The Honorable Tate Reeves  
Lieutenant Governor  
State of Mississippi  
Chairman of HEADWAE

Dear HEADWAE Honorees:

It is a privilege to welcome all of our honorees here today as we celebrate their outstanding contributions to higher education. I want to thank the students and faculty members for their commitment to academic excellence and the institutions of higher education for lending their support in this effort.

Today’s Higher Education Appreciation Day is a small way that the Legislature can say “thank you” for a job well done. We appreciate your commitment to ensure that a quality postsecondary education can be found right here on Mississippi’s many college campuses.

I know that leaders, like you, have worked tirelessly to make a positive impact on our educational system. It is this tenacity that is propelling Mississippi forward. The key ingredient to any successes our institutions of higher learning have enjoyed is because of quality students and quality faculty members. We applaud your service and sincerely appreciate your dedication.

Mississippi has an even brighter future because of each of you. Again, congratulations on being selected for this outstanding achievement.

Sincerely,

Tate Reeves
A Message from the Legislature

The Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) was established by the Mississippi Legislature in 1987 to honor academically talented students and faculty members who have made outstanding contributions in promoting academic excellence. The Appreciation Day is our way of saying “thank you” for your commitment to the future of Mississippi. It is an honor and a 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.

RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING HEADWAE
Introduced by Former Representative Cecil Simmons
Legislative Resolution #88 - 1987

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING HIGHER EDUCATION APPRECIATION DAY, WORKING FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: AND SETTING THAT DAY APART AS A SPECIAL DAY TO CONGRATULATE AND EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO MISSISSIPPI'S PUBLIC AND PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES, JUNIOR COLLEGES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES .... AND TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FACULTY MEMBERS AND STUDENTS OF THOSE INSTITUTIONS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDANCE AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.

WHEREAS, meaningful economic, political and social advancement and, in general, improvement of one's quality of life, is undoubtedly heavily dependent upon and directly correlates with the superior mental training and skills which higher education offers and develops; and

WHEREAS, the people of Mississippi have reason to take special pride in the vigorous commitment to excellence in higher education which our public and private universities, colleges, junior colleges, community colleges and proprietary institutions continually demonstrate year after year, fostering, developing and promoting the discovery, transmission and preservation of knowledge for present and future generations of Mississippians: and

WHEREAS, as proof of the benefits and rewards engendered by our state's public and private institutions of higher learning, one need only observe and take account of the large number of productive, responsible and accomplished individuals throughout our state, nation and the world who have pursued and received their formal education and training at one or more of these fine institutions: and

WHEREAS, the success and accomplishments of our state's system of higher education is in large measure attributable to the exceptional academic guidance and training of learned and distinguished instructors who, even in the face of somewhat limited financial reward, have dedicated themselves to providing a quality of education second to none: and

WHEREAS, the superior quality of educational instruction, combined with an educational philosophy emphasizing progress and achievement, have permitted our institutions of higher learning to successfully attract and retain some of the brightest and most academically talented students in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Mississippi believes that it is most appropriate to pay special tribute to and bring deserved recognition and state and national attention to those educational instructors and students of our state's public and private universities, colleges, junior colleges, community colleges and proprietary institutions who exemplify exceptional instructional skills and outstanding academic achievement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we officially designate February 21, 1988 Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence (H.E.A.D.W.A.E.), setting aside that day and encouraging the establishment of such a day as an annual event in order to extend congratulations and express the appreciation of the Legislature and all Mississippians to all of our public and private institutions of higher education and the faculty members and students selected by each of the respective institutions as most representative of the finest traditions in educational instruction and outstanding academic achievement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to each of Mississippi's public and private universities, colleges, junior colleges, community colleges and proprietary institutions, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the Mississippi Junior College Commission, the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and members of the Capitol Press Corps.
February 28, 2012

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the Capitol and to the celebration of Higher Education Appreciation Day—Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE).

Mississippi is thankful for the work done by the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities, and I salute this year’s student and faculty HEADWAE honorees for your commitment to academic excellence. Your achievements will help Mississippi rise and are proof of the outstanding education available at our colleges and universities.

Before becoming Governor, I served as Mississippi’s Lieutenant Governor and was Chair of HEADWAE for four years. During that time, I was honored to meet some of our state’s brightest educators and students. I know that our great state will benefit from your continued leadership, and I am thankful to all who dedicate themselves to the success of higher education in Mississippi.

Sincerely,

Phil Bryant
February 28, 2012

Greetings:

On behalf of the citizens of Jackson, I welcome you to the 2011-2012 Higher Education Appreciation Day – Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE). As Mayor of Jackson, I am pleased that our city was chosen to host such a prestigious event. This year’s event is truly special because it is the 25th anniversary of HEADWAE.

Knowing the importance of a quality education, I am pleased that this time has been set aside to honor some of the most academically talented students and faculty members of Mississippi’s higher education institutions. Receiving this honor is indeed a testament to your hard work and academic success.

In addition, I commend the Mississippi Legislature for taking the time each year to honor talented students and faculty members. This type of event offers students and faculty encouragement as they continue to strive for excellence.

I congratulate each of the honorees, and I encourage you to keep up the good work. For those of you visiting Jackson, I hope you find our city to be very accommodating, and while in town, please go out and take advantage of some of the fine dining, shopping, and sightseeing opportunities available in Jackson.

Sincerely,

Harvey Johnson, Jr.
Dear HEADWAE Honorees:

Welcome to the 25th Anniversary of Higher Education Appreciation Day—Working for Academic Excellence. It is my pleasure to congratulate all of you who were selected to represent your institutions for this important occasion.

When Representative Cecil Simmons introduced legislation establishing this program, his goal was to have one day each year set aside to recognize outstanding faculty members and students from each college in the state, including public universities, public community colleges and private two-year and four-year institutions. As the faculty and student representatives selected by each institution, you excel in the classroom and beyond. You shine in every facet of your work and serve others by giving your time and talent to numerous organizations.

As we celebrate the Silver Anniversary of this event, it is important to remember that this event is made possible through the leadership of the Lieutenant Governor, the generosity of our sponsors and the hard work of Institutions of Higher Learning staff members who coordinate the recognition. I would like to thank Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves, all of our sponsors and IHL staff members for their dedication to making this a wonderful event for all honorees and guests.

Again, congratulations to all of the honorees. I hope this day will be one you will remember fondly for the next 25 years.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Hank M. Bounds
Commissioner of Higher Education
February 28, 2012

Dear HEADWAES Honoree:

Congratulations on receiving this prestigious honor! You have worked hard to earn this award, and you should be proud of your achievements and accomplishments.

We now live in a global economy that places a greater importance on education than ever before. Whether you are a student or faculty member who is being recognized, you have made learning a priority, which is important not only for yourself but for our state as well. You are crucial to our state’s future, and we are counting on you.

I hope that the student honorees will give serious consideration to staying in Mississippi once their formal education is complete, and I hope that all our faculty honorees, if they have not already done so, will make Mississippi their permanent home. We are counting on each of you to help lead us in the 21st century.

I also express my congratulations to HEADWAES on its 25th Anniversary. I remember when in 1988, the Mississippi Legislature began this program as a way to honor outstanding higher education students and faculty members. Since then, nearly 1,000 people have been recognized both at the Capitol and during the luncheon. It is a special day for all honorees, and thanks to everyone who helps make this wonderful event possible.

I wish everyone good luck in the future, and keep up your excellent work!

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr. Eric Clark
MCCB Executive Director
The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence is not only a celebration of a quality program, but a continuing recognition of quality in our students as well as in higher education.

