Higher Education Appreciation Day
Working For Academic Excellence
February 20, 2018
Phil Bryant was sworn in for his second term as Mississippi’s 64th governor on January 12, 2016. Before becoming the state’s chief executive, Bryant was lieutenant governor from 2008-2011. He also served as state auditor and represented his legislative district in the Mississippi House of Representatives for five years.

The son of Dewey C. and Estelle R. Bryant, a diesel mechanic and a mother who stayed home with her three boys, Bryant learned early the value of hard work and the importance of education. The Moorhead native earned an associate’s degree in criminal justice from Hinds Community College and completed his bachelor’s degree at the University of Southern Mississippi. He holds a master’s degree in political science from Mississippi College, and before assuming his role as governor, Bryant served as an adjunct professor of government there.

Gov. Bryant began his career as a deputy sheriff in Hinds County and later worked as an insurance investigator before being elected to the House of Representatives in 1991. In 1996, then Gov. Kirk Fordice appointed him state auditor, a position he was re-elected to in 1999 and 2003.

As governor, Phil Bryant has led Mississippi in implementing transformational public education reforms, promoting economic development and building a competitive business climate that attracts major employers like Yokohama Tire Corporation and Continental Tire. Under Gov. Bryant’s administration, over 27,500 jobs have been announced along with $5.19 billion in new corporate investments. He is also an avid outdoorsman and is a longtime member of the National Rifle Association’s Institute for Legislative Action.

Gov. Bryant and his wife, First Lady of Mississippi Deborah Bryant, have two adult children, Katie Bryant Snell and Patrick Bryant, and are active members of St. Marks United Methodist Church in Brandon.
Agenda

Senator Terry C. Burton
Master of Ceremonies

Welcome/Opening Remarks          Dr. Glenn Boyce
                                  Commissioner of Higher Education
                                  Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning

Invocation                       Senator Hillman T. Frazier
                                  Vice Chair, Universities and Colleges

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Introduction of Guests           Senator Terry C. Burton
                                  Senate President Pro Tempore

Remarks on Behalf of the House of Representatives
                                  Representative Greg Holloway
                                  Vice Chair, Universities and Colleges

Remarks on Behalf of the Senate  Senator Josh Harkins
                                  Chair, Universities and Colleges

Introduction of Speaker          Dr. Boyce

Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Phil Bryant
Governor
State of Mississippi

Recognition of Corporate Sponsors
                                  Dr. Susan P. Lee
                                  Associate Commissioner for Academic
                                  and Student Affairs, MS Institutions of Higher Learning
                                  Secretary-Treasurer, Mississippi Association of Colleges
                                  and Universities

Honoree Recognitions             Representative Debra Gibbs
                                  Banking and Financial Services,
                                  Education, Judiciary A, Judiciary En Banc, Medicaid,
                                  Municipalities, Public Health and Human Services

Remarks                         Dr. Andrea Mayfield
                                  Executive Director
                                  Mississippi Community College Board

Remarks                         Dr. E. Harold Fisher
                                  Executive Director, Mississippi Association of
                                  Independent Colleges and Universities

Closing Remarks                 Dr. Beverly Hogan
                                  President, Tougaloo College
                                  President, Mississippi Association of Colleges and
                                  Universities

Adjournment

Honorees Photo Session – Canterbury Room
Dear Friends:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am pleased to welcome you to the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities 31st 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
February 11, 2013

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The work of this organization creates a positive impact, and I commend you for your dedication. 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, the faculty, and all guests a very successful event.

Sincerely,

Phil Bryant

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February 20, 2018

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 improving our state’s workforce and overall economy. Your many commitments to academic achievement, campus leadership, and community service have all contributed to the success that has brought you here today.

Thank you for your efforts in helping continue to move 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
February 20, 2018

Dear Friends:

As Mayor of the City of Jackson, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 31st Annual Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE). Today’s occasion symbolizes the tireless commitment of faculty and students to excel in the pursuit of academic achievement. The entire city joins me in congratulating our distinguished honorees.

It is imperative that the City of Jackson continues to support efforts that recognize the tremendous work, dedication and exemplary service of individuals in higher education. I proudly applaud our state’s institutions of higher learning for investing in the future of our citizens. We are also committed to investing in opportunities and creative initiatives that spark the fire of education in individuals of all ages across our community.

At some point during the event, I encourage you to experience our 56 city parks and recreational facilities, fascinating museums, historical landmarks and multitude of restaurants and shops. Our contribution to Mississippi’s cultural and culinary product helps to position our state as the catalyst for development and growth.

Again, welcome to the City of Jackson. Best wishes for a memorable event.

Sincerely,

Chokwe Antar Lumumba
Mayor
Dear HEADWAE Honorees:

Welcome to the Higher Education Appreciation Day—Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) Luncheon as we celebrate its 31st Anniversary. It is my pleasure to congratulate 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 colleges and private two-year and four-year institutions.

The students and faculty chosen for this recognition have reached above and beyond what was expected. Never satisfied with good enough, today’s honorees strive for excellence in all endeavors. Your impact reaches far beyond the classroom; your leadership and service, both on campus and in your communities, is marked with steadfast commitment and dedication. We are all here to celebrate your achievements and accomplishments, while knowing there are many more on the horizon for you.

I would also like to thank Governor Phil Bryant for delivering the keynote address. His commitment to higher education is unwavering and he is a staunch supporter of the HEADWAE program. He has been instrumental in the launch of the Complete 2 Compete initiative and his support has been a key factor in its success. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all that he does for higher education in Mississippi.

