Department: Professor and Chairman, Department of Periodontics and Preventive Sciences, School of Dentistry  
Years of Service at Institution: 11.5  
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 23  
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Publications/Honors/Awards: 40 journal articles; 4 books  
Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: American Academy of Periodontology; American Dental Association; Chair, Dentistry Overseas Steering Committee; American Dental Education Association.  
Civic Activities: Former recreational soccer and baseball coach; Habitat for Humanity, co-coordinator of the Millsaps Else School of Management Service Project, 2004; Participated in several other Habitat projects; active in St. Francis of Assisi Church.  
Family: Spouse: Cheryl L. Serio; Children: Andrew J. and Grace M Serio  
Home Town: Madison
MOLLY GRUBBS

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Speech Communication/Marketing
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; USM Honors College, 2001--2005; Don George Speech Communications Award for Academic Excellence, 2004; Greek Convocation Award for Academic Excellence by a Junior, 2003; Honors College Colloquium Book Award, 2002; Honors senior thesis: "All the World's a Stage: Exploring the Relationship Between the Practice of Drama and Expressive Control in Interpersonal Communication."

College Honors Held: Chi Omega Sorority, president, 2004; Chi Omega song director and housing chair, 2003; USM Concert Choir, 2002-2005; Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Lambda Sigma and Golden Key Honor Societies; USM International Marketing Study Abroad Program - London, Summer 2004.

Career Goal: To obtain a master's degree in advertising, begin work in the field, and eventually start my own firm.

High School: John Burroughs High School, Burbank, California
Parents: Gary and Glenda Grubbs
Home Town: Hattiesburg

WILLIAM K. SCARBOROUGH

Title, Department: Professor of History
Years of Service at Institution: 40
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 43

Academic Credentials:

Degree Major Institution Year
Ph.D. History University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill 1962
M.A. History Cornell University 1957
A.B. History University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill 1954


Professional Affiliations/O ffices Held: Southern Historical Association; Agricultural History Society; St. George Tucker Society, president, 2002-2003; Mississippi Historical Society, president, 1979; The Historical Society.
Civic Activities: Coached Dixie Youth Baseball, 1970s.
Family: Spouse: Patricia C.; Children: Catherine Krohn and William Bradley
Home Town: Hattiesburg
JOHN A. SPANO

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Master of Divinity
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.93 GPA
College Honors Held: Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Auburn University
Career Goal: Teach
High School: Opelika Christian Home School, Opelika, Alabama
Parents: Joe and Jane Spano
Home Town: Auburn, Alabama

GARETH L. COCKERILL

Title, Department: Professor
Years of Service at Institution: 15
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<td>History</td>
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Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: Evangelical Theological Society, chair of the Hebrews Study Group steering committee; member of the Wesleyan Study Group steering committee; Institute for Biblical Research; Evangelical Missiological Society; Wesleyan Theological Society.
Family: Spouse: Rosa; Daughters: Allene, Ginny, and Kathy
Home Town: Clinton
DARLENE T. MORGAN

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Christian Education
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.72 GPA; President's List; Dean's List; Alpha Chi Omega (scholastic honorary); Old Testament Bible Award, Pentateuch; Library Research Award; Christian Education Award; Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.
College Honors Held: Vice-president, Senior Class; president, Non-traditional Students' Organization.
Career Goal: To earn a master's degree in Christian Education and to teach full-time in a Christian college.
High School: Chicopee Comprehensive High, Chicopee, Massachusetts
Spouse: Ronald Morgan
Home Town: Brookhaven

ORVEL HOOKER

Title, Department: Professor
Years of Service at Institution: 6
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 45
Academic Credentials:

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<td>Speech</td>
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Publications/Honors/Awards: National Debate Champion; President of Student Body; Certification in Reality Therapy; over 100 awards for public speaking; article in Vital Speeches; article in Mississippi Baptist Record.
Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: President, Pi Kappa Delta; Alpha Psi Omega; Mississippi Communication (Speech) Association; numerous articles in various publications.
Civic Activities: Hinds County School Board; Civil War Round Table
Family: Spouse: Helen; Children: Cindy and David
Home Town: Jackson
JOHN MARK IRBY

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Nursing
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.5 GPA; President's List; Dean's List;
Phi Theta Kappa; Presidents Excellence Scholarship; Mississippi Baptist Foundation
Crawford Scholarship.
College Honors Held: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.
Career Goal: To gain experience as a critical care nurse, and attend nurse anesthesia school.
High School: Frederick Frazie High School, Cloverport, Kentucky
Parents: Alvin K. and Marie Irby
Home Town: Gulfport

LYNN SINGLETARY

Title, Department: Assistant Professor, Biology
Years of Service at Institution: 23
Total Years of Service in Higher Education: 23
Academic Credentials:
Degree  Major               Institution                        Year
M.S.   Biology             University of Southern Mississippi  1981
       Biology additional Graduate study
       University of Mississippi  1981
B.S.   Biology             University of Southern Mississippi  1978
Publications/Honors/Awards: Outstanding Young Women of America, 1986;
Outstanding Performance as an Instructor by Student Government Association, 1989;
Parent of the Year Award, Anniston Elementary School, 1993; Who's Who Among
America's Teachers Award, 1998; tenured faculty member, 1999.
Professional Affiliations/Offices Held: Mississippi Academy of Sciences; National
Science Teachers Association; past member, Mississippi Association of Biologists;
American Association of University Women.
Civic Activities: Volunteer: Interfaith Hospitality Network, Feed My Sheep Soup
Kitchen, Annual Beach Cleanup, PTA; Lay Eucharistic Minister and Vestry member
with St. Peter's Episcopal Church.
Family: Spouse: Doug Singletary; Sons: Brian and Brandon
Home Town: Gulfport
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