On behalf of the seven independent colleges and universities, I join our colleagues in the higher education community in expressing our gratitude to the Mississippi Legislature for establishing and continuing a program which recognizes and encourages excellence in higher education. There are many outstanding faculty and students in our colleges and universities who often go unnoticed and sometimes feel unappreciated. The program has served as another way to express appreciation to all faculty, staff, and students who have excelled in their various academic pursuits. Many faculty and students have been recognized during the twenty-five years in which the program has been established.

Congratulations to the faculty and student honorees that are recognized this year. Thank you for setting a worthy example for all who are interested in and support academic excellence. We express appreciation for your dedication, commitment, and determination to develop your talents and abilities in such outstanding ways. It is our hope that you will continue to excel and successfully invest yourselves in your academic pursuits and service to others.

The continued development of our state is directly related to the quality of its leadership. We are grateful to the members of the legislature who recognize and support excellence as found in our institutions of higher learning and deeply appreciate their efforts in establishing The Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence Program.

Sincerely,

E. Harold Fisher

E. Harold Fisher, Executive Director
Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
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February 28, 2012

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Closing Response
Dr. Tommy King, President Mississippi Association of
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Adjournment
(Honorees Photo Session – Canterbury Room)
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Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Biology, Biochemistry
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.9 GPA
College Honors Held: NASA/MS Space Grant Consortium Scholarship, 2011
Vicksburg Medical Hospital Foundation Scholarship, 2011 President's Scholar, 2011
ASU Full Academic Scholarship Dean's List 2010
Career Goals: To be a neuro-pharmacologist
High School: Forest Hill High School, Jackson, MS
Parents: Mrs. Denise Hatch and Mr. Marvin Hatch
Home Town: Jackson, MS

Sandra Lee Rogers Barnes
Title/Department: Associate Professor of Chemistry & Biotechnology
Years of service at this institution: 10
Years of Service in Higher Education: 10
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: B.S. Chemistry Alcorn State University 1993, Graduate: Ph.D. Bioanalytical Chemistry, University of Kansas 1999
Professional Affiliations: Mississippi Academy of Science - Member Analytical Science Digital Library - Associate Contributing Editor American Chemistry Society-Member National Science Foundation TUES Type I Program - Reviewer Journal of Biotech Research - Reviewer
Civic Activities: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Zeta Delta Omega Chapter - Member Parent Teacher Association - Member Christian Hope Baptist Church Sunday School - Assistant Primary Teacher American Biographical Institute's Professional Women's Board - Advisor
Spouse: Clinton Barnes Jr., Children: Zachary and Evan
Hometown: Natchez, MS
JACOB ANDERSON ROWAN
CLASS STANDING: Senior
MAJOR/MINOR FIELD OF STUDY: Visual Art, Creative Writing
GPA AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS TO DATE: 3.9 GPA, President’s List and Dean’s List
COLLEGE HONORS HELD: NAS Drawing and Poem accepted into The Brogue (Belhaven’s Fine Art Journal); Homecoming Court; Who’s Who Junior Class Favorite
CAREER GOALS: To make art, write, and perhaps teach at some point.
HIGH SCHOOL: Covenant Christian Academy, Owings, MD
PARENTS: Anderson and Melissa Rowan
HOME TOWN: Owens, MD

RANDALL ALFRED SMITH
TITLE/DEPARTMENT: Professor, Creative Writing Department Chair
YEARS OF SERVICE AT THIS INSTITUTION: 10
YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION: 20
CIVIC ACTIVITIES: Member and elder Redeemer Church. Jackson, MS
SPOUSE: Laura Smith, CHILDREN: Benjamin, Caitlin (daughter-in-law), Nathanael, Flannery
HOMETOWN: Jackson, MS
Blue Mountain College

BLUE MOUNTAIN, MS
PRESIDENT: BETTYE R. COWARD

ELIZABETH MAE SHERARD
CLASS STANDING: Senior
MAJOR/MINOR FIELD OF STUDY: Biology/Math
GPA AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS TO DATE: 3.81 GPA, The Chemistry Award 2008-2009, The Eaton-Mattox Biology Award 2010-2011, Member of The Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, and a Member of the Cap and Gown Honor Society
COLLEGE HONORS HELD: Blue Mountain College Softball 110% Award 2010-2011, The TranSouth Conference and NAIA Scholar-Athlete Award 2010-2011, and a Member of the Mississippi Rural Physician Scholarship Program
CAREER GOALS: I will be attending the University of Mississippi’s Medical School in the Fall of 2012. I plan to practice family medicine.
HIGH SCHOOL: Southaven High School, Southaven, Mississippi
PARENTS: Agnes and David Sherard
HOME TOWN: Southaven, MS

WILLIAM BILL HOCKINGS
TITLE/DEPARTMENT: Assistant Professor, Mathematics and Natural Sciences Department, Blue Mountain College
YEARS OF SERVICE AT THIS INSTITUTION: 6
YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION: 6
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS: American Chemical Society, Chemical Education Division, American Association of Physics Teachers, International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, Mississippi Association of Physicists
CIVIC ACTIVITIES: Director of BMC’s annual Math and Science Tournament for high school students, 2007-present; Vice President of BMC Faculty/Staff Club, 2010-2011; volunteered to conduct ACT workshops in Science Reasoning at BMC; member of Maples Memorial United Methodist Church
SPOUSE: Jennifer Hockings, CHILDREN: Sarah, Amanda, Matthew, and Emily
HOMETOWN: Tucson, AZ
Kelaiah Kelita Tyler

**Class Standing:** Sophomore  
**Major/Minor Field of Study:** Elementary Education  
**GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date:** 3.1 GPA, Dean's List  
**College Honors Held:** Miss Homecoming, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society  
**Career Goals:** Graduate from Coahoma Community College with a grade point average of at least 3.5. Attend Delta State University as an Elementary Education major and become an elementary school educator.  
**High School:** Clarksdale High School, Clarksdale MS  
**Other Colleges:** Coahoma Community College Licensed Practical Nursing Program, Clarksdale MS  
**Parents:** Dr. and Mrs. Luster C. Tyler  
**Home Town:** Clarksdale, MS

David Levi Jones

**Title/Department:** English Instructor/English Department  
**Years of Service at This Institution:** 5  
**Years of Service in Higher Education:** 11  
**Academic Credentials:** Undergraduate: BA, English Literature, Alcorn State University, 1992, Graduate: MA, English Education, Alcorn State University, 1994  
**Publications/Honors/Awards:** Presenter for Summer English Developmental Program at Alcorn State University, Coahoma Community College Alumni Honor's Award, United States Marine Corps Outstanding Serviceman Award  
**Professional Affiliations:** Two-Year College English Association of Mississippi, Mississippi Faculty Association of Community and Junior Colleges, Quality Enhancement Plan Committee Member, United States Marine Corps Veteran  
**Civic Activities:** Alcorn State University Alumni Association, Coahoma Community College Booster Club, Inspiring Reading Across the Delta Book Club Member  
**Hometown:** Decatur, GA
LEVI DAVID WEEKS

CLASS STANDING: Sophomore

MAJOR/MINOR FIELD OF STUDY: Civil Engineering

GPA AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS TO DATE: 3.557 GPA, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), Dean’s List

CAREER GOALS: Attend Mississippi State University and obtain a Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering, then attend seminary to become a missionary.