Again, congratulations to all 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
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,

Dr. Andrea Mayfield
MCCB Executive Director
February 20, 2018

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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Ms. Gloria J. Miller
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Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning
HEADWAE Coordinator/Steering Committee Chair

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Executive Assistant, Office of the Commissioner
Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning
HEADWAE Coordinator

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Mississippi Community College Board

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Mississippi Community College Board

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Dr. Glenn Boyce
Commissioner of Higher Education
Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning

Dr. E. Harold Fisher
Executive Director
Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities

Dr. Beverly Hogan
President Tougaloo College
President, Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities

Dr. Andrea Mayfield
Executive Director
Mississippi Community College Board
The Mississippi Legislators, Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities, Steering Committee Members and the honorees, sincerely thank all of the corporate sponsors for their contributions to the HEADWAE program and for their commitment to recognizing and supporting academic excellence in higher education.
A Message from the Legislature

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

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Kevin Westley Washington

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Business Administration
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; President’s Scholar
College Honors Held: Thurgood Marshall College Fund Scholarship
Career Goals: To create an accelerator for minority owned businesses.
High School: Piedmont Hills, San Jose, CA
Other Colleges: Mission College, Santa Clara, CA
Family Information: Parents: Mark Washington and LyNan Washington
Hometown: San Jose, CA

Benedict Udemgba

Title/Department: Professor of Business
Years of Service at this Institution: 28
Years of Service in Higher Education: 28
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: BS, Accounting, Southern University, 1983.
Graduate: MBA, Prairie View A&M University, 1984; PhD, Jackson State University, 2003
Professional Affiliations: MS Association of Governmental Accountants; The PhD Project, Faculty Association American Economic Development Council; Academy of Financial Services Society of Business, Industry and Economics
Civic Activities: Sponsored SW MS Academic Leadership Conference preparing high school students for college entrance; MBA Building, Natchez, MS; Local partner W. K. Kellogg Foundation; financial literacy grants initiative to promote financial awareness and understanding in SW MS region; Financial literacy workshops, Fayette & Port Gibson, MS
Family Information: Spouse: Elizabeth O. Udemgba; Children: Dr. Chinelo Udemgba, Chigozie Udemgba, Dr. Chioma Udemgba, Chikodili Udemgba, Chinwe Udemgba
TYLER JAMES WOLFE

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Sports Administration
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; Dean's List; Business Dean's Circle; President's List; National Christian College Athletic Association; Scholar Athlete American Southwest Conference; Academic All-Conference
College Honors Held: Baseball Team Captain
Career Goals: To continue my education into a MBA Program.
High School: Dobie High School, Houston, TX
Other Colleges: AA, View College, Dallas, TX
Family Information: Parents: Kevin and Sandy Tobolka
Hometown: Houston, TX

GARY REID BISHOP

Title/Department: Professor, Chair, Department of Chemistry; Chair, Division of Natural and Applied Sciences
Years of service at this institution: 7
Years of Service in Higher Education: 15
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: BS, Biology/Chemistry, MS College, 1993. Graduate: PhD, Biochemistry, University of MS Medical Center, 1997; Post-doctoral, Physics/Biophysics, Emory University, 1998-99; Post-doctoral, Biochemistry/Microbiology, University of GA, 1999-2000
Professional Affiliations: Councilor, American Chemical Society; Chair, MS Section of the American Chemical Society; Board Member, SENCER Centers for Innovation - SW; Affiliate, MS Biophysical Consortium; President, Biotactus, LLC.
Civic Activities: Pastor, Little Flock PBC, Richland, MS
Family Information: Spouse: Kelley M. Bishop; Children: Clare Bishop, Cole Bishop, and Elanor Bishop
Catherine Juliann Snyder

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Exercise Science and English
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; Academic Scholarship; Greek Award; Anna Quinn Writing Award; Alpha Chi; Sigma Tau Delta
College Honors Held: Cross Country Scholarship; National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics; Daktronics Scholar-Athlete; NAIA Scholar Athlete; Southern States Athletic Conference All-Conference; SSAC Championship Team; Carey-Hearn 110% Award; SSAC Champions of Character Team; Musco Lighting Champion of Character Award
Career Goals: Speech Pathologist
High School: Homeschool, New Albany, MS
Family Information: Parents: Misty Snyder and Dr. John Snyder
Hometown: New Albany, MS

Jerri Lamar Bradley Kantack

Title/Department: Associate Professor of Music, Dr., Fine Arts Department
Years of Service at This Institution: 15
Years of Service in Higher Education: 26
Publications/Honors/Awards: Soprano Soloist, North MS Symphony Orchestra, Christmas Concert, Tupelo, MS; Opera Roles: Fiordiligi (Cosi fan tutte), Donna Anna (Don Giovanni), Madame Goldentrill (The Impresario), Queen of the Night (The Magic Flute); Stage: Sharon Graham (Master Class; Oratorio Soloist: Messiah (Handel), The Seven Last Words of Christ (Dubois), Ein Deutsches Requiem (Brahms) and Requiem (Rutter and Faure); MS Humanities Council Award
Professional Affiliations: National Association of Teachers of Singing; American Choral Directors Association; National Opera Association; Honorary Member, Phi Kappa Phi Alpha Psi Omega
Civic Activities: Soloist, Guest Conductor and Guest Organist for churches; July the 4th Celebration Choral Director, Community Chorus, North MS Symphony Orchestra, Tupelo, MS; Adjudicator, National Association of Teachers of Singing Student Auditions, MS Honor Choir Auditions, District Choral Festivals, and MS Baptist Keyboard Festivals; Frequent Organizer/Collaborative Pianist, Civic Events; Coordinator, Choral Director and Singer, Keep MS Beautiful TV ad campaign, State of MS, which won a National Award
Family Information: Spouse: Keith C. Kantack; Daughter: Emma D. Kantack
MIRACLE L. HUNTER
Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Business Administration
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.8 GPA; Land Grant Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa
College Honors Held: President, Student Government; President, Enactus Club; Co-Captain, CCC Cheerleader; President, Honors College
Career Goals: My major goals are to become an accountant and to later open my own accounting firm.
High School: Clarksdale High School, Clarksdale, MS
Family Information: Parents: Gwendolyn Hunter Johnson and Lance Johnson
Hometown: Clarksdale, MS

