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Outstanding Faculty Honoree
Outstanding Student Honoree

Higher Education Appreciation Day
Working For Academic Excellence
February 2, 2016
Blake Wilson is President and CEO of the Mississippi Economic Council, a private sector organization with over 10,000 members from 1,100 different entities.

He came to MEC in 1998 from the Florida Chamber of Commerce where he served as Executive Vice President – and began his association career 35 years ago in Delaware with the State Chamber in his home state. He also spent 9 years as a newspaper reporter and editor.

Since joining MEC, the organization has focused on developing and implementing Blueprint Mississippi, a long range economic development strategy for the state with four pillars of progress – economic competitiveness, education and workforce, resources and infrastructure, and technology advancement.

He lives in Brandon with his wife, Ann, a retired public school teacher. They have three grown children.
Sean Suggs was named vice president of manufacturing at Toyota Mississippi in December 2015. In this role, Suggs is responsible for all areas of automotive manufacturing including body operations, paint and assembly and encompasses all areas of engineering, production and maintenance.

Prior to taking over as manufacturing vice president, Suggs served as the vice president of administration at Toyota’s Blue Springs plant that produces the Corolla, Toyota’s highest volume selling vehicle in the world.

Suggs’ automotive career began in 1998 at Toyota’s vehicle assembly plant in Princeton, Indiana where he was hired as a Team Leader. During his 10-year tenure, he served several roles and was named general manager of quality planning in 2008. In this leadership role, Suggs oversaw professional development, vehicle quality and manufacturing quality for current and new model production.

Prior to rejoining Toyota, Suggs most recently served as director of strategy, administration and human resources from 2011 to 2013 at Nissan’s North American headquarters in Franklin, Tennessee. During his five years with Nissan, he also directed production quality at the company’s manufacturing and assembly plant in Canton, Mississippi.

In addition to helping shape Toyota Mississippi’s future, Suggs is also building on the advancement of the Toyota Way in the community through personal service. He currently serves as a board member for the Center for Manufacturing Excellence at the University of Mississippi, the Toyota Wellsprings Endowment Committee, the Community Development Foundation and the Tree of Life Clinic. In the past, Suggs supported several state and regional nonprofit and economic development organizations in Tennessee and Mississippi.

Suggs earned his Masters of Business Administration degree from Auburn University in 2010 and a Bachelor of Science degree from Oakland City College in Oakland City, Indiana in 2000.

Sean and his wife, Janet, reside in Tupelo, Mississippi, which places him close to his six children and their families.
February 2, 2016

Dear Friends:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am pleased to welcome you to the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities 29th Annual Higher Education Appreciation Day—Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE). I commend the students and faculty being honored at this year’s event and look forward to your influence on our state’s future.

Recognizing the hard work and dedication of those working in higher-education in our state is both an honor and a necessity. Mississippi is working hard to support instructors and students at colleges and universities. I am especially proud of our strides in supporting students of education. They are tomorrow’s teachers and will be instrumental in leading Mississippi’s education system to ever higher heights.

The work of the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities creates a positive impact on our entire state, and I appreciate your dedication to promoting scholarship and lifelong excellence. Mississippi is a better place thanks to your leadership and vision.

I welcome you to Jackson and to your state Capitol. I wish the organizers, the students, faculty, and guests a very successful event.

Sincerely,

Phil Bryant
GOVERNOR
Dear HEADWAE Honorees:

As Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi, it is my honor to welcome you to the State Capitol today to acknowledge your many contributions to higher education. I want to thank each of the honorees, students and faculty members, for your outstanding commitment to academic achievement.

Our institutions of higher learning have invested in these bright young leaders, and today, I want to extend my congratulations for your success. I applaud your commitment to excellence and continued determination, which is truly making an impact on our state’s educational system, and therefore, improving our state’s workforce and overall economy. Your commitment to academic achievement, campus leadership, and community service has all contributed to the success that has brought you here today.

Thank you for your efforts in helping us propel Mississippi forward. Again, it is my pleasure to congratulate you on your significant accomplishments, and I wish you great success in all of your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Tate Reeves
Lieutenant Governor
Greetings,

On behalf of the City of Jackson, it is my absolute pleasure to welcome the 29th Annual Higher Education Appreciation Day and its visitors to our great city. The heartbeat of Jackson, Mississippi, is made evident through the dedication and diligence provided by its citizens, businesses, and organizations. As a city, we are extremely proud of the achievements and goals that are embodied and celebrated through this event, and we commend the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, the honorees, their families, and all guests who have come to partake in this wonderful day.

The City of Jackson is genuinely interested in making sure that all of its citizens have the best possible opportunities to succeed and to participate in culturally and morally relevant events. This event is an example of the excellence that is happening within our city and our state. As you honor talented students and faculty members from each of the state’s public and private institutions, we thank you for highlighting the achievements of those who walk in excellence. I applaud you for your determination to be a catalyst for progress and academic success.

Whether you have come from near or far, we encourage you to indulge in the cornucopia of restaurants, museums, parks, and historic landmarks that make this city the jewel it has become. If there is any way that we can continue to support your efforts, please feel free to let us know.

Again, welcome to the great City of Jackson. We graciously appreciate your service.

Regards,

Tony T. Yarber
Mayor, City of Jackson
Dear HEADWAE Honorees:

Welcome to the Higher Education Appreciation Day--Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) Luncheon as we celebrate its 29th Anniversary. It is my pleasure to congratulate all of the students and faculty members selected to represent their institutions for this important occasion.

Created through legislation introduced by Representative Cecil Simmons, this day is set aside to recognize outstanding faculty members and students from each college in the state, including public universities, public community college and private two-year and four-year institutions. The students and faculty chosen for this recognition excel in the classroom and have a tremendous impact on their campuses and communities through their leadership and service. Your commitment and dedication are evident in all you do.

I would like to thank HEADWAE Chair Blake Wilson for his ongoing support of education, from pre-kindergarten through universities. He recognizes the importance of building strong relationships between the business leaders and educators and understands the crucial role our institutions, faculty and students play in the future of our state. His leadership has served as a vital link between the worlds of business and education and both have been the beneficiaries.

I would also like to thank Mr. Sean Suggs, Vice President of Manufacturing for Toyota Motor Manufacturing Mississippi, Inc. for delivering the keynote address. He leads 2,000 Mississippian as they work to build the popular Toyota Corolla, recently passing the half-million mark and achieving this milestone faster than any other Toyota plant in the country. I know he will engage and inspire us with his remarks today.

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

Sincerely,

Glenn F. Boyce, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Higher Education
February 2, 2016

Dear HEADWAE Honoree:

Congratulations on receiving this prestigious honor! You are considered among the best and brightest in Mississippi's higher education system.