HIGH SCHOOL: Lawrence County High School, Monticello, MS

PARENTS: Glen and Denise Weeks

HOME TOWN: Monticello, MS

KEVIN PATRICK MCKONE

TITLE/DEPARTMENT: Science Chair/Physics Instructor

YEARS OF SERVICE AT THIS INSTITUTION: 12

YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION: 12

ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS: Undergraduate: Undergraduate (BS Physics, Colorado State University, 1985), Graduate: Ph.D. (Marine Science, Physical Oceanography, University of Southern Mississippi, 2003


PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS: AAPT American Association of Physics Teachers, (MAP) Mississippi Association of Physicist, (APS) American Physical Society, (MAS) Mississippi Academy of Sciences

CIVIC ACTIVITIES: FLL Robotics Coach BEST robotics mentor MATE ROV Coach Soccer Coach

SPOUSE: Kathy McKone, CHILDREN: Haley Wicker and Noah

HOMETOWN: Bogue Chitto, MS
JEANNA DACEY WILKES

**Class Standing:** Senior  
**Major/Minor Field of Study:** Interdisciplinary Studies  
**GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date:** 3.02 GPA, Student Body President, Student Government Association President, Student Chair of the University Budget Committee, and Omicron Delta Kappa member  
**College Honors Held:** Omicron Delta Kappa member  
**Career Goals:** To become the Dean of Students (or title associated) at a Mississippi Public University  

**High School:** Hernando High School  
**Parents:** Mr. John D. Wilkes and Ms. Julia A. Wilkes  
**Home Town:** Hernando, MS

EMILY ERWIN JONES

**Title/Department:** Associate Professor, University Archivist & Associate Professor, Library Services, Delta State University  
**Years of Service at this Institution:** 9  
**Years of Service in Higher Education:** 9  
**Publications/Honors/Awards:** Mississippi Humanities Council Educator of the Year, 2006. DSU Foundation Faculty Prize for Excellence in Service, 2007. Institute for Museum and Library Services, Delta Photo Road Show grant, $37,250.00, 2006-2009. Mississippi Humanities Grant to develop Emmett Till, a traveling exhibit, $5,000.00 2006-2007.  
**Professional Affiliations:** American Association of University Women; Branch (President 2006-008), State Secretary (2010 - present), Society of American Archivists, MS Key Contact (2005 - present), MS Digital Library Board (2010 - present), Society of MS Archivists; member (2004 - present), Vice President (2005-06), President (2006-07) SAC Program Chair (2006), Board member (2010 - present) Cleveland Heritage Commission - 2007 - present  
**Civic Activities:** Volunteering for the Cypress Parks and Pearman Elementary Schools Read Fairs (5 years); Program Evaluator, MS Humanities Council; MDAH Crossroad Film Society Home Movie Day volunteer; Crosstie Arts & Jazz Festival Exhibit Co-Coordinator (2009-10); Alumnae Member of Phi Mu Fraternity (Kappa Epsilon); Octoberfest People’s Choice chairman (2011)  
**Spouse:** Matthew Ward Jones (Matt)  
**Hometown:** Cleveland, MS
Dustin Lamar Cullen

**Class Standing:** Sophomore  
**Major/Minor Field of Study:** Chemical Engineering  
**GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date:** 4.00 GPA, Attended Academic Betterment Competition and placed 2nd in Government my senior year, Attended Mississippi Mathematics and Science Competition, President’s List Scholar in college, and Honor Roll every year in high school  
**College Honors Held:** Freshman Chemistry Award, Presidential Scholarship, Dr. Margaret Mosal Scholarship, Ann Burkes PTK Scholarship, Shelby L. Harris Memorial Scholarship, Landon Bryan Burt Memorial Scholarship, ACT Scholarship, President’s List Scholar, Freshman Class Favorite  
**Career Goals:** After graduating East Central, I plan to attend Mississippi State University and get my bachelors degree in Chemical Engineering.  
**High School:** Leake Academy, Madden, MS  
**Parents:** Allen and Monica Cullen  
**Home Town:** Carthage, MS

Charles Jason Armstrong

**Title/Department:** Instructor, English / Communications Department, East Central Community College  
**Years of Service at this Institution:** 3  
**Years of Service in Higher Education:** 6  
**Academic Credentials:** Undergraduate: BS, Poultry Science, Mississippi State University (1997), Graduate: MBA, Mississippi State University (1998), Southeastern School of Commercial Lending at Vanderbilt University (2002), Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University (2006), MAT-Community College Education with English & Literature emphasis (2009)  
**Publications/Honors/Awards:** Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy, Class of 2011  
**Professional Affiliations:** Executive Committee member (Curriculum Design), Quality Enhancement Program: “The First Year Experience” Member, East Central Community College Developmental Reading Curriculum Committee Member, East Central Community College Online Curriculum Design Committee  
**Civic Activities:** Executive Board member, Meridian (MS) Museum of Art  
**Hometown:** Meridian, MS
DAVID RAY QUICK
Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Business & Marketing
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.93 GPA, Phi Theta Kappa, National Technical Honor Society, Student Government Association
College Honors Held: PTK, NTHS, SGA
Career Goals: My goal is to make seven figures a year as a business entrepreneur (audio and video production, photography, marketing director, etc.)
High School: Hew Hope, Columbus MS
Parents: David and Hallie Quick
Home Town: Columbus MS

GINA LACKEY THOMPSON
Title/Department: Division Chair, Humanities and Fine Arts
Years of Service at this Institution: 15
Years of Service in Higher Education: 18
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: B.S. in English Education, Mississippi State University, 1980, Graduate: M.A. in Linguistics/ESL, University of North Texas, 1988
Publications/Honors/Awards: Lowndes County Educator of the Year, 2008
Professional Affiliations: Mississippi Association of Developmental Education (MADE), National Association of Developmental Education (NADE), TYCAM, NCTE
Civic Activities: Member, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, member of Vestry, Secretary of St. Paul's Episcopal School Board
Spouse: David S. Thompson, Daughter: Kelsey
Hometown: Columbus, MS
OLUBUSOLA HALL

**Class Standing:** Sophomore  
**Major/Minor Field of Study:** Nursing  
**GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date:** 3.79 GPA, Dean's Scholar throughout my duration at Hinds Community College, AmeriCorp Scholarship for completion of 300 community service hours for 2011  
**College Honors Held:** Honors Institute Leadership Award, Leadership and Organization Skills Award, Servant Scholar Award, Who's Who  
**Career Goals:** I want to eventually obtain a PhD in Nursing. My ultimate career goal is to open a clinic in my hometown of Lagos, Nigeria.  
**High School:** Wingfield High School, Jackson, MS  
**Spouse:** Dewayne Hall; Parents: Titilayo Osinowo and Johnson Osinowo  
**Home Town:** Lagos, Nigeria

BEVERLY DERDEN FATHERREE

**Title/Department:** Instructor, English Department  
**Years of Service at this Institution:** 32  
**Years of Service in Higher Education:** 32  
**Academic Credentials:** Undergraduate: A.A. English; Hinds Community College; 1971, B.A. English, Millsaps College, 1973, Graduate: M.A. English, Northeast Louisiana University, 1975. Further course work at USM, MC, and Univ. of the South  
**Publications/Honors/Awards:** Distinguished Instructor, Outstanding Instructor, Life Star Instructor (all at Hinds), Cowan Award for Excellence in Teaching (TYCA-SE); Ovid Vickers Award for Excellence in Teaching (TYCAM)  
**Professional Affiliations:** TYCA-SE Rep. to National TYCA; secretary of Delta Kappa Gamma; member of Regional Executive Committee of TYCA; member of NCTE; member of CCCC  
**Civic Activities:** Docent/volunteer at the Eudora Welty House; yearly speaker at AAUW book club; member of Speakers' Bureau of MS-Humanities Council  
**Spouse:** Dr. Ben H. Fatherree; **Daughters:** Heather Farris Bennett; Catherine Farris Peterson; **Grandchildren:** Caroline, Anna Catherine and Henry Russell  
**Hometown:** Clinton, MS
STEVEN CODY THOMAS