DEBORAH DENISE CARTER
Title/Department: Chair, Instructor, Business Computer Information Systems Department
Years of Service at this Institution: 20
Years of Service in Higher Education: 20
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: BS, Business Administration, Alcorn State University, 1981. Graduate: MBA, Accounting, MS State University, 1992; MS Community College Leadership Academy, 2009
Publications/Honors/Awards: HEADWAE; Lamplighters Honoree; Mid-South Community Fellow; Delta Emerging Leaders
Professional Affiliations: National Business Education Association; Historically Black Colleges and Universities; Business School Deans and Chairs; National Alumni Association, Alcorn State University; National Alumni Association, Delta State University
Civic Activities: Iota Delta Omega Silver Sorority; Alpha Kappa Alpha
Family Information: God Child: Thedrick Nabors
ROBERT TAYLER CASE
CLASS STANDING: Freshman
MAJOR/MINOR FIELD OF STUDY: Automation and Control
GPA AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS TO DATE: 3.52 GPA; Dean's List
COLLEGE HONORS HELD: Who's Who Among American Community College Students; Seawolf Robotics Team; Skills USA; Blue Wave Marching Band
CAREER GOALS: I plan to complete my degree at Copiah-Lincoln Community College and pursue a career in the field of automation and control.
HIGH SCHOOL: Lawrence County High School, Monticello, MS
FAMILY INFORMATION: Parents: Dana Case and Greg Case
HOMETOWN: Jayess, MS

MANDY HART CASE
TITLE/DEPARTMENT: Instructor and Program Coordinator, Automation and Control Technology
YEARS OF SERVICE AT THIS INSTITUTION: 3
YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION: 3
ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS: Undergraduate: AAS, Copiah-Lincoln Community College, 1997; BS, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering; Minor, Occupational Health and Safety, LA State University, 2000
PUBLICATIONS/HONORS/AWARDS: National Collegiate Engineering Award; LSU IIE Chapter Student Achievement Award; Phi Theta Kappa; Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges
CIVIC ACTIVITIES: First Baptist Church; Brookhaven Southwest MS Junior tennis coordinator
FAMILY INFORMATION: Spouse: Ryan Case; Children: Logan and Lucy Ray
HOMETOWN: Wesson, MS
ASHLEY DOMINIQUE GRIFFIN

CLASS STANDING: Senior
MAJOR/MINOR FIELD OF STUDY: Biology and Chemistry
GPA AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS TO DATE: 3.52 GPA; General Chemistry Award; Phi Eta Sigma; President's List; Burger King Scholar; Henry Schein Scholar

COLLEGE HONORS HELD: Omicron Delta Kappa; President, Treasurer and Senator, Student Government Association; Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities; Delta Diplomat; Delta Belle Dancer; Treasurer, American Chemical Society; Treasurer, Beta Beta Beta

CAREER GOALS: After receiving my degrees in Biology and Chemistry, I will attend a graduate school to pursue my doctorate in either medical sciences or biological chemistry.

HIGH SCHOOL: Pillow Academy, Greenwood, MS

FAMILY INFORMATION: Mother: Annette Griffin

HOMETOWN: Greenwood, MS

EMILY ANNETTE NEWMAN

TITLE/DEPARTMENT: Nursing Instructor, Simulation/Skills Coordinator
YEARS OF SERVICE AT THIS INSTITUTION: 7
YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION: 7


PUBLICATIONS/HONORS/AWARDS: Connected Educator Nominee, Delta State University; Sigma Theta Tau; Hall of Fame, MS Student Nurses Association; Robert E. Smith School of Nursing Hall of Fame, Delta State University; Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS: Treasurer, Delegate, Electronic Delegate and Past President, Sigma Theta Tau, Pi Xi Chapter; Treasurer and Delegate, MS Nurses Association District #23

CIVIC ACTIVITIES: PeopleMap Trainer; Hands Only CPR Training for Cleveland School District; Hands Only CPR Community Training, Ruleville, MS; The Patient's Voice for Bolivar Medical Center; Science, Technology, Engineering and Math; Workshop Presenter, Girl Scouts Heart of the South; More Than Scrubs Coordinator/Presenter, American Heart Association Basic Life Support; Instructor, Cleveland Career Development and Technology Center; Advisory/Craft Community Committee; Leadership Conference Coordinator, MS Northern District HOSA; Tech Savvy Presenter, STEM; Presenter, Technology Conference; State Competition Judge, MS HOSA