Student honorees have invested wisely in the future. Whatever career aspirations you have, you are positioning yourself to be successful.

Faculty honorees have invested much time and energy to prepare students for their futures. Your servant leadership and passion for teaching makes a difference in the lives of people.

I offer special recognition and appreciation to our event sponsors. Sponsor support demonstrates commitment to the future of our state. I am appreciative of the Mississippi Legislature for their role in making higher education a priority.

Finally, I hope that each honoree will make Mississippi your permanent home. Our state is blessed to have a creative and intelligent citizenry, and the future of our state depends on bright, energetic people like you.

Again, congratulations to each honoree and good luck in the future!

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Dr. Andrea Mayfield
MCCB Executive Director
February 2, 2016

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 recognize and express appreciation to all faculty, staff, and students who have excelled in their various academic pursuits.

Congratulations to the faculty and student honorees that are recognized this year. Each is to be commended 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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President and CEO
Mississippi Economic Council
Chair, HEADWAE

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATURE

The Higher Education Appreciation Day Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) program was established by the Mississippi Legislature 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.
### Headwae Honorees

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Nanette Patrice Boyd

Class Standing: Junior

Major/Minor Field of Study: Mathematics

GPA & Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.88 GPA; Deans List; President’s Scholar

College Honors Held: Society of Leadership and Success; Alpha Chi Sigma; McNair Scholar

Career Goals: After graduating from Alcorn State University, I plan to attend graduate school to attain a M.S. in Applied Mathematics. Upon completion of graduate school, I plan to work with the government or in the private sector.

High School: Vicksburg High School, Vicksburg, MS

Family Information: The late Dr. Nolan Boyd (Father) and Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd (Mother)

Hometown: Vicksburg, MS

Lixin Yu

Title/Department: Professor, Department of Mathematics & Computer Science

Years of service at this institution: 15 • Years of service in higher education: 19


Publications/Honors/Awards: KDD in Spatial Cartographic Information Retrieval, Library Trends; Geographic Information Systems in Library Reference Services; Development and Challenge; Reference Librarian; Assessing the Efficiency and Accuracy of Street Address Geocoding Strategies, Proceeding of GIS/LIS ’97 Annual Conference.

Professional Affiliations: Chairman, SIG Visualization, Image and Sound, American Society of Information Science; Chairman, Florida Chapter, American Civic Activities

Family Information: Spouse: May Yu; Son: Michael Yu

Hometown: Vicksburg, MS

Belhaven University

Jackson, MS • President: Roger Parrott

Missy Samsel

Class Standing: Senior

Major/Minor Field of Study: English

GPA & Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA

Career Goals: Teaching

High School: Jackson Academy

Family Information: Parents: Mark and Beth Samsel

Hometown: Clinton, MS

Don O’Neal Berryhill

Title/Department: Professor/Chair, Sports Medicine and Exercise Science

Years of service at this institution: 13 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 49

Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: BA, Physical Education Harding University, 1962. Graduate: MA, Physical Education Memphis State University, 1966; EdD, Exercise Science University of New Mexico, 1969; PhD, Kensington University Nutritional Biochemistry Human Anatomy Human Physiology


Professional Affiliations: American College of Sports Medicine, 1965 to present


Family Information: Spouse: Anne B. Berryhill; Children: Don O. Berryhill, Jr., Melanie B. Hulsey, and Elisa B. Barden

Hometown: Searcy, AR
Joshua Levi Cox  
**Class Standing:** Junior  
**Major/Minor Field of Study:** Biology Major with a Chemistry Minor  
**GPA & Academic Recognitions to Date:** 4.0 GPA; President's List, Dean's List  
**Career Goals:** My goal is to become a family physician. I plan to open a primary care clinic locally and serve the Lord by participating in mission work throughout the world.  
**High School:** PikeView High School, Princeton, West Virginia  
**Family Information:** Parents: Samuel and Bobbie Cox  
**Hometown:** Middleton, TN

Beverly Hemphill Moffitt  
**Title/Department:** Instructor of Education  
**Years of Service at this Institution:** 7  
**Years of Service in Higher Education:** 7  
**Academic Credentials:**  
- Undergraduate: BS, Psychology, Blue Mountain College, 1975.  
- Graduate: Teacher Certification Requirements, Blue Mountain College - the University of Mississippi, 1980; MAEd, Elementary Education, University of Mississippi, 1982;  
- Education Leadership Certification Requirements, Mississippi College, 1987  
**Publications/Honors/Awards:** Southern Sentinel, Tippah County Teacher of the Year, Delta Kappa Gamma (Alpha Psi Chapter); Red Rose Award Blue Mountain College, Alumna of the Year Tippah County Development Foundation; Outstanding Leadership Award The Mississippi Reading, Journal, Vol.9, No.1 - “The Joy of Reading”  
**Professional Affiliations:** Mississippi Reading Association, Executive Board, Treasurer Mississippi Early Childhood Association;  
- Past-President Delta Kappa Gamma (Alpha Psi Chapter); Vice President Kappa Delta Pi, Alpha Delta Psi, Counselor Blue Mountain Literacy Council, Treasurer  
**Civic Activities:** TARGET (Tippah and Ripley Growing Excellent Together), Board Member City of Ripley, Kidz World, Coordinator Tippah County Fair Association, School Day Coordinator  
**Family Information:** Spouse: Tom S. Moffitt; Son: Heath S. Moffitt  
**Hometown:** Ripley, MS

Tre’Voris Word  
**Class Standing:** Sophomore  
**Major/Minor Field of Study:** Pre-Medicine  
**GPA & Academic Recognitions to Date:** 4.0 GPA; Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member, Highest Average in Math and Science Club  
**College Honors Held:** Chief of Staff Student Government Association, Honors Program member, Math and Science Club Member  
**Career Goals:** There is no greater love than the love for your fellow man. I have a love for the entire human race, and this is why I plan to use the extensive knowledge and skills I gain as a physician of internal medicine to provide treatment to adolescents, adults, and the elderly.  
**High School:** Southaven High School, Southaven, MS  
**Family Information:** Parents: Aaron T. Gunn III and Adrian Denise Word  
**Hometown:** Friars Point, MS