CLASS STANDING: Sophomore  
MAJOR/MINOR FIELD OF STUDY: Pre-Med  
GPA AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS TO DATE: 3.83 GPA, Star Student & Valedictorian, Central Holmes Christian School, Holmes CC Dean's List, Holmes Plus Academic Scholar,  
COLLEGE HONORS HELD: President/Student Government Assn., Ambassador, Executive Officer Phi Theta Kappa, HCC Goodman Campus Chapter, HCC Freshman Favorite, X-Cal Scholar, Student Leadership Institute, Homecoming Court 2011,  
CAREER GOALS: Medical Doctor in Diagnostic Radiology  
HIGH SCHOOL: Central Holmes Christian School, Lexington, MS  
PARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thomas  
HOME TOWN: Lexington, MS

GWEN WHITE GRAHAM

TITLE/DEPARTMENT: Instructor, English, Holmes Community College  
YEARS OF SERVICE AT THIS INSTITUTION: 15  
YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION: 22  
ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS: Undergraduate: B.A., English, Delta State University, 1983, Graduate: M.A., English, Mississippi State University, 1985  
PUBLICATIONS/HONORS/AWARDS: Woman of Distinction, Junior Auxiliary of Grenada, Mississippi Horizon Award, Phi Theta Kappa Honorary Member, Phi Theta Kappa  
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS: Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association President, St. Martin's Guide, Editorial Advisory Board Two-Year College English Association of Mississippi, Mississippi Association of Developmental Educators, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
CIVIC ACTIVITIES: Grenada Arts Partnership, Friendship Baptist Church Women's Ministry Director, New Century Book Club Program Chairman, Corresponding Secretary National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc., Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Recording Secretary, Education Chairman Junior Auxiliary of Grenada, Mississippi, Life Member, past President  
SPOUSE: Charles (Chip) Graham, CHILDREN: Whitney and Scott  
HOMETOWN: Grenada, MS
CHRISTY AUDRIANA SUDDUTH

CLASS STANDING: Sophomore

MAJOR/MINOR FIELD OF STUDY: Pre-Nursing/Spiritual Counseling

GPA AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS TO DATE: 3.93 GPA, 2011 Dowell Leadership Scholar; 2010-2011 English Departmental Award for Outstanding English Student; 2010-2012 Writing Tutor; 2011-2012 Phi Theta Kappa President

COLLEGE HONORS HELD: 2011-2012 HEADWAE Recipient for ICC; 2010-2011 English Departmental Award for Outstanding English Student; 2010-2012 Dowell Leadership Scholar

CAREER GOALS: In May 2012, I plan to graduate from Itawamba Community College with an Associate of Applied Science degree. After graduating from ICC, I am going to enroll at Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, MS. While attending MUW, I plan on obtaining a BSN or Ph.D degree in nursing with a Bachelor's degree in Spiritual Counseling. When I graduate from MUW, I want to earn my ministry license as I continue to walk into my calling as an Evangelist.

HIGH SCHOOL: Eupora High School

PARENTS: Mrs. Dorothy Starks and John Sudduth

HOME TOWN: Eupora, MS

CURTIS DEAN BURCHFIELD

TITLE/DEPARTMENT: Chair Social Science Division

YEARS OF SERVICE AT THIS INSTITUTION: 15

YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION: 15

ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS: Undergraduate: Bachelor of Science Social Studies Education, Mississippi State University, 1982; Graduate: Master of Education Social Studies Ed., University of Mississippi, 1989; Educational Specialists Social Studies, Delta State University, 2007


SPOUSE: Rita R. Burchfield, SONS: Justin White and John

HOMETOWN: Pontotoc Co. MS
DEREKA LATRESE CARROLL

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Meteorology / Mathematics

College Honors Held: Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society (Apr 2011- Present), Alpha Chi Honor Society (Apr 2011- Present), Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society (Apr 2008- Present), W.E.B. DuBois Honors College (Apr 2008-Present), Dean's List, President’s List, Student Leader of Service for Reformed University Fellowship Campus Ministry

Career Goals: A Science Operations Officer, Weather Coordinating Manager, or be a part of a new position, like Sociological Meteorologist.

High School: Booker T. Washington High School
Parents: Tonja Anderson
Home Town: Dallas, TX

MD. ALAMGIR HOSSAIN

Title/Department: Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Jackson State University
Years of Service at this Institution: 5
Years of Service in Higher Education: 7
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: B.S. Chemistry, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh 1988; Graduate: M.S. Chemistry, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, 1991; Ph.D. Chemistry, Hokkaido University, Japan, 1996; Post-Doc Fellow, The University of Kansas, 2005


Professional Affiliations: Chair (2011-2012), Division of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Mississippi Academy of Sciences; Vice Chair (2010-2011), Division of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Mississippi Academy of Sciences, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh (1998 -2000).

Civic Activities: Established an outreach program “Chemistry in Nature” for K-12; Summer research program for high school students and high school teachers; Active member of Mississippi Bangla Academy.
Spouse: Salma Begum, Sons: Azmain, Saadman and Rohan
Hometown: Faridpur, Bangladesh
Daniel Oliver Edward Anderson

Class Standing: Sophomore  
Major/Minor Field of Study: Chemical Engineering  
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.938 GPA, Dean's List, President’s List, Letter J Award, Honors Scholar  
College Honors Held: Who's Who, Hall of Fame, ACT Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Officer  
Career Goals: Research and development of pharmaceuticals  
High School: Central High School, New Augusta, MS  
Parents: Benny Anderson and Nelda Anderson  
Home Town: Beaumont, MS

Rhonda Robertson

Title/Department: Instructor, Chemistry Department, Jones County Junior College  
Years of Service at this Institution: 20  
Years of Service in Higher Education: 20  
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: Bachelor of Science, Science Education, University of Southern Mississippi, 1986; Graduate: Master of Science, Science Education, University of Southern Mississippi, 1993; Additional Graduate work at Mississippi State University, University of Alabama at Birmingham, and University of Southern Mississippi  
Professional Affiliations: Research Experience for Teachers (Polymer Science), American Chemical Society, Mississippi Science Teachers Association, Two-Year College Chemistry Consortium, Mississippi Academy of Sciences  
Civic Activities: South Jones High School Show Choir Parent Boosters, Past President South Jones High School Soccer Boosters, Treasurer South Jones High School Show Choir Invitational, Treasurer  
Spouse: Ronnie Robertson, Children: Kaci, Mason, Will Robertson  
Hometown: Ellisville, MS
BRIAN DONOHUE

**Class Standing:** Sophomore  
**Major/Minor Field of Study:** Business  
**GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date:** 4.0 GPA, Phi Theta Kappa; President’s List Fall 2010 and Spring 2011; Big 12 Honor Roll Fall 2009 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Dean’s List in the College of Engineering at the University of Nebraska, Fall 2009; Dean’s List in the College of Business at the University of Nebraska, Spring 2010  
**College Honors Held:** NAS Meridian Student of the Year; Member of the Meridian CC Varsity Baseball Team; Former member of the University of Nebraska Baseball Team  
**Career Goals:** After receiving a double major in finance and biochemistry, I plan to attend medical school in hopes of becoming a surgeon.  
**High School:** Papillion-LaVista South High School, Papillion, NE  
**Parents:** Edward and Tammie Donohoe  
**Home Town:** St. Inigoes, MD  