FAMILY INFORMATION: Sister: Delores Darnell; Brother-in-Law: J. D. Darnell

HOMETOWN: Greenville, MS
Reagan Danielle Gorgas

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Pre-Physical Therapy
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; President’s List
College Honors Held: Vice President of Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa; Co-President, Warrior Corps; President, Catholic Campus Ministries; President and Vice President, Students Against Destructive Decisions; Vice President, Freshman Class
Career Goals: To become a Physical Therapist and eventually open a private practice.
High School: Newton County High School, Decatur, MS
Family Information: Parents: Dan and Lisa Gorgas
Hometown: Decatur, MS

Michelle Li Lee

Title/Department: Sociology Instructor, Social Science Division
Years of Service at this Institution: 4
Years of Service in Higher Education: 5
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: AA, East Central Community College; BA, Liberal Arts, 1998; BA, Social Science, Southern NH University, 2008.
Graduate: MAT, MS State University, 2013
Publications/Honors/Awards: Phi Theta Kappa; Kappa Delta Phi
Professional Affiliations: American Sociological Association
Civic Activities: Sponsor, Students for Life Club, East Central Community College; State Officer, Auxiliary of the Gideon’s International
Family Information: Spouse: Randall E. Lee; Children: Lana Lee; Alexander Lee, Rachel Lee, daughter-in-law; Henry Lee, grandson
Hometown: Brunswick, MA
East Mississippi Community College

Scooba, MS
President: Thomas M. Huebner, Jr.

William Caleb Younger
Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Nursing
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.91 GPA; Most Outstanding Student Award; President's List
College Honors Held: Phi Theta Kappa; Ambassador and Orientation Leader, EMCC; EMCC Choir; EMCC Student Voices; Vice President and President, Student Government Association; Quiz Bowl Team
Career Goals: I plan on obtaining a doctorate in nursing and becoming a nurse practitioner.
High School: Homeschooled
Family Information: Parents: Kyle and Sandi Younger
Hometown: Steens, MS

Tara Dawkins Hurt
Title/Department: Chemistry Instructor, Math & Science Department
Years of Service at this Institution: 15
Years of Service in Higher Education: 15
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: BA, Honors in Microbiology, MS University for Women, 1997. Graduate: MS, Chemistry, University of Southern MS, 2000
Publications/Honors/Awards: Author, General Chemistry II Lab Manual for EMCC. Hurt, T. M.S. Thesis. The University of Southern MS, 2000; Ping Zhang, Newton C. Fawcett, Jeffrey A. Evans, Tara Hurt, Kirby G. Harvey, Richard Craven, 2000, Rapid SLT Gene Detection on Polyethylene-Coacrylic Acid Film without Molecular Labels or Surface-Fouling Agents, Analytical Biochemistry, 282(2):218-226
Professional Affiliations: EMCC Faculty Association; American Chemical Society
Civic Activities: Sunday School Teacher, AWANA Leader and choir member, Woodland Baptist Church, Columbus, MS; Board of Directors, Columbus Girl Choir
Family Information: Spouse Ben; Children: Abigale, Amelia, Isaac and Ian
Hometown: Caledonia, MS
Anna Kaylen Hite
Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Art and English
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; Outstanding English Student of the Year; 3rd place Digital Art Category, HCC Student Exhibition; President's List; Valedictorian Scholarship
College Honors Held: Who's Who Among Students; Honors Program; Officer Intern and Officer of Service, Phi Theta Kappa; Study Abroad to England
Career Goals: I aspire to teach Art and English at a college level and to write and illustrate my own novels.
High School: Central Hinds Academy, Raymond, MS
Family Information: Mother: Angela Hite; Father: Jack Hite
Hometown: Raymond, MS

Joy Heard Rhoads
Title/Department: Social Sciences Division Chair, Instructor, History and Geography
Years of Service at this Institution: 24
Years of Service in Higher Education: 27
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: BA, History, MS State University, 1988. Graduate: MA, History, MS State University, 1989; MA, Geography, University of Southern MS, 2013
Publications/Honors/Awards: "Legislated Landscape: New Deal Subsistence Farm Homestead, McComb, MS," SE Division of the Association of American Geographers Annual Conference, Birmingham, AL; "Legislated Landscape: Historical Political Influence on MS Communities," MS Humanities Council; Teacher of the Year Lecture, Pearl, MS; Outstanding Teacher of the Year, Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Omicron Omega Chapter; Humanities Teacher of the Year and Hinds Heroes Award, Hinds Community College; MS Humanities Council
Professional Affiliations: SE Division of the American Association of Geographers National Council for Geographic Education
Civic Activities: Volunteer, Pearl River Keeper; Judge, MS State Geography Bee; Judge, MAIS State Science Fair; Family Support Group, 155th Brigade Combat Team
Family Information: Spouse: Lieutenant Colonel, MSARNG (Retired) Chuck Rhoads; Son: Christopher Rhoads
Hometown: Pearl, MS
BUCK SLADE ALLGOOD
CLASS STANDING: Sophomore
MAJOR/MINOR FIELD OF STUDY: Pre-Med (Biology Major/Chemistry Minor)
GPA AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS TO DATE: 4.0 GPA; Ridgeland Campus: President, Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Lambda Sigma chapter; Volunteer, Chemistry Lab; Natural Science Club
COLLEGE HONORS HELD: Ridgeland Campus: Ambassador College Mentor, Madison County Business Foundation
CAREER GOALS: I want to become a trauma surgeon. I always knew I wanted to go into the medical field, but I never completely knew which field of medicine I wanted to go into. After job shadowing a general surgeon, I came to the realization that I felt I would have the most impact in a patient’s life by being the physician to heal or help their ailments on the operating table. After further consideration, I felt that I would receive more satisfaction out of specializing in trauma care.
HIGH SCHOOL: Leake Central High School, Carthage, MS
OTHER COLLEGES: Participated in Dual Credit program, East Central Community College
FAMILY INFORMATION: Mother: Stacy Lynn Wooten; Father: Jimmy Earl Allgood; Stepmother: Patsy Diane Allgood; Stepfather: Michael Paul Wooten
HOMETOWN: Carthage, MS