Patrina Chena Thompson  
**Title/Department:** Instructor, Math and Science  
**Years of Service at this Institution:** 2  
**Years of Service in Higher Education:** 2  
**Academic Credentials:**  
- Graduate: MS, Physical Chemistry, Jackson State University, 2006; PhD, Physical Chemistry, Jackson State University  
**Professional Affiliations:** American Chemical Society Tri-Beta Honor Society, Beta Kappa Chi Honor Society Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
**Civic Activities:** Alcorn State University Alumni Association-Life Member, Volunteer for U.S. Salvation Army, Community Coordinator of Free ACT Workshops for High School Students, Community Coordinator of Free Tutoring for the MS Biology State Exam, Volunteer for Cure for Cancer Walks/Runs/Fundraisers  
**Hometown:** Bassfield, MS
**Lauren Faith Ward**

**Class Standing:** Sophomore  
**Major/Minor Field of Study:** Biology  
**GPA & Academic Recognitions to Date:** 3.38 GPA  
**College Honors Held:** Vice-Presidents List  
**Career Goals:** To become a nurse  
**High School:** Terry High School  
**Family Information:** Parents: Tanya Case and Robbie Ward  
**Hometown:** Byram, MS

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**Margaret S. Britt**

**Title/Department:** Teacher, Computer Science Department and Faculty Development Trainer  
**Years of Service at this Institution:** 19  
**Years of Service in Higher Education:** 19  
**Academic Credentials:** Undergraduate: BS, Business Education and English, University of West Alabama, 1972. Graduate: Masters, Business Technology, Mississippi College, 1982; EdS, Computer Technology, Mississippi State University, 2000  
**Publications/Honors/Awards:** Co-Lin Academic Instructor of the Year, Co-Lin Career Technical Instructor of the Year NISOD, Co-Lin High Performance Award, Ann Bradberry High Performance Award  
**Professional Affiliations:** Delta Kappa Gamma Teacher Society Cengage National Technology Power User  
**Family Information:** Spouse: Gene Britt; Sons, Kyle and Russ; Mother-in law of Natalie Warner Britt; Grandmother to Preston and Bentley  
**Hometown:** Brookhaven, MS

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**Mikel Debarcus Sykes**

**Class Standing:** Senior  
**Major/Minor Field of Study:** Social Science Education/History, Minor - music  
**GPA & Academic Recognitions to Date:** 3.19 GPA; Albert Nylander award Pi gamma mu; Social science honor society; Phi Alpha Theta - history honor society  
**College Honors Held:** Omicron Delta Kappa member two-term student body president; Former orientation leader; Selected for the Washington center internship program this past summer; Vice President of IHL student body presidents council; Delta State University Bobby Rowe Outstanding Leadership award  
**Career Goals:** Teacher, administration, public education advocacy, politics  
**High School:** Winona Secondary School, Winona, MS  
**Family Information:** Parents: Debra Sykes and Michael Sykes  
**Hometown:** Winona, MS

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**Ethan A. Schmidt - In Memoriam**

**Title/Department:** Assistant Professor of American History, Division of Social Sciences and History  
**Years of Service at this Institution:** 2.5  
**Years of Service in Higher Education:** 8.5  
**Academic Credentials:** Undergraduate: BA, History, Emporia State University; BA, Political Science, Emporia State University. Graduate: MA, Emporia State University, American History; PhD, The University of Kansas, Colonial America, Indigenous People, Atlantic History  
**Civic Activities:** Served as the Director of the First Year Seminar Program at Delta State. Organized Delta State University’s inaugural Native American Heritage Month celebration, 2014. Member, Delta State University Diversity Committee  
**Family Information:** Spouse: Elizabeth Schmidt; Children: Connor, Dylan, and Brianna  
**Hometown:** Cleveland, MS
Benjamin Derek Pace
Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Liberal Arts
GPA & Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; 8th grade Outstanding Student Award; Special Honor Roll 9th thru 12th grade; Special Distinction High School Graduate; Philadelphia Rotary Club Student of the Month; 12th grade English Award; 12th grade Social Studies Award
College Honors Held: President's List Scholar; Aaron R. Davis Memorial Scholarship; ACT Scholarship; President, Phi Theta Kappa-Theta Xi Chapter; Co-President, Warrior Corps; President, President's Council
Career Goals: My career goal is to attend the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Dentistry and become a dentist to provide oral healthcare to the people of Mississippi.
High School: Neshoba Central High School, Philadelphia, MS
Family Information: Parents: Derek and Patty Pace
Hometown: Philadelphia, MS

Jenna Henderson Wright
Title/Department: Mathematics Instructor
Years of Service at this Institution: 3 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 3
Publications/Honors/Awards: Horizon Award, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
Professional Affiliations: Phi Theta Kappa Advisor; Pi Mu Epsilon; Kappa Delta Pi
Civic Activities: Youth Sunday School Teacher; Choir Member
Family Information: Spouse: Eric Wright
Hometown: Banks, AL

Matthew David Addy
Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Computer Networking Technology
GPA & Academic Recognitions to Date: 2.78 GPA
Career Goals: Network Analyst
High School: Homeschooled, Starkville, MS
Hometown: College Station, TX

Andrew B. Sesser
Title/Department: IST Instructor
Years of Service at this Institution: 9 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 9
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: AAS, Applied Science, East Mississippi Community College, 2005
Publications/Honors/Awards: Lamplighter recipient, NTHS A+ Certified, Network+ Certified, Security + Certified
Professional Affiliations: EAITP sponsor
Family Information: Spouse: Amy Sesser; Children: Rain and Maisy
Hometown: Columbus, MS
Robert Harrison Hunter
Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Computer Engineering
GPA & Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; Elected as Phi Theta Kappa Officer; Vice President; Selected for International Study Honors program membership; Member of Honors Executive Student scholarship; nominated for Who’s Who among American community and junior colleges
College Honors Held: President’s Scholar Honors Scholarship; Leadership Scholarship; International Studies scholarship; ACT President’s scholarship
Career Goals: I hope to work as a computer engineer for the US Army Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg upon graduating. I am also interested in Cybersecurity and would like to use my engineering skills to improve software security.
High School: Homeschool, Hermanville, MS
Family Information: Parents: Bobby Hunter and Lindy Hunter
Hometown: Port Gibson, MS

Jeffrey Dwain Hughes
Title/Department: Curriculum Coordinator of Mathematics
Years of service at this institution: 27 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 27
Publications/Honors/Awards: Co-author of College Algebra and Precalculus Textbooks, Hinds CC; Outstanding Academic Instructor Award, Hinds CC; Phi Theta Kappa Teacher of the Year Award, Hinds CC; Academic Instructor Life Star Award
Professional Affiliations: Past President of LaMsMATYC (Louisiana-Mississippi Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges); AMATYC (American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges); Past President of HCCEA (Hinds Community College Education Association); MFACJC (Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges)
Civic Activities: Part-time Minister of Students at a Church
Family Information: Brother: Kenneth Hughes
Hometown: Richland, MS