STUART WAYNE BROWN

**Title/Department:** Program Coordinator, Drafting and Design Technology, Meridian Community College  
**Years of Service at This Institution:** 13  
**Years of Service in Higher Education:** 13  
**Academic Credentials:** Undergraduate: AA, Pre Engineering, MCC, 1992 BS, Mechanical Eng, MSU, 1995, Graduate: M Ed, Educational Admin, UWA, 2003, 19 Grad Hours Physics, University of Virginia, 2009  
**Professional Affiliations:** SkillsUSA advisor, Division Chair, Industrial Technology Division, MCC, 2000-2006  
**Civic Activities:** Chairman, Board of Stewards, Wesley Independent Methodist Church  
**Spouse:** Stephanie, **Children:** Samuel and Sara Beth  
**Hometown:** Rose Hill, MS
Priya Patel
Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Biochemistry
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA, Tribette Award, Joseph B. Price General Chemistry Award & President’s Scholar
College Honors Held: Gates Millennium Scholar and Phi Eta Sigma Honorary
Career Goals: Pursue a career in the medical field
High School: Piper High, Sunrise, FL
Parents: Pradip and Bina Patel
Home Town: Sunrise, FL

Connie Maude Campbell
Title/Department: Professor of Mathematics, Millsaps College
Years of Service at This Institution: 19
Most recent award: Distinguished Teaching Award, Louisiana/Mississippi Section of the Mathematical Association of America, 2011;
Most recent grant: National Science Foundation Course, Curriculum, and Laboratory Improvement (Phase 2) Grant, Research Based Videos for Developing Mathematical Thinking Skills in Proof Writing and Problem Solving, 2010 - 2014
Professional Affiliations: Mathematical Association of America, American Mathematical Society
Civic Activities: Therapy Dog International, Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Society, United Methodist Church, Reconciling Ministries Network, Habitat for Humanity, Good Samaritan Center, National Alliance on Mental Illness
Hometown: DeFuniak Springs, FL
TAYLOR PATTERN STRINGER
Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Business Administration
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 2.8 GPA, Member of Alpha Lambda Delta; Member of Mortar Board, Study Abroad Program at Sookmyung Women’s University in Seoul, South Korea
College Honors Held: Elected “Mr MC” by the student body; Student Government Association President
Career Goals: I plan to pursue a Master of Business Administration from Mississippi College after completion of undergrad program in May 2012.
High School: Parklane Academy, McComb, MS
Parents: Carla and Tony Stringer
Home Town: Tylertown, MS

JAMES D. EVERETT
Title/Department: Associate Professor of English, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
Years of Service at this Institution: 16
Years of Service in Higher Education: 23
Publications/Honors/Awards: 2005 Arts and Sciences Distinguished Lecturer at Mississippi College
Professional Affiliations: Language Association, Popular Culture Association
Civic Activities: Lt. Col. United States Air Force Retired Reserve
Spouse: Bonnie, Daughters: Elaine and Claire
Hometown: Valparaiso, FL
MISSISSIPPI DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MOORHEAD, MS
PRESIDENT: LARRY G. BAILEY

MELISSA LEIGH MANOR
CLASS STANDING: Sophomore
MAJOR/MINOR FIELD OF STUDY: Undecided
GPA AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS TO DATE: 3.936 GPA, Dean's List, A&P 1 Award, English Comp 1 Award
COLLEGE HONORS HELD: Phi Theta Kappa President of the Zeta Zeta Chapter at Mississippi Delta Community College, HEADWAE Award, All-USA Community College Academic Team
CAREER GOALS: Graduate from Mississippi Delta Community College with an Associate of Arts Degree and continue my education at a university.
HIGH SCHOOL: Deer Creek School, Arcola, Mississippi
PARENTS: Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Manor, Jr.
HOME TOWN: Hollandale, MS

DEBRA BECKHAM GANTZ
TITLE/DEPARTMENT: Science Instructor I
YEARS OF SERVICE AT THIS INSTITUTION: 15
YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION: 15
ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS: Undergraduate: B.S. in Biology, Delta State University, Graduate: M.S.N. Delta State University
PUBLICATIONS/HONORS/AWARDS: Lamplighter Award; Phi Theta Kappa Horizon Award; 2005 NISOD Excellence Award
CIVIC ACTIVITIES: Co-chairman of Sunflower County Relay for Life; Chairman of Sunflower County Relay for Life; Musician for Inverness First United Methodist church
CHILDREN: Julia Gantz, Katherine Pannel, Henry Gantz
HOMETOWN: Inverness, MS
Rachel Leigh Payne

Class Standing: Sophomore  
Major/Minor Field of Study: Pre-Medical  
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.72 GPA, Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar; Mark Napolitano Essay Award Winner; Follett Higher Education Group Book Award Winner  
College Honors Held: Recipient of an International Business Study Abroad Grant; Honors Book Award for Outstanding Freshman; President of Alpha Beta Gamma Honors Society; Vice-President of Fellowship for Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society; Honors Scholarship  
Career Goals: Transplant Nephrology with a Sub-Specialty in Regenerative Medicine  
High School: Choctawhatchee High School, Ft. Walton Beach, FL  
Spouse: James Payne, Jr., Son: Isaac  
Home Town: Vancleave, MS

Sandra Leigh Peterson

Title/Department: Math Lab Instructor, Learning Lab, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College  
Years of Service at this Institution: 13  
Years of Service in Higher Education: 15  
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: B.S. Mathematics, Mississippi State University, 1993, Graduate: M.S. Mathematics, Mississippi State University, 1995  
Publications/Honors/Awards: Master Trainer for Employee Development, MGCCC-Jefferson Davis Campus (August 2011); Employee of the Month for MGCCC-Jefferson Davis Campus (February 2011); Learning Challenge Grant Recipient, 2008-2009  
Professional Affiliations: MGCCC-JD Campus Employee Development Coordinator (2010-present); MGCCC-JD Campus QEP Committee Member (2007-present) and Coordinator (2009-present), CCSSE Chairperson (2008, 2010), MGCCC Leadership Program (2007-2008), Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) member and Award Chairperson for Teacher of the Year, Trust Fund Grant, and Graduate Scholarship (2008-present), Conference Committee (2010), and Exhibitor Coordinator for Annual Conference (2010)  
Spouse: Michael C. Peterson, Children: Kyle and Jake Simon  
Hometown: Ocean Springs, MS
Rhett Hobart

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Communication
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.09 GPA, Order of Omega Honor Society

College Honors Held: Mr. MSU (2011), Student Association President (2011-12), Greek Hall of Fame (2011), Chair: IHL Student Body President's Council (2011-12), Student Association Vice-President (2010-11), Greek Model Member of the Year (2009), Student Association Executive Assistant (2009-2010)

Career Goals: Upon graduation from Mississippi State University, I would like to enroll in graduate school at MSU to pursue a Masters degree in Sports Administration. It is my goal to work in Athletic Administration in the Southeastern Conference.

High School: Washington School, Greenville, MS
Parents: Ken and Sheree Hobart and John and Cindy Brodowski
Home Town: Greenville, MS

Meghan Jo Millea

Title/Department: Professor of Economics, Department of Finance and Economics, College of Business

Years of service at this institution: 14

Years of Service in Higher Education: 14

Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: BA in Economics, Western Kentucky University, 1992 Academic Credentials - Graduate: Ph.D. in Economics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1998


Professional Affiliations: 1) Faculty Senate President 2) National Association of Economic Educators Research Committee 3) Teacher Advisory Board Federal Reserve Bank-Memphis Branch 4) African American Studies, Executive Advisory Board, MSU 5) MSU National Alumni Association Board member.