XIAOYING WANG
TITLE/DEPARTMENT: Computer Science/Mathematics Instructor
YEARS OF SERVICE AT THIS INSTITUTION: 14.5
YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION: 16
ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS: Undergraduate: BA, Law, Fudan University, Shanghai, P. R. China, 1985. Graduate: MA, Law, Fudan University, Shanghai, P. R. China, 1987; MS, Computer Science, University of MS, 2002
PUBLICATIONS/HONORS/AWARDS: Law and Regulations in China’s Coastal Economic Developing Zones; Holmes Lamplighter Recipient
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS: Association for Computing Machinery; MS Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators; MS Association for Developmental Education; Upsilon Pi Epsilon
CIVIC ACTIVITIES: Volunteer, More Than a Meal; Grenada Boys Home Math Tutor; Free Math Tutor for Oxford Police
FAMILY INFORMATION: Son: Theo Young; Daughter: Joelle Young
Hunter Garrett Holley

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Biological Sciences
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; Pearson Scholar; Jack Kent Cooke Semi-Finalist; Presidents List; Phi Theta Kappa
College Honors Held: Itawamba Community College Honors Program; Regional Reporter, MS/LA Region, Phi Theta Kappa; President, Phi Theta Kappa, Upsilon Sigma Chapter; Monroe County representative, Student Government Association
Career Goals: I hope to achieve a license in dentistry, then specialize in Orthodontics.
Family Information: Mother: Melesa Rakestraw; Father: Billy Holley
Hometown: Amory, MS

Morgan Spencer Cutturini

Title/Department: English Instructor, Communication Division
Years of Service at This Institution: 18
Years of Service in Higher Education: 28
Publications/Honors/Awards: (Textbook) Associate Editor, For Our Students, Expanded Edition, Bedford, 2011; Author of “Comparison/Contrast Essays,” “Cause and Effect Writing,” and “MLA Documentation” chapters in For Our Students, Bedford, 2009; William Winter Scholar; Evelyn Webb Award, Two Year College English Association of MS; HEADWA
Professional Affiliations: Two-Year College English Association of MS; Board Member, TYCAM; Tupelo Film Festival Committee; Director, MS High School Film Competition
Civic Activities: Help collect donations for local food pantries and Salvation Army Angel Tree; Judge high school digital media competitions
Family Information: Spouse: Al Cutturini; Son, Logan; four-year-old Pit Bulldog named Sam
Hometown: Oxford, MS
Harrison Rhodes Watson

Class Standing: Junior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Biology (Environmental Science)
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.919 GPA; Presidential Scholarship; President’s List; Dean’s List
College Honors Held: TOMODACHI Scholars Alumnus
Career Goals: I would like to pursue an understanding of the relationship between ecological sciences and religious studies through a graduate degree from Yale University.
High School: Benjamin Franklin High School, New Orleans, LA
Family Information: Parents: Tamara Watson and Carlos Watson
Hometown: New Orleans, LA

Lin Li
Title/Department: Professor, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering and Industrial Systems & Technology, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Years of Service at This Institution: 12
Years of Service in Higher Education: 12
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: BS, Civil Engineering, Zhongshan University, 1991. Graduate: PhD, Civil Engineering, University of WI-Madison, 2004
Publications/Honors/Awards: Fellow, American Society of Civil Engineer; High Grant Award Winner, Excellence Teaching/Advising Award, and Faculty Excellence Award, Jackson State University; Richard S. Ladd D18 Standards Development Award, ASTM Committee D18 on Soil and Rock
Professional Affiliations: American Society for Testing and Materials; United States Universities Council on Geotechnical Education and Research; University representative, National Society of Professional Engineers; Geo-Institute, American Society of Civil Engineers; International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering
Civic Activities: Editor Board Member, Journal of Geotechnical and Geological Engineering; Committee member/vice chair, Physicochemical and biological processes in soils committee AFP40, Transportation Research Board; Committee chairman, task group of coal combustion products in the Geotechnics of sustainable construction committee, ASTM 18.14; Committee Member, ASCE Geo-Institute, geo-environmental committee; Session chair, Dams and Levees at the GeoSynthetics 2015 Conference, Portland, OR; Session chair, Bio-Mediated Soil at the ASCE Conference, Chicago, IL, and Shanghai, China
Family Information: Spouse: Dr. Rong Zhang; Children: Richard Li and Grace Li
Hometown: China
**Katelynn McGowen**  
**Class Standing:** Sophomore  
**Major/Minor Field of Study:** Biological Sciences (pre-med)  
**GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date:** 3.921 GPA; Valedictorian; Pickering Honors Institute; Phi Theta Kappa; JCJC Presidential Scholarship; Sigma Kappa Delta  
**College Honors Held:** JCJC Freshman Maid; Vice President for Leadership, Phi Theta Kappa; Head drum major, Maroon Typhoon; Student Government Association; Dr. Edwin J. Cole JCJC Foundation Scholarship; New Century Transfer Pathway Scholarship Nominee for JCJC  
**Career Goals:** To attend medical school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and then complete residency in pediatrics.  
**High School:** South Jones High School, Ellisville, MS  
**Family Information:** Parents: Hugh and Robin McGowen  
**Hometown:** Moselle, MS