Taylor Paige Adcock
Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Pre-Pharmacy
GPA & Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; STAR Student; Valedictorian; President’s List
College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Officer-College Project Head; Holmes Plus Scholar; Chemistry work study; Ambassador; Baptist Student Union member; Academic Tutor
Career Goals: After graduating from Holmes Community College, I plan to obtain a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Mississippi.
High School: Central Holmes Christian School, Lexington, MS
Family Information: Parents: Jeremy and Beth Adcock
Hometown: Sallis, MS

Stacey Elaine Coulter
Title/Department: English Instructor and Writing Center Director, English Department
Years of service at this institution: 9 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 15
Publications/Honors/Awards: Dissertation: The Evolution of Indian Women’s Empowerment in the Novels of Kamala Markandaya; Humanities Teacher of the Year Award (Holmes Community College), 2014; “You Are a Writer” in For Our Students (textbook), published 2009
Family Information: Spouse: Reuben Harvey; Son: Jackson Harvey
Hometown: Prentiss, MS
Itawamba Community College
Fulton, MS • President: Mike B. Eaton

Julianna Marie Garner
Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: English Education-Coaching
GPA & Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; High School-Valedictorian; Hall of Fame
College-President's List
College Honors Held: Who’s Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges, Member of the Region 23 Women's Basketball team
Career Goals: Graduate from ICC and transfer to Blue Mountain College to attain my master’s degree in English and a minor in coaching. I plan on becoming a teacher/coach and working in the area where I live.
High School: West Union Attendance Center, Myrtle, MS
Family Information: Mother: Lorie Garner
Hometown: New Albany, MS

Betsy Mann Chesnutt
Title/Department: Instructor, Natural Science Division
Years of Service at this Institution: 7 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 7
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: BS, Biological Engineering, Mississippi State University, 2002. Graduate: MS, Biomedical Engineering, University of Virginia, 2004; PhD, Biomedical Engineering, University of Memphis, 2008
Publications/Honors/Awards: Recipient of Mississippi INBRE Curriculum Development Grant (2015-2016); NISOD Excellence Award Recipient (2012); Fulbright Grant to the Netherlands (2007-2008)
Professional Affiliations: Mississippi Association of Physicists, member of the executive board American Association of Physics Teachers, member of two year college committee and conference session chairman American Society of Engineering Education, member ICC Faculty Association Secretary (2011-2014)
Civic Activities: Director of ICC Faculty Association 5K to raise money for children of ICC students and faculty with cancer; Helping Hands food pantry; Member of ICC team - St. Jude 5K
Family Information: Spouse: Phillip Chesnutt; Daughter: Susannah Chesnutt
Hometown: Fulton, MS

Jackson State University
Jackson, MS • President: Carolyn Meyers

Anthony Charles Keyes, Jr.
Class Standing: Junior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Chemistry
GPA & Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; Best Chemistry Undergraduate Student- Freshman 2013-2014; Best Chemistry Undergraduate Student-Junior 2014-2015; President's List 2013-2015 Beta Kappa Chi Honor Society; National Honor Society (Jackson State University Chapter); MARC (Maximizing Access to Research Careers (USTAR Scholar; Presidential Scholarship Recipient Fall 2013-Present Day; American Chemistry Society Member (JSU Chapter); Presented summer research at ABRCMS 2014, San Antonio; Presented summer research at University of Mississippi Medical Center 2014; Presented summer research at University of Illinois Urban-Champaign 2015; Presenting Research at ABRCMS November 2015
College Honors Held: President’s Scholar: Chemistry Award
Career Goals: Plan on receiving Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry. I plan to attend UIUC or UC Berkeley.
High School: Discovery Canyon Campus High School, Colorado Springs, CO
Hometown: Colorado Springs, CO

Fengxiang X. Han
Title/Department: Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry
Years of Service at this Institution: 4 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 17
Publications/Honors/Awards: Editorial Board of Water, Air, & Soil Pollution; Editorial Board of Soil & Sediment Contamination; Editor-in-Chief of Journal of Bioremediation & Biodegradation
Professional Affiliations: Division Chair, Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, MS Academy of Science -2013-2016; Division Vice Chair, Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, MS Academy of Science 2014-2015; Academic Advisor for ACS JSU Chapter 201-2016
Faith Marie Anderson  
**Class Standing:** Sophomore  
**Major/Minor Field of Study:** Mathematics Education  
**GPA & Academic Recognitions to Date:** 3.87 GPA; Harold B. Meadows Memorial Scholarship, JCJC Letter J Award, Collins Rotary Club Scholarship; Greg and Nancy Sullivan Scholarship, Seminary High School Superintendent’s List; Seminary High School Special Honors Graduate; Seminary High School Hall of Fame; Mississippi Scholar; Algebra I SATP Perfect Score Award  
**College Honors Held:** Student Government Association Senator-Mathematics Department; JCJC Phi Theta Kappa; JCJC Charles Pickering Honors Institute  
**Career Goals:** My career plans are to start out teaching at a high school, hopefully in Mississippi, and “learn the ropes.” After I become comfortable with what I learn in a high school, I plan to go back to school and attain a master’s degree in order to try to teach at a junior college. If I am successful at a junior college, I may then possibly continue my schooling in order to attain my PhD and teach at a senior college.  
**High School:** Seminary High School, Seminary, MS  
**Family Information:** Parents: Tracy West and Joe Anderson  
**Hometown:** Seminary, MS

Meri Ford Newell  
**Title/Department:** Woodwind/Music Instructor  
**Years of Service at this Institution:** 27  
**Years of Service in Higher Education:** 29  
**Professional Affiliations:** Music Teachers National Association; MS Music Teachers Association (State Woodwind Chair 1996-2007); Music Educators National Conference Mississippi Junior/Community College Band Directors Association; National Flute Association  
**Civic Activities:** Member GFWC/MFWC Cosmopolitan Club of Petal (serve as secretary, State Arts Chair for MFWC 2014-2016); Past team captain (7 years), Petal United Methodist Church Relay for Life team (team raised 48,000. over 7 years for cancer research!); Administrative Council Chair 2011-2015, Petal United Methodist Church  
**Family Information:** Husband: Willie H. Newell; Sons: Frank Newell, Scott Newell; Daughter-in-law: Cierra Newell; Grandson: Silas Newell  
**Hometown:** Petal, MS

Alysia Shaw  
**Class Standing:** Second Year  
**Major/Minor Field of Study:** Medical Laboratory Technology  
**GPA & Academic Recognitions to Date:** 4.0 GPA; 2014 and 2015 Academic Scholarship recipient; 2015 MCC MLT Scholarship Award  
**College Honors Held:** President’s List  
**Career Goals:** To become a Medical Laboratory Technician and eventually a Medical Laboratory Director  
**High School:** Aliceville High School  
**Other Colleges:** University of West Alabama, Livingston, AL, B.S. Biology  
**Family Information:** Guardian, Mary Spencer  
**Hometown:** Aliceville, AL