Civic Activities: 1) Organized book drive that collected over 1,000 books sent to schools in rural South Africa. 2) Advisory for Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) which is an organization that mobilizes university students to empower people in need and make a difference in their community. 3) US collaborator with the South African Foundation for Economic and Financial Education (SAFEFE) which is a network of economic educators developing the capacity and quality of economic education in elementary through high school levels across South Africa. 4) Organizer of several cultural diversity programs in the Oktibbeha County Schools that brought MSU International students to the classrooms to talk about their home countries, economies, culture, and food. Omega Chapter - Member Parent Teacher Association

Hometown: Bowling Green, KY
Menuka Ban

Class Standing: Junior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Mathematics and Political Science
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.95 GPA, President's List- Fall 2009/2010, Spring 2010, Summer 2011; Dean's List- Spring 2011; Leila M. Shell Scholarship, (Department of Mathematics and Sciences); David T. Evans Scholars (Department of Political Science); Regional & Women Award (Mississippi University for Women)
College Honors Held: The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi; Kappa Mu Epsilon (KME) Mathematics Honor Society; Lantern Honor Society, Sophomore year.
Career Goals: Work in statistical and data-analysis field for international organizations.
High School: Birendra Sainik Awasiya Mahavidyalaya, Sallaghari, Bhaktapur, Nepal
Parents: Rajkumar Ban and Satidevi Ban
Home Town: Bhaktapur, Nepal

Todd Bunnell

Title/Department: Instructor of English, Director of the TESL Certification Program, Coordinator of Composition, Writing Center Director, Languages, Literature, & Philosophy, Mississippi University for Women
Years of service at this institution: 9
Years of Service in Higher Education: 15
Publications/Honors/Awards: 2011 MUW Faculty Member of the Year, 2010 Mississippi Humanities Council Teacher of the Year, 2011 Tennessee Williams Scholar Publication pending: Ginsberg and the Opossum: Finding Happiness in Unusual Places in 28 Days in the Deep South
Professional Affiliations: International Writing Centers Association (IWCA) Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
Civic Activities: Mississippi Governor's School
Spouse: Gloria Bunnell
Hometown: Urbana, OH
Marvin Louis Elder, II

Class Standing: Junior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Mathematics/Health, Physical Education, and Recreation
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.28 GPA, National Leadership Merit Award, Honor Scholar, National Science Foundation Odyssey II Scholar
College Honors Held: The Effects of a Math Sprint Tutorial Model on Mathematics Achievement of Sixth Graders at Elizabeth City Middle School in Elizabeth City, North Carolina; Undergraduate Research Experience in Ocean, Marine, and Polar Science, 2011; Elizabeth City State University. The Results of Data Collected from Surveys to Predict the Effectiveness of Undergraduate Research Experience in Ocean, Marine, and Polar Science Program, (2009); and Virtual Conferences (2010); Undergraduate Research in Ocean, Marine, and Polar Science, 2010; Elizabeth City State University Student Government Association President, 2011-2012, MVSU Valley Singers President, 2010-2011; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Zeta Phi Chapter Recording Secretary 2010- current
Career Goals: To be employed by an institution of higher learning and teach the skills of computer applications
High School: Gentry High School, Indianola, MS
Parents: Barnett and Marvin Elder, Sr.
Home Town: Indianola, MS

Lee Andrew Redmond
Title/Department: Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences
Years of Service at this Institution: 25
Years of Service in Higher Education: 25
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: Bachelor of Science, Mathematics, Mississippi Valley State University, 1984. Graduate: Masters of Science, Mathematics, Arkansas State University, 1986
Publications/Honors/Awards: “Mathematica as a Supplement for Teaching Beginning Calculus at Mississippi Valley State University”, Volume 53, Number 1; Enhancing the Quality of STEM Education and Retention at MVSU through Mentoring and Student Professional Development; NSF Grant 2009-2014; Improving Research and Technology Experiences of STEM Undergraduates; NSF Grant 2004-2009 Grantwriting-Team of the Year Award at MVSU; Who’s Who Among MCIS Faculty at MVSU; Best Math Teacher Award 2011
Professional Affiliations: Mathematical Association of America, Mississippi Academy of Sciences, Mississippi Collegiate Mathematical Association, Alpha Kappa Mu Honors Society, Alliance for Graduate Education in Mississippi
Civic Activities: Advisory Committee member, Leflore County School District 21st Century Community Learning Centers. Co chair, Martin Luther King, Jr Committee, Isola, MS
Spouse: Doshia Redmond, Daughter: Jasmine Redmond
Hometown: Isola, MS
Matthew Brian Sandlin

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Industrial Maintenance/Electrical Technology
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA, Phi Theta Kappa
College Honors Held: Deans List, President's List, Who's Who Among American College Students
Career Goals: To further my education and obtain a Bachelors Degree. I would like to teach and possibly own my own business.
High School: Baldwyn High School, Baldwyn, MS
Parents: Diane Sandlin
Home Town: Baldwyn, MS

Molly DeVaughn Goodson

Title/Department: English Instructor
Years of Service at this Institution: 12
Years of Service in Higher Education: 12
Spouse: Cole Goodson; Daughters: Claire and Hallie
Hometown: Baldwyn, Mississippi
Benjamin Joseph Lambert

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Pre-Med
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA, High School Valedictorian, Mississippi Council on Economic Education Investwrite Essay Winner, Mississippi Eminent Scholar
College Honors Held: Phi Theta Kappa member, President's List, nominee for Hall of Fame and Who's Who
Career Goals: I plan to further my education at Delta State University and receive a biology degree with a minor in chemistry. After attending DSU, I hope to attend the University of Mississippi Medical Center to become a family physician.
High School: Magnolia Heights School, Senatobia, MS
Parents: Phillip and Anne Lambert
Home Town: Pleasant Grove, MS

Robert Cox

Title/Department: Instructor/Criminal Justice/Social Science Dept.
Years of service at this institution: 39
Years of Service in Higher Education: 39
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: Bachelor of Public Administration/Criminal Justice/University of Mississippi, Master of Criminal Justice/University of Mississippi
Publications/Honors/Awards: Sandy Grisham Excellence in Teaching Award (2007), Outstanding Criminal Justice Adjunct Professor Award (2005), The University of Mississippi/Legal Studies Dept. Lamplighter Conference participant (1992)
Professional Affiliations: Southern Association of Criminal Justice Educators Advisory Board; Department of Legal Studies, The University of Mississippi
Civic Activities: Past Lt. Governor Civitan Club; Past President Senatobia Civitan Club.
Spouse: Lisa, Children: Andy and Brittany
Hometown: Senatobia, MS
Debra Huye Thompson

Class Standing: Sophomore

Major/Minor Field of Study: General Studies/Dental Hygiene

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.9 GPA, Dean’s List

College Honors Held: Phi Theta Kappa; member; Phi Theta Kappa Chapter President; All USA Academic Team nominee; All Mississippi Academic Team Honors Leadership Forum

Career Goals: Graduate from Pearl River Community College Dental Hygiene Program and to continue on toward a Masters in Biology.