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**Jessica Bunch**  
**Title/Department:** Professor, Mathematics  
**Years of Service at this Institution:** 11.5  
**Years of Service in Higher Education:** 14  
**Academic Credentials:**  
**Undergraduate:** AA, Math, Jones County Junior College, 1999; BS, Math, University of Southern MS, 2001.  
**Graduate:** MS, Math, University of Southern MS, 2003; EdS in Higher Education, Administration, William Carey University, 2012; PhD, Higher Education Administration, William Carey University, 2014  
**Publications/Honors/Awards:** JCJC Faculty Recognition Nominee; Lamplighter Award; Featured in Chronicle Magazine “Jones County Motivates: A Q&A with JCJC Educator Jessica Bunch,” May 2017; Coordinator, JCJC Math Bowl; Commissioner, JCJC Bobcat Math League; Special Resolution Commendation, JCJC Board of Trustees; Governor’s Award, Bobcat Math League, MS; Association of Partners in Education University Level  
**Professional Affiliations:** MS Collegiate Mathematics Association; MS Association of Partners in Education  
**Civic Activities:** First Assembly of God, Waynesboro; Beginners’ Sunday School Class Teacher  
**Family Information:** Parents: Billy and Rebecca Bunch; Sister, Jodi Bunch  
**Hometown:** Waynesboro, MS
**Katherine Anna Loper**  
**Class Standing:** Sophomore  
**Major/Minor Field of Study:** Biomedical Engineering  
**GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date:** 4.0 GPA; Phi Theta Kappa; Phil Hardin Foundation Honors College; President's List; Honors College Scholarship; Dotty and Hardy Graham, Sr. Scholarship; Spirit of Distinguished Young Women Scholarship; Keyes Brother Scholarship; Phi Theta Kappa Officer Scholarship; Meridian Community College Faculty Staff Association Scholarship  
**College Honors Held:** Co-Vice President of Scholarship Assistantship, Phi Theta Kappa; Division Chair, Science Department; Ivy League Recruiter  
**Career Goals:** My future plans start with graduating Meridian Community College with an Associate of Arts Degree. During the summer after graduating from MCC, I plan to apply for internship in the medical field and continue volunteering at the Free Clinic of Meridian. I plan to complete my Bachelor's degree in Biomedical Engineering at Mississippi State University in Starkville. After graduating from MSU, I will then apply to University of Mississippi Medical School. Once finishing medical school, I plan to complete my residency in general surgery.  
**High School:** Lauderdale High School, Collinsville, MS  
**Other Colleges:** East MS Community College, Scooba, MS  
**Family Information:** Father: Bobby Odom; Mother: Cynthia Odom  
**Hometown:** Collinsville, MS

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**Holly Hodges Crane**  
**Title/Department:** Retention/Remediation Specialist/Team Leader for Alternate Programs, Associate Degree Nursing Program  
**Years of Service at This Institution:** 14  
**Years of Service in Higher Education:** 14  
**Academic Credentials:** Undergraduate: AAS, Nursing, Meridian Community College, 1984; BS, Nursing, University of Southern MS, 2003. Graduate: MS, Nursing, University of Southern MS, 2006; PhD, Nursing Education and Administration, William Carey University, 2015  
**Publications/Honors/Awards:** Bobbie Anderson Faculty Scholarship, National Organization of Associate Degree Nurses; Certified Nurse Educator; Meridian Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program nominee, MS Organization of Associate Degree Nursing; Outstanding Nurse Educator of the Year  
**Professional Affiliations:** Meridian Community College Foundation; Meridian Community College Faculty-Staff Association; National League of Nurses; National Organization of Associate Degree Nurses; MS Organization of Associate Degree Nurses  
**Civic Activities:** 15th Avenue Baptist Church Choir; Sunday School Teacher (2-3 year-old class), taught youth (7th-12th), provided monthly blood pressure screenings to seniors and, Ministry Activity with Little Men Mentoring Program, FABC  
**Family Information:** Spouse: Jay Lowry Crane; Children: Jay Lowry Crane II and Matthew Jared Crane  
**Hometown:** Meridian, MS
Millsaps College

Jackson, MS
President: Robert Pearigen

Sarah Ruth Altman
Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Majors: Elementary Education and Music with concentration in Vocal Performance; Minor: Vocation, Ethics and Society
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.978 GPA; Valedictorian; Millsaps College's Presidential Scholarship; Presidential Scholar
College Honors Held: Ford Fellowship; Velma Jernigan Rodgers Scholarship; William H. Tribette Scholarship; Mary Sue Enochs Lewis Award
Career Goals: I plan to teach choir and general music in the K12 school system before entering grad school to pursue studies in music education.
High School: MS School of the Arts, Brookhaven, MS
Family Information: Father: Rev. Jon Altman; Mother: The Late Rev. Lynette Little
Hometown: Gulfport, MS