Otis Gowdy  
**Title/Department:** Program Coordinator/Instructor  
**Years of Service at this Institution:** 11  
**Years of Service in Higher Education:** 11  
**Academic Credentials:** Undergraduate: BS, Auto Mechanics, Mississippi Valley State University, 1972  
**Graduate:** MSCE, Counseling/Psychology, University of West Alabama, 2012  
**Publications/Honors/Awards:** MCCer of the Month; Lamplighters Award; Third Party Tester for State of MS; Truck Driver 2 Million Mile Accident Free Award  
**Professional Affiliations:** National Public Funded Truck Drivers Association  
**Civic Activities:** Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity; Sunday School Superintendent  
**Family Information:** Spouse: Mrs. Dorothy Gowdy; Children: Dr. Otis Gowdy, Jr., Maurice Gowdy, Demetria Gowdy Boykin, and Melody Smith  
**Hometown:** Meridian, MS
**Millsaps College**

**Jackson, MS • President: Robert Pearigen**

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**Manish Fulton Harrigill**

**Class Standing:** Junior  
**Major/Minor Field of Study:** Biochemistry Major/Economics Minor  
**GPA & Academic Recognitions to Date:** 3.975 GPA; 2015 William H. Tribette Scholarship Winner  
**College Honors Held:** Student Body Treasurer Beta Beta Beta Phi Eta Sigma  
**Career Goals:** I would like to attend an MD-MBA program after graduating from Millsaps. I would like to be a practicing physician that also works in investment.  
**High School:** Madison Ridgeland Academy, Madison, MS  
**Family Information:** Parents: Ray and Monica Harrigill  
**Hometown:** Madison, MS

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**Jesse Beeler**

**Title/Department:** Professor of Accounting  
**Years of service at this institution:** 23  
**Years of Service in Higher Education:** 27  
**Academic Credentials:** Undergraduate: BS, Accounting, Missouri State University, 1985. Graduate: MBA, Missouri State University, 1988; PhD, University of Texas at Arlington, 1994  
**Professional Affiliations:** CPA Mississippi  
**Family Information:** Spouse: Jonell Beeler; Daughter: Angelia Wade; Step-Daughter: Sarah Williamson; Step-Son: Robert Williamson

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**Mississippi College**

**Clinton, MS • President: Lee G. Royce**

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**Mary Elizabeth McRae**

**Class Standing:** Senior  
**Major/Minor Field of Study:** Mathematics  
**GPA & Academic Recognitions to Date:** 3.35 GPA; Mortar Board Honor Society; Presidential Scholar; Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges  
**College Honors Held:** Student Body President; President of Student Senate, 2014-15; Senator of the Year-Laguna Social Tribe officer; Welcome Week Leadership Committee  
**Career Goals:** After graduation, I plan on pursuing a career in either actuarial science or higher education.  
**High School:** Tishomingo County High School, Iuka, Mississippi  
**Family Information:** Parents: Kirby and Pamela McRae  
**Hometown:** Tishomingo, MS

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**Stephen D. Cook**

**Title/Department:** Professor, Department of Art, Mississippi College  
**Years of Service at this Institution:** 31  
**Years of Service in Higher Education:** 36  
**Publications/Honors/Awards:** University Fellow, University of Mississippi, 1973-75; ITT International Fellow, London, 1975-1976, Royal College of Art; Who’s Who in American Art; Who’s Who in America; Distinguished Professor of the Year, Mississippi College, 1975  
**Professional Affiliations:** Southern Graphics Council, past President  
**Civic Activities:** Member, Northminster Baptist Church  
**Family Information:** Spouse: Jeanne Wells Cook  
**Hometown:** Jackson, MS
Hannah Lise Leflore
Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Music
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; President's list, Phi Theta Kappa honor society member
College Honors Held: Miss Mississippi Delta Community College, 2015
Career Goals: I would like to get my master's degree in Speech and Hearing Sciences and become a Speech Pathologist.
High School: Homeschooled, Greenwood, MS
Family Information: Parents: Stan Leflore and Jan Leflore
Hometown: Greenwood, MS

Mary Ruth Evans Brindley
Title/Department: English Division Chair
Years of Service at this Institution: 19 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 19
Publications/Honors/Awards: Humanities Teacher of the Year, 2011; William Winter Scholar, 2007; Lamplighter, 2002; US Holocaust Memorial Museum Teacher Fellow, 1997
Professional Affiliations: Two-year College Association of MS; Two-year College Association Southeast MS; Community College Creative Writing Association
Civic Activities: Mid-Delta Arts Association Board; 20th Century Club of Indianola
Family Information: Spouse: John M. Brindley; Son: John (Myra); Daughter: Anne (Ray); Grandchildren: Claire, Collin, Brindley and Allie
Hometown: Indianola, MS

Jaycie Lynn Yott
Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Electrical Engineering
GPA & Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.87 GPA; Honors College Scholarship; ACT Presidential Scholarship; Reflections Member Scholarship; Dean's List Fall 2014; President's List Spring 2015
College Honors Held: Phi Theta Kappa; President Student Government Association; Member-At-Large Campus Activity Board; Vice President Dog - Pound; Vice President Multicultural Club; Member Freshman Resident of the Month
Career Goals: To earn an associate's degree from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and earn bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Mississippi State University.
High School: Long Beach Senior High School
Family Information: Parents: Joseph Yott, Sr. and Lynn Yott
Hometown: Long Beach, MS

Mary Ann Sison
Title/Department: History Instructor, Honors Director, Social Studies Department, MGCCC, Jackson County
Years of Service at this Institution: 12 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 20
Publications/Honors/Awards: Publications: Oalmann, Mary Ann. “Southern Railroad Folklore.” Louisiana Folklore Miscellany, 3(5): 19-32; 1975 “Teaching the Mexican Revolution.” USM National History Day - Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History; Spring 2001; Phi Theta Kappa Advisor Awards; Mississippi Humanity Council Teacher Award; William Winter Faculty Scholar
Professional Affiliations: Phi Theta Kappa – Honors; Faculty Scholar, 2010; Regional Advisory Board, 2009-2011; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Latin American Studies Association; Mississippi Faculty Association
Civic Activities: MS Vietnam Memorial Archive; History Day Judge; Relay for Life; MS Vietnam Memorial Archive; History Day Judge; Relay for Life; MORA
Family Information: Spouse: Gustave F. P. Sison; Jr.; Children: Nathan and Tess
Hometown: Long Beach, MS as of 1986 (Native of New Orleans, LA)
Joseph Monroe Dodd