High School: Salmen High School, Slidell, LA

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. John A Huye, II

Home Town: Slidell, LA

Laura Garren Berry

Title/Department: Instructor, Fine Arts & Communication, PRCC

Years of Service at this Institution: 11

Years of Service in Higher Education: 21


Publications/Honors/Awards: Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers, 2007; Pearl River Community College Lamplighter Recipient, 2000; Recipient of Meridian Community College’s Highest Flying Eagle

Professional Affiliations: Pearl River Community College Faculty Association, Mississippi Communication Association (Past President and Executive Secretary)

Civic Activities: Member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

Spouse: Scott Berry, Children: Garren and Kathryn Grace

Hometown: Pearl, MS
SHELLEY FRANCES FRANKLIN

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Marriage and Family Therapy and Counseling
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.87 GPA, graduated Summa Cum Laude from undergraduate institution, member of Alpha Lambda Delta National Freshman Honor Society, member of Alpha Chi National Honor Society
College Honors Held: President's list for eight consecutive semesters, member of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities
Career Goals: To promote growth and healing through effective therapy and counseling of individuals, couples and families in a private practice.
High School: Brookhaven Academy, Brookhaven, Mississippi
Parents: Patricia Foster and James Foster
Home Town: Brookhaven, MS

BRUCE PORTER BAUGUS

Title/Department: Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Theology, Reformed Theological Seminary
Years of Service at This Institution: 4
Years of Service in Higher Education: 4 Full 5 Adjunct
Professional Affiliations: Ordained, 1998; Serve as Ruling Elder, Trinity PCA, Jackson, MS, Serve on Candidates and Credentials Committee of Mississippi Valley Presbytery
Spouse: Tricia A. Baugus, Sons: Nathanael and Bryant
Hometown: Denton, MD
Rust College

Hope Terrella Green

Class Standing: Junior
Major/Minor Field of Study: English
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.04 GPA
College Honors Held: NASA/MS Space Grant Consortium Scholarship, 2011 Vicksburg Medical Hospital Foundation Scholarship, 2011 President's Scholar, 2011 ASU Full Academic Scholarship Dean's List 2010
Career Goals: To be a teacher and obtain a Ph.D.
High School: Grayson High School, Loganville, GA
Parents: Roda Gayden
Home Town: Shellville, GA

Eve Sarthou

Title/Department: Assistant Professor of English and English Department Coordinator
Years of Service at This Institution: 7.5
Years of Service in Higher Education: 12
Professional Affiliations: AAUW College Language Association, Sigma Tau Delta, Southern Conference on African American Studies, Inc.
Civic Activities: Daughters of the King, St. Peter's Episcopal Church Volunteer for Angel Food
Sons: Nicholas Josiah Vance Moorhead, Gabriel Andrew Laurence Moorhead, Gideon Charles Sylvester Moorhead
Hometown: Oxford, MS
Candace Michelle Hillman

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: General Education
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.67 GPA, Deans List Spring 2011
Career Goals: Registered Nurse
High School: A-Beka (Home Schooling) Pensacola, Florida
Parents: Greg and Judy Hillman
Home Town: Leakesville, MS

Gregory Matthew Hillman

Title/Department: Dean of Students
Years of Service at this Institution: 2
Years of Service in Higher Education: 5
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: Southeastern Baptist College, Bachelor of Science in Church Ministries, 2005, Graduate: Master of Arts in Religion, (MAR) Liberty University, 2009
Spouse: Judy, Children: Matthew and Candace
Hometown: Leakesville, MS
Rachel Morgan Cox

**Class Standing:** Sophomore  
**Major/Minor Field of Study:** Pre-Physical Therapy  
**GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date:** 4.0 GPA, President’s List, Phi Theta Kappa member, Tri Beta member, General Chemistry Award for Excellence, (High School): Mississippi Scholar Salutatorian STAR Student  
**College Honors Held:** Hall of Fame, Baptist Student Union President, Student Government Association Vice President, Sophomore Maid, Homecoming Court, Bear Tracker Women’s Soccer Team Captain, 2 years  
**Career Goals:** To get a bachelor’s from Mississippi State University and go to physical therapy school at University Medical Center in Jackson, MS  
**High School:** Franklin County High School, Meadville, MS  
**Parents:** David and Dale Cox  
**Home Town:** Meadville, MS

Pete Ferguson

**Title/Department:** Chemistry Instructor  
**Years of Service at This Institution:** 9  
**Years of Service in Higher Education:** 11  
**Academic Credentials:** Undergraduate: Bachelor of Science, Chemistry, University of Southern Mississippi, 1992, Graduate: Master of Science, Science Education with Chemistry and Polymer Science Emphasis, University of Southern Mississippi, 1997.  
**Professional Affiliations:** Member of Mississippi Professional Educators  
**Civic Activities:** I have served as a Sunday school teacher and presently serve as a member of the Board of Trustees at Tylertown United Methodist Church.  
**Spouse:** Mandy Ferguson  
**Hometown:** McComb, MS
SHARDALE LASHON MCAFEE

CLASS STANDING: Senior
MAJOR/MINOR FIELD OF STUDY: Music and Chemistry
GPA AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS TO DATE: 3.89 GPA, Presidential Scholar; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities; Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society
COLLEGE HONORS HELD: Concert Choir and Music Scholarship; Jackson Heart Study Research Scholar; Summer Research study University of Ms Medical Center in pathology and biochemistry
CAREER GOALS: To become a physician
HIGH SCHOOL: Murrah High School, Jackson, MS
PARENTS: Mrs. Vivian MCAFEE Mr. Shelton MCAFEE, Sr.
HOME TOWN: Jackson, MS

JESSIE LEE PRIMER, III

TITLE/DEPARTMENT: Chair, Department of Visual and Performing Arts
YEARS OF SERVICE AT THIS INSTITUTION: 8
YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION: 11
ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS: Undergraduate: Bachelor of Music (BM), Alcorn State University, Lorman, MS 2003, Graduate: Master of Music Education (M.M.Ed.) Jackson State University, Jackson, MS; Instrumental Music (Saxophone) 2004; Currently enrolled in Ph.D. program in Music Education at the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss), Oxford, Mississippi, Graduation expected 2012
PUBLICATIONS/HONORS/AWARDS: Humanities Teacher of the Year (MHC), Tougaloo College (2007); Certificate of Appreciation from the Department of Defense, United States Army; Jackson Music Award; Recognition from Madison County Chamber of Commerce and Resolution from the City Council of Jackson, MS
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS: Alpha Epsilon Lambda Honor Society for Professional Students; Phi Mu Alpha Music Fraternity; Anderson Masonic Lodge #9; Broadcast Music, Incorporated; Jazz Educators of Mississippi
CIVIC ACTIVITIES: Workshop Facilitator, Canton High School (Instrumental Band Techniques (2005); Entertainment Director of Yuric Records, Canton, MS; Work with the Governors Annual Music Awards Program; Mentoring program Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; Bandleader for Jessie Primer Jazz Quintet
SPouse: Mrs. Tracie Primer, Son: Jessie Lee Primer, IV
HOMETOWN: Canton, MS
Taylor Michael McGraw

**Class Standing:** Senior  
**Major/Minor Field of Study:** Public Policy Leadership / History  
**GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date:** 3.96 GPA, Phi Kappa Phi, Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College Scholar, Honors College Barksdale Award  
**College Honors Held:** Associated Student Body (ASB) President, ASB Senator of the Year, Presidential Debate Policy Proposal Contest Winner, Kappa Sigma Fraternity Treasurer  
**Career Goals:** After graduation, I want to teach for a few years and then start a career as a journalist and author.  
**High School:** Oxford High, Oxford, MS  
**Parents:** Jo Ann O'Quin and Ken McGraw  
**Home Town:** Oxford, MS