Eric John Griffin
Title/Department: Janice B. Trimble Professor and Chair, English Department
Years of Service at this Institution: 18
Years of Service in Higher Education: 27
Publications/Honors/Awards: Distinguished Professor Award, Millsaps College; Shakespeare, Cervantes, and The Spanish Gypsy: A Postmortem Encounter; Delegate, World Shakespeare Congress, Stratford-Upon-Avon; Shakespeare, Marlowe, and the Stranger Crisis of the 1590s; English Renaissance Drama and the Specter of Spain: Ethnopoetics and Empire (Philadelphia: University of PA Press); Phi Beta Kappa
Professional Affiliations: Shakespeare Association of America; International Shakespeare Society; Renaissance Society of America; Modern Language Association; Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies
Civic Activities: Director, Millsaps Latin American Studies Program; Kaxil Kiuic
Family Information: Spouse: Kathi Rasmussen Griffin; Children: Christine, Marc, Brianne, Karin
Hometown: Bakersfield, CA
**Mississippi College**

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

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**Annsley Claire McRae**  
Class Standing: Senior  
Major/Minor Field of Study: Marketing  
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.37 GPA; Presidential Scholar with Distinction; Business School Student Advisory Board; Mortar Board  
College Honors Held: President, Student Government Association; co-founder & Vice President, Student Investment Club, MC AMA Collegiate Chapter  
Career Goals: Following graduation I intend to pursue a career in brand strategy and management.  
High School: Tishomingo County High School, Iuka, MS  
Family Information: Parents: Kirby and Pamela McRae  
Hometown: Tishomingo, MS

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**Cindy Magee Melton**  
Title/Department: Professor, Dean, School of Education  
Years of Service at This Institution: 16  
Years of Service in Higher Education: 16  
Publications/Honors/Awards: Distinguished Professor of the Year, MS College; Presented at the International Research Conference on Innovation and Leadership in Education, Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Published Article in Reading Improvement Journal, The Effects of the Accelerated Reader Program on Fifth Grader's Reading Achievement; Outstanding Young Professor, MS College; Metro Jackson Outstanding Teacher  
Professional Affiliations: President-Elect, MS Association for Colleges of Teacher Education; Chair, MS Licensure Commission for Educators and Administrators; Sponsor, Kappa Delta Pi, Iota Beta Chapter; Delta Kappa Gamma  
Civic Activities: Children's Ministry Leader, PineLake Clinton; Clinton Public School District Career Complex Advisory Board; Governor's Task Force on Teacher Preparation and Early Literacy; MS Special Education Task Force  
Family Information: Spouse: Derek Melton; Children: Cameron Melton, and Caeley Melton  
Hometown: Batesville, MS
Mississippi Delta Community College

Moorhead, MS
President: Larry Nabors

Heather Louise Lee
Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Anthropology and Classics
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.77 GPA; Dean's List; Phi Theta Kappa
Career Goals: Classical Archaeologist
High School: Indianola Academy, Indianola, MS
Family Information: Parents: Don and Marsha Lee
Hometown: Cleveland, MS

Philip Lawes
Title/Department: Professor, Math and Science
Years of Service at this Institution: 13
Years of Service in Higher Education: 13
Publications/Honors/Awards: Lamplighter Award; Presenter, Summer Discovery Physics Workshop
Professional Affiliations: LA-MS Association of Two Year Colleges
Civic Activities: Greenwood Little Theatre; Episcopal Church of the Nativity; Museum of the MS Delta
Family Information: Spouse: Kimberly Lassiter Lawes; Child: Jacob Lawes
Hometown: Greenwood, MS
Nolan Phillip Stringfellow

Class Standing: Sophomore
Major/Minor Field of Study: Biology/Chemistry
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.78 GPA; President’s List; Vice President’s List; Research Presentation Award, MS Undergraduate Honors Conference; Vice President of Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa, Omicron Alpha Chapter
College Honors Held: Jefferson Davis Honors College Excellence in Honors Award, MGCCC
Career Goals: To obtain a Ph.D. in biochemistry and a M.D. in Otolaryngology.
High School: West Harrison High School, Harrison County, MS
Family Information: Parents: Philip and Denise Stringfellow
Hometown: Gulfport, MS

Patricia Scott West

Title/Department: Dr., Fine Arts, Jefferson Davis Campus
Years of Service at this Institution: 26
Years of Service in Higher Education: 30
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: BA, Journalism/French, University of Southern MS, 1970. Graduate: MS, Communication, University of Southern MS, 1971; PhD, Mass Communication, University of Southern MS, 2003
Publications/Honors/Awards: Honors Program Council, Phi Theta Kappa; Humanities Scholar of the Year, MS Humanities Council; William Winter Faculty Scholar; Natchez Literary and Film Festival; National Endowment for the Humanities Study Grant; Presenter, Community College Humanities Association
Professional Affiliations: President, MS Communication Association; Community College Representative, Southern States Communication Association; National Communication Association; Community College Humanities Association; Gulf South Summit.
Civic Activities: Board Member, Historical Society of Gulfport; Missions Committee, Westminster Presbyterian Church; Board Member, Gulfport Little Theatre; Board Member, South MS AIDS Task Force; Community College Service Learning Coordinator, Gulfport School System elementary schools
Family Information: Children: Jennifer Millsap, Alice Bellanger, Scott West
Hometown: Gulfport, MS
Tyler McMurray

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Animal and Dairy Science (Pre-Veterinary Medicine)
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.73 GPA; President’s List; Dean’s List; Lambda Sigma
College Honors Held: President and Secretary, MS State University Student Body; Orientation Leader; Tour Guide; MS State University Roadrunner.
Career Goals: I am very interested in the policy side of veterinary medicine. I have had the opportunity to get involved with the student government, where I learned that I have a passion for helping those around me. More specifically, it is important to help those in need around the world. Many developing nations suffer from malnutrition, while practicing poor animal management skills. If the people in the US shared only a fragment of our knowledge with developing nations, then the cycle of malnourishment would be broken. People in third-world countries would be able to start providing for themselves, which in turn would provoke a positive change in business, economy, and government. I enjoy getting the opportunity to engage in conversations with people and finding ways to better myself and those around me. Whether it is working in the USDA or running for public office, I would have the platform and experience necessary to work on laws to improve public health/international health from a veterinary background.