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Economics – Pre-medicine
GPA & Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.47 GPA
College Honors Held: Student Association President; Reflector Opinion writer; MSU Mascot Team member
Career Goals: A career in Emergency Medicine
High School: Picayune Memorial High School, Picayune, MS
Other Colleges: Pearl River Community College, Poplarville, MS
Family Information: Parents: Sherman and Rebecca Dodd
Hometown: Picayune, MS

Cody P. Coyne

Title/Department: Tenured Professor, Basic Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine
Years of Service at this Institution: 22.5 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 34
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: Colorado State University at Fort Collins, 1974-1977; DVM, Colorado State University at Fort Collins, 1981; Surgery Internship, Univ. of California at Davis, 1981-1982; DACVIM, Diplomat Veterinary Internal Medicine, Univ. of California at Davis, 1982; Internal Medicine Residency, Univ. of California at Davis, 1986-1988. Graduate: PhD, Radiopharmacology, Univ. of California at Davis, 1986
Professional Affiliations: American Veterinary Medical Association; American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine; American Society of Clinical Oncology; elected member 1994; American Academy of Veterinary Pharmacology; American Society of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics
Family Information: Spouse: Joan Cadillac-Coyne
Hometown: Parker, CO

Mississippi University for Women

Columbus, MS • President: James B. Borsig

Brianna Elizabeth Warner

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Political Science/Women's Studies
GPA & Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.83 GPA; President's List-Spring 2013, Fall 2013,Spring 2014; Dean's List-Fall 2012, Spring 2015 Dave Evans Scholarship
College Honors Held: MUW Ina E. Gordy Honors College Outstanding Women's Studies Student Spring 2014; Research Presentation at 2015 National Collegiate Honors Conference; 2015 Truman Finalist; 2015 Columbia University Summer Public Health Scholar
Career Goals: I intend to attend Samford University’s Cumberland School of Law as a member of the Class of 2019. After graduating, I intend to practice law in the area of health policy, particularly in the area of reproductive health and rights.
High School: Harrison Central High School, Gulfport, MS
Family Information: Mother: Michele Warner
Hometown: Gulfport, MS

Kim Whitehead

Title/Department: Associate Professor, English and Religious Studies; Interim Director, Ina E. Gordy Honors College
Years of Service at this Institution: 12 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 17
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: BA, English and Political Science (double major), Jacksonville State University, 1983 Graduate: PhD, Religion, Literature, and Women's Studies, Institute of the Liberal Arts, Emory University, 1994
Publications/Honors/Awards: MUW Faculty Member of the Year, 2015 MUW Humanities Professor of the Year, Mississippi Humanities Council, 2009 book: The Feminist Poetry Movement (University Press of Mississippi)
Professional Affiliations: President, Mississippi Philological Association, 2015-2016
Civic Activities: Past Member, Board of Directors, Columbus Arts Council, Columbus Past Member, Board of Directors, Hitching Lot Farmer’s Market, Columbus
Family Information: Spouse: Kendall Dunkelberg; Son: Aidan Dunkelberg
Hometown: Horton, AL
Toney Aaron Williams
Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Music Education
GPA & Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.83 GPA; Distinguished Scholar, Honor Scholar, President's Scholar
College Honors Held: Full Academic Scholarship Outstanding Music Student Outstanding Jazz Pianist
Career Goals: After graduation, I plan to begin my music education profession through teaching. It is my desire to become a recognized mentor motivating students to succeed in life. I will also continue my studies through graduate school.
High School: Alief Hastings High School, Houston, Texas
Family Information: Parents: Aaron Williams and Bessie Williams
Hometown: Houston, TX

Xiaoqin Paul Wu
Title/Department: Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, Computer and Information Sciences
Years of Service at this Institution: 10 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 16
Professional Affiliations: Mississippi Academy of Sciences
Civic Activities: CS/Math Session organizer, the Mississippi IT Day; Vice Chair of CS/Math Session, the annual meeting of Mississippi Academy of Sciences; Member of Honors Convocation Committee, Mississippi Valley State University
Family Information: Zhihong Wang; Daughter: Pauline Wu Wang
Hometown: Tianmen, Hubei, China

Northeast MS Community College
Booneville, MS • President: Johnny L. Allen

Jeremy Blake Farrar
Class Standing: Third Year
Major/Minor Field of Study: Architecture
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.82 GPA; Presidents List 2013-2014; Drafting and Design Student of the Year
College Honors Held: Phi-Theta-Kappa Associates Degree; Computer Aided Drafting and Design
Career Goals: I plan to graduate with a bachelor's degree from a school of architecture and design commercial businesses.
High School: East Union Attendance Center, Blue Springs, MS
Family Information: Parents: Kelly Farrar and Sheila Farrar
Hometown: Blue Springs, MS

Bryan Patrick Mitchell
Title/Department: Faculty, Director of Bands, Fine Arts
Years of Service at this Institution: 9 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 6
Publications/Honors/Awards: Several music compositions with DEV Music Company; T.O.P. Award at NEMCC
Professional Affiliations: P.A.S. (Percussive Arts Society); NEMBDA (Northeast Mississippi Band Directors Association); Faculty Association (NEMCC)
Civic Activities: Minister of Music at Smith Chapel C.M.E. Church
Family Information: Spouse: Leslie Mitchell; Son: Luke Mitchell
Hometown: Athens, MS
Kayleigh Morgan Sims

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Elementary Education
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; Phi Theta Kappa Academic Hall of Fame nominee multiple highest average achievements
College Honors Held: Phi Theta Kappa member Academic Hall of Fame nominee
Career Goals: I intend on graduating in May 2018 with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and endorsements in math and science. I then plan on acquiring a job as an elementary school teacher close to my hometown of Randolph (Pontotoc), MS.
High School: South Pontotoc Attendance Center, Pontotoc, Mississippi
Other Colleges: Mountain College, Blue Mountain, MS no degree achieved-dual enrollment in high school
Family Information: Parents: Dana Sims and Billy Sims
Hometown: Randolph, MS

Thomas Jeffrey Triplett

Title/Department: Assistant Director of Bands, Fine Arts
Years of Service at this Institution: 9 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 9
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: BMEd, Music Education, University of Southern Mississippi, 1991
Graduate: MMEd, Music Education, Delta State University, 2000
Professional Affiliations: Phi Mu Alpha (Sinfonia), Mississippi Bandmaster’s Association, International Trombone Association
Family Information: Spouse: Laura Dilatush Triplett; Children: Madison Grace Triplett, Aubrey Anne Triplett, Laura Elisabeth Triplett, and Margaret Elaine Triplett
Hometown: Senatobia, MS