Ethel Young Minor

**Title/Department:** Associate Professor of English and African American Studies and Faculty Director of Luckyday Residential College  
**Years of Service at This Institution:** 15  
**Years of Service in Higher Education:** 20  
**Academic Credentials:** Undergraduate: BA English, University of Tennessee, Graduate: MA English, Bowling Green University (Ohio); PhD English, Bowling Green University (Ohio)  
**Publications/Honors/Awards:** 2003 College of Liberal Arts Teacher of the Year, 2011 University of Mississippi Teacher of the Year.  
**Professional Affiliations:** College Language Association, Modern Language Association  
**Civic Activities:** Pastor of First United M. B. Church of Batesville, MS; State of Mississippi Chaplain; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
**Spouse:** Rev. Julius Minor, **Children:** Jasmine and Janelle Minor  
**Hometown:** Memphis, TN
University of MS Medical Center

Jackson, MS
Vice Chancellor: James Keeton

MORGAN LEIGH COWAN

CLASS STANDING: Senior
MAJOR/MINOR FIELD OF STUDY: Medicine
GPA AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS TO DATE: 4.0 GPA, Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society, American Society for Clinical Pathology Award for Academic Excellence and Achievement, Medical Reunion Scholarship Recipient, Medical Alumni Scholarship Recipient, David S. Pancratz Scholarship Recipient, James T. Baird Memorial Scholarship Recipient
COLLEGE HONORS HELD: BA with Distinction Echols Scholar Dean's List
CAREER GOALS: I plan to pursue academic medicine in the field of pathology.
HIGH SCHOOL: St. Andrew's Episcopal School, Ridgeland, MS
HUSBAND: Travis Sluka, MOTHER: Harriette Hampton
HOME TOWN: Ridgeland, MS

JUDITH GORE GEARHART

TITLE/DEPARTMENT: Professor, Department of Family Medicine; Director, Clinical Skills Assessment Center (Standardized Patient Program within School of Medicine, Academic Affairs)
YEARS OF SERVICE AT THIS INSTITUTION: 31
YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION: 27
ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS: Undergraduate: B.S. Ed, Mississippi College, 1975, Graduate: M.D., University of Mississippi School of Medicine, 1980, Residency in Family Medicine, University of Mississippi, 1980-1983
PUBLICATIONS/HONORS/AWARDS: Named as one of Best Doctors in America, annual recipient, 1996 - 2012; American Academy of Family Physicians' Exemplary Teaching Award for part-time faculty, 1998; Carl G. Evers Society Award for Teaching Excellence in Clinical Sciences, 1997; First Woman President, Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians, 1996; Patient Education Award, UMC, 1995
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS: American Academy of Family Physicians; Past President, Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians; Diplomate, American Board of Family Medicine; Society of Teachers of Family Medicine; Association of Standardized Patient Educators
CIVIC ACTIVITIES: Volunteer, pre-participation physical exams in Clinton schools; Member, Youth Sunday School Teacher & Choir Member, Northside Baptist Church; Member, East Clinton Historic District; Founding Member, Olde Town Clinton Historic Preservation Association
SPouse: Greg Gearhart, Sons: Allen and Samuel
HOMETOWN: Clinton, MS
REBECCA ANNE MASTERS

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Nutrition and Dietetics
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.86 GPA, Honors College; Luckday Citizenship Scholar; Dean's List; Lambda Sigma Honor Society
College Honors Held: Southern Style 2010, Golden Eagle Welcome Week 2011 Director; Attorney General of Student Government Association; Lady Eagle Soccer Player, 2008-2009; Southern Miss Most Outstanding Freshman Female, 2009
Career Goals: I plan on completing my bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Nutrition and Dietetics and working as a Registered Dietitian in Mississippi.
High School: Presbyterian Christian School, Hattiesburg, MS
Parents: Eddie and Kathy Masters
Home Town: Ellisville, MS

ANDREW ALLEN WIEST

Title/Department: Charles W. Moorman Distinguished Professor in the Humanities, Professor of History, History Department, College of Arts and Letters, University of Southern Mississippi
Years of Service at this Institution: 23
Years of Service in Higher Education: 23
Professional Affiliations: Society for Military History, British Commission for Military History
Civic Activities: Columnist for the Hattiesburg American, Chief Historical Consultant for Vietnam in HD for the History Channel, Member Sacred Heart School Dads’ Club, Member, Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Hometown: Hattiesburg, MS
Julianne Burnett

**Class Standing:** Select  
**Major/Minor Field of Study:** Theology  
**GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date:** 3.91 GPA  
**College Honors Held:** NASA/MS Space Grant Consortium Scholarship, 2011  
Vicksburg Medical Hospital Foundation Scholarship, 2011 President's Scholar, 2011  
ASU Full Academic Scholarship Dean's List 2010  
**Career Goals:** Professor of Hebrew Bible  
**High School:** South Bromsgrove High School - Bromsgrove,  
England  
**Spouse:** Juan Gonzalez Garcia  
**Home Town:** Bromsgrove, England

Sandra Richter

**Title/Department:** Professor of Old Testament  
**Years of service at this institution:** 2.5  
**Years of Service in Higher Education:** 14  
**Academic Credentials:** Undergraduate: BS in Bible, Valley Forge Christian College, 1983, Graduate: MA in Theology, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, 1991 PhD in Hebrew Bible, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations Dept, Harvard University, 2001  
**Professional Affiliations:** Society of Biblical Literature Institute of Biblical Research American Society of Oriental Research  
**Civic Activities:** I am a mom and therefore significantly involved in the Madison schools; I am a member of Bellwether United Methodist Church; I speak and teach regularly throughout the country on topics related to lay education and the Bible  
**Spouse:** Steven Tsoukalas, **Daughters:** Noel and Elise  
**Hometown:** Potomac, MD
AMANDA C. MONK

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Mathematics/Computer Information

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA, Who’s Who Among American Universities and Colleges 2011, Member of Kappa Mu Epsilon, Member of Phi Theta Kappa, Member of Alpha Chi

College Honors Held: Presidential Excellence Scholarship

Career Goals: My career goal is to obtain a job with a government agency that utilizes my math and computer skills. Later I hope to further my education and possibly pursue a career in teaching.

High School: Stone High School, Wiggins, MS
Parents: Dawn Bryant and the late Mark Bryant, Daughter: Karla Monk
Home Town: Wiggins, MS

CHARLOTTE ALLEN MCSHEA

Title/Department: Professor of Mathematics, William Carey University and Chair, Department of Mathematics, William Carey University

Years of Service at This Institution: 24
Years of Service in Higher Education: 37

Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: Bachelor of Science, Mathematics, Mississippi College, 1963, Graduate: Master of Science, Mathematical Analysis, University of Southern Mississippi, 1966; Doctor of Philosophy, Mathematics & Higher Mathematics Education, University of Texas at Austin, 1974

Publications/Honors/Awards: College Mathematics MCTM Teacher of the Year (1993); Member and Sponsor, Kappa Mu Epsilon, Mathematics Honor Society; Member and Associate Sponsor, Alpha Chi, Scholastic Honor Society

Professional Affiliations: Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics (Senior College Vice President); Mississippi Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators (Officer-at-large); National Council of Teachers of Mathematics; Mississippi Collegiate Mathematics Association; National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics; Chairman of the Department of Mathematics, which recently received National Recognition from NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education) for its mathematics program

Civic Activities: I have held these positions in my church in recent years: Assistant Pianist, Assistant Organist, Chair of the Music Committee; provided test preparation for ACT and Praxis II and coached college students to provide this service; provided professional development sessions & activities for teachers; participated in numerous fund-raisers for organizations such as United Way, American Heart Assn., etc., and donated supplies and funds to various missions projects.

Spouse: Patrick J. McShea, Children: Martin, Lynn (Selman), Jim, Dan, Mike, Beth
Hometown: Columbia, MS
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