Renelle Elena Failla

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Mechanical Engineering
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.91 GPA; Member of Phi Theta Kappa, Iota Mu Chapter; Recipient of the Pearl River Community College STEM Scholarship
College Honors: Co-President of Phi Theta Kappa, Iota Mu Chapter; elected to be one of the sophomore maids on Pearl River Community College’s 2015 homecoming court, third runner up and voted Miss Congeniality in the 2015 Miss PRCC Wildcat Pageant
Career Goals: To graduate from Mississippi State University with a degree in mechanical engineering and ultimately work for an engineering firm. I also would like to mentor young women in the fields of engineering and science
High School: Mother of Divine Grace accredited home-school program, Ojai, California
Family Information: Parents: David and Cindy Failla
Hometown: Picayune, MS

Henry R. Setze

Title/Department: Instructor of Physics, Mathematics, and Engineering, Department of Science, Mathematics, and Business
Years of Service at this Institution: 16 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 18
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: BS, Physics, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 1988. Graduate: MA, Physics, Duke University, 1990; PhD, Physics, Duke University, 1994
Publications/Honors/Awards: Lower Pearl River Valley Foundation Grant Recipient
Professional Affiliations: American Association of Physics Teachers
Civic Activities: U.S. Navy Submarine Force Veteran
Hometown: Petal, MS
Adam Charles Parker
Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Master of Divinity
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.74 GPA
Career Goals: Pastoral Ministry
High School: Stafford Jr./Sr. High School; Stafford, KS
Other Colleges: B.A. in Philosophy from Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ
Family Information: Wife: Arryn Parker
Hometown: McPherson, KS

Charles Malcolm Wingard
Title/Department: Assistant Professor of Practical Theology
Years of Service at this Institution: 2  •  Years of Service in Higher Education: 2
Professional Affiliations: Minister, Presbyterian Church in America
Civic Activities: Site Council Raines Elementary School, Jackson, MS
Family Information: Spouse: Lynne Wingard
Hometown: Conway, AR

Rust College
Holly Springs, MS  •  President: David L. Beckley

Janicia Shanel Mitchell
Class Standing: Junior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Sociology/Criminal Justice
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.9 GPA; E.A. Smith Honor’s Society, UNCF; Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship; President’s List
Career Goals: After attaining my bachelor’s degree in sociology from Rust College, I plan to pursue both my master’s and doctoral degree in sociology from another Historically Black College or University. After furthering my education, I will go on to be a professor at an HBCU.
High School: Lift for Life Academy High School, Saint Louis, MO
Family Information: Mother: Janice Lathan
Hometown: Saint Louis, MO

Marco Tyrone Robinson
Title/Department: Assistant Professor of History
Years of Service at this Institution: 12  •  Years of Service in Higher Education: 12
Professional Affiliations: Association for the Study of African American Life and History; Southern Historical Association; Organization of American Historians; The Southern Conference of African American Studies
Civic Activities: Board Member of the DeSoto County African American History Symposium Board; Member of the Holly Springs Community Development Corporation
Family Information: Spouse: Tracy Robinson; Children: Jay Robinson, Leah Robinson, Kya Robinson, and Otavion Jackson
Hometown: Hernando, MS
Southeastern Baptist College
Laurel, MS • Interim President: Danny Pitts

Justin Wayne Rhodes
Class Standing: Junior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Bible
GPA: 3.6
High School: Sylvia Bay Academy, Bay Springs, MS
Family Information: Spouse: Christie Rhodes
Hometown: Bay Springs, MS

Shirley Hodges Hendricks
Title/Department: Adjunct Professor, Psychology Department, Southeaster Baptist College
Years of service at this institution: 1 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 3
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: BS, Psychology, Shorter University, 2006; BA, English, Shorter University, 2006. Graduate: MS, Counseling Psychology, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2010; PhD, Experimental Psychology, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2014
Professional Affiliations: Residential Therapist at Crossroads Counseling
Civic Activities: Client Advocate at Laurel CPC
Family Information: Spouse: Phillip Hendricks; Son: Sebastian Hendricks
Hometown: Griffin, GA

Southwest MS Community College
Summit, MS • President: J. Steven Bishop

Abigail Christine Hooks
Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Marketing and Accounting
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.9 GPA; Speech Award
College Honors Held: Miss SMCC; Student Government Association President; Phi Theta Kappa Vice-President of Leadership; Redline dance team co-captain; Bear Tracker; Quiz Bowl team member; baseball team statistician
Career Goals: To attain a master's degree in marketing and accounting and work in either profession.
High School: North Pike High School
Family Information: Parents: Clayton and Tonya Hooks
Hometown: Summit, MS

Susan George Hedges
Title/Department: Instructor, Division of Social Science and Business
Years of Service at this Institution: 16 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 22
Publications/Honors/Awards: Mississippi University for Women Alumnae Achievement Award; Lamplighters; Phi Theta Kappa Distinguished Advisor Award; Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow
Professional Affiliations: Licensed Certified Social Worker; member, National Association of Social Workers; Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy
Civic Activities: McComb School District Board of Trustees; Mississippi University for Women Alumnae Association Past President; member of Centenary United Methodist Church
Family Information: Spouse: Jim Hedges; Children: John Hedges and Lisa Hedges
Hometown: McComb, MS
QUANISHA D. FORD
Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Child Development
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.73 GPA; Senior Child Development major; FAME Mentor; James Patterson Scholar; Provost Scholar; National Alumni Scholar; Union United Church of Christ Scholar; Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society; 2015 recipient of the Tougaloo Alumni Chapter Scholarship in Washington, DC; Gamma Omicron Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; mentor for the 21st Century Community Learning Center, Tougaloo College campus; volunteer to assist students with their daily activities.
Career Goals: My career goals include giving back to the community and becoming an educator. My dream has been to become a teacher since first grade. Eventually, I would like to open an academy to enhance and further children’s leadership, academic, social, physical, and spiritual aspects. I plan to further my education by enrolling in graduate school and later attaining a specialist or doctoral degree. I believe I will be a great educator and will definitely continue to serve others by keeping my faith in God and in myself.
High School: Madison Central High School, Madison, MS
Family Information: Parents: Lisa Ford and Keith Boston
Hometown: Madison, MS

ARTHUR MCLIN, JR
Title/Department: Associate Professor, Chair, Department of Elementary Education
Years of Service at this Institution: 8 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 16
Publications/Honors/Awards: National Society of Collegiate Scholars Award “Distinguished Member;” Department of Educational Leadership, Curriculum, and Special Education Outstanding EdD. Student; Recipient of the Eugene Smith Award; Respect Community Service Award For Services Rendered to the Jonesboro, AR Community; Outstanding and Dedicated Service Award to the St. Bernard Group Home for Emotionally Disturbed Boys; Meraux, LA Volunteer Service Award for services provided to students of the AR State University Counseling Center, 2003-2004
Professional Affiliations: American Psychotherapy Association; Kappa Delta Phi Mid-south Educational Research Association (MSERA)
Civic Activities: President for Concerned Citizens of the Rankin County Community; Serve as a therapist voluntarily for children and adolescents in the community who needs assistance; Give free music lessons to students in the community who want to learn how to play a musical instrument; Sunday school and Bible studies teacher for 9 to 13 year old children
Family Information: Spouse: Patricia Toney-Mclin; Children: Arthur McLin, III and Megan Elizabeth McLin
Hometown: New Orleans, LA

RODERICK (Rod) Rhodes Bridges, III
Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Public Policy Leadership/Mathematics and Arabic
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.75 GPA; Tricia Lott Leadership Scholar; Sally McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College Member; Chancellor’s Honor Roll Recipient
College Honors Held: Associated Student Body President (2015-16); Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society (2015); Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society (2015); Associated Student Body “Senator of the Year” (2014); Lambda Sig ma Sophomore Honor Society President (2013-14); Associated Student Body Freshman Council President (2012-2013); Omicron Delta Kappa “Freshman Leader of the Year” (2013)
Career Goals: Upon graduation, I hopefully will be attending Officer Candidacy School for the Mississippi National Guard. In searching for the occupation that best suits my strengths in the military, I may apply to seminary or a divinity master’s program next year to become a member of the Army chaplain candidacy program.
High School: Madison Central High School, Madison, MS
Family Information: Parents: Roddy Bridges and London and Thomas Wagner
Hometown: Madison, MS

ROBERT D. BROWN
Title/Department: Professor, Political Science, College of Liberal Arts
Years of Service at this Institution: 24 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 24
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: BS, Political Science, Northern Illinois University, 1985. Graduate: PhD, Political Science, Indiana University, 1993
Publications/Honors/Awards: Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher Award, University of Mississippi, 2015; Faculty Achievement Award for Outstanding Teaching and Scholarship, University of Mississippi, 2006
Professional Affiliations: Southern Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association
Civic Activities: Support a variety of local and national charities, including: United Way of Oxford, Wounded Warrior Project, ASPCA, Memphis Area Golden Retriever Rescue
Family Information: Spouse: Laura Diven-Brown; Son: Sean Brown
Hometown: Buffalo Grove, IL
Ellen Elizabeth Gillis  
**Class Standing:** Select  
**Major/Minor Field of Study:** Medical Pharmacology  
**GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date:** 3.63 GPA; American Heart Association Pre-doctoral Fellowship; American Physiological Society Physiologists in Industry Novel Disease Model Award; American Society of Nephrology Kidney STARS Scholar; Water and Electrolyte Homeostasis Pre-doctoral Research Recognition Awardee; American Heart Association Hypertension Early Career Award  
**College Honors Held:** President; Graduate Student Body; Mentoring Chair, Associated Student Body; UMMC Dean's Scholarship; UMMC Excellence in Medical Pharmacology Award; UMMC Dean's Service Award  
**Career Goals:** My long-term career goal is to become a principal investigator with a productive research program that focuses on my interests in cardio-renal disease in hypertension.  
**High School:** Briarcrest Christian High School, Eads, TN  
**Other Colleges:** Furman University, Greenville, SC, Psychology B.S. University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS, Biomedical Sciences M.S.  
**Family Information:** Parents: Jerry and Margaret Gillis  
**Hometown:** Memphis, TN

Thomas Harvey Adair  
**Title/Department:** Professor of Physiology, School of Medicine  
**Years of Service at This Institution:** 35  
**Years of Service in Higher Education:** 38  
**Academic Credentials:** Undergraduate: BS, Biology/Chemistry, Michigan State University, 1972. Graduate: PhD, Biomedical Sciences, University of Texas Medical Branch, 1980  
**Publications/Honors/Awards:** 173 peer reviewed research articles and abstracts; 10 Physiology review books and chapters; NHLBI Research Career Development Award Carl G. Evers Teaching Awards, UMMC, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013; Hembree Teaching Award, UMMC, 2014  
**Professional Affiliations:** National Board of Medical Examiners, Step 1 Item Writer 2004-08 American Dental Association, Item Writer. 1991-1995 Editorial board member or reviewer for more than 20 research journals Course Director, Physiology 625/725 at UMMC for 25 years Instructor and Item Writer for Kaplan-Med, 1998-present  
**Civic Activities:** Donations to Stewpot, Fraternal Order of Police, religious organizations Soccer coach, Baseball coach, Cub Scout Leader  
**Family Information:** Children: Paul, Mark, and Sean  
**Hometown:** Flint, MI

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**Years of Service in Higher Education:** 16  
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**Publications/Honors/Awards:** Dannon Institute’s Academic Mid-Career Nutrition Leadership Institute; Distinguished Researcher, University of Southern Mississippi, College of Health; Mississippi Healthcare Hero, Class of 2012, Mississippi Business Journal; Outstanding Faculty Service, University of Southern Mississippi, College of Health; More than 25 peer-reviewed research publications and more than 30 graduate student research projects  
**Professional Affiliations:** Academic Member, Board of Directors, Association for Specialized and Professional Accreditors; Past Chair, Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics; Chair, Expanded Standards Committee for the Development of Degree-Based Standards, Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition & Dietetics; Member of the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics; Faculty Senate  
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**GPA:** 3.87  
**COLLEGE HONORS HELD:** Dean’s List  
**CAREER GOALS:** Part-Time Ministry  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Byram High School, Byram, MS  
**OTHER COLLEGES:** Hinds Community College - Associates in Drafting; Columbia Southern University - Bachelor of Fire Science  
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**YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION:** 4  
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**COLLEGE HONORS HELD:** Member of the Carey Scholars Honors College  
**CAREER GOALS:** Pastoring a church  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Faith Academy Mobile, Alabama  
**OTHER COLLEGES:** Jones County Junior College  
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**HOMETOWN:** Mobile, AL

**DANIEL CROWELL BROWNING, JR.**  
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**YEARS OF SERVICE AT THIS INSTITUTION:** 25  
**YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION:** 27  
**ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS:**  
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- **Graduate:** PhD, Biblical Backgrounds and Archaeology, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX, 1988  
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