High School: Northwest Rankin High School, Flowood, MS
Family Information: Parents: Dr. Robert McMurray and Dr. Miriam Shatley
Hometown: Flowood, MS

Brent Jonathan Fountain

Title/Department: Associate Extension Professor, Department of Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion, MS State University; State Specialist, Nutrition and Food Safety, MS State University Extension
Years of Service at this Institution: 18
Years of Service in Higher Education: 18
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: AA, East Central Community College; BS, Business Administration, emphasis in Mass Communication, MS College, 1993; BS, Food, Nutrition and Dietetics, MS State University, 1998. Graduate: PhD, Human Nutrition, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, MS State University, 2004
Professional Affiliations: President, Robert Holland Faculty Senate, MS State University; Past President, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, MS Dietetic Association; Certified Specialist in Sports Dietetics; Sports Dietitian Registry, United States Olympic Committee
Civic Activities: Deacon, Community Group Leader and Praise band musician, First Baptist Church; Past President, Starkville Rotary Club; Council Commissioner and, Assistant Scout Master/Assistant Den Leader Troop 14-Pack 14, Boys Scouts of America, Pushmataha Area Council
Family Information: Spouse: Amy Bowie Fountain; Children: Jack Fountain, Joe Fountain
Lisa Shrestha
Class Standing: Senior  
Major/Minor Field of Study: Biology  
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.89 GPA; Whitfield Award; Northrop Grumman-Litton Industries Scholarship; Douglas and Betty Stone Scholarship; Lacey Scholarship; Vice-President, Phi Kappa Phi; Gamma Sigma Epsilon; Ina E. Gordy Honors College  
Career Goals: I plan to be involved in further researches on proteomics and work on my graduate degree in bioinformatics along with it.  
High School: Xavier Academy, Kathmandu, Nepal  
Family Information: Father: Mana Raj Shrestha; Mother: Chandika Shrestha  
Hometown: Kathmandu, Nepal

Erin M. Kempker
Title/Department: Associate Professor, History and Chair, Department of History, Political Science, and Geography  
Years of Service at this Institution: 9  
Years of Service in Higher Education: 9  
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: BS, Social Studies and Secondary Education, Central MO State University, 2000. Graduate: MA, History, Purdue University, 2003; PhD, History, Purdue University, 2008  
Professional Affiliations: Past President, MUW-Columbus affiliate, American Association of University Women; American Historical Association; Board of Trustees, MS Historical Society  
Civic Activities: I routinely give presentations to local chapters of the DAR, Kiwanis, and other civic organizations. The Life, Times, and Legacy of Sallie Eola Reneau: Context for an Extraordinary Life; Columbus Literary Club, Lion Hills Club, Columbus, MS; Feminism and Suffrage: MS Women and the Fight for the 19th Amendment, 1870-1920; Daughters of the American Revolution, Bernard Romans Chapter, Lion Hills Club, MS; The MUW Integration Project Columbus Kiwanis, Lions Hill Club, Columbus, MS  
Family Information: Spouse: Jesse Spencer Smith; Daughter: Jessie Rosemary Smith  
Hometown: Henley, MO
HENRY TOBECHUKWU AKAEZE

CLASS STANDING: Senior

MAJOR/MINOR FIELD OF STUDY: Computer Science and Mathematics

GPA AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS TO DATE: 4.0 GPA; Presidential Award; Mathematics, Computer and Information Sciences Department 4.0 Award; MCIS Department Best Peer Student Mentor; MCIS Department Most Dedicated Student; MCIS Department Homework Whiz

COLLEGE HONORS HELD: Thurgood Marshall College Fund Annual Gala Student Speaker; Thurgood Marshall College Fund Student Ambassador; Microsoft Student Partner; Student Volunteer Web Designer; Apple Student Ambassador

CAREER GOALS: My career goals are to work as a software developer for a high-tech company for the next 2 - 5 years. After this, I plan to obtain a master's degree in business administration and then pursue my dream of starting a tech company of my own.

HIGH SCHOOL: Federal Government College Nise, Anambra State, Nigeria

FAMILY INFORMATION: Father: Linus Ewuzie (Deceased); Mother: Angela Ewuzie (Deceased); Step-mother: Ifeyinwa Ewuzie

HOMETOWN: Ubahu, Ihembosi, Anambra State Nigeria

CANDACE CARTER STEVENS

TITLE/DEPARTMENT: Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Computer & Information Sciences

YEARS OF SERVICE AT THIS INSTITUTION: 12

YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION: 12


PUBLICATIONS/HONORS/AWARDS: Co-Project Director, MVSU Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program; STEM CHANGERS (STEM Changers: Customized High-Quality Approaches Necessary to Graduate, Excite, and Retain STEM students) grant; Principal Investigator, MVSU NASA STEM Educator Professional Development Consortium Grant, TX State University; MVSU Faculty Sponsor, NASA MUREP Educator Institute, Stennis Space Center; Principal Investigator, Project Advancing Mathematics Proficiency grant; MS Valley State University Service Award

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS: MS Collegiate Mathematical Association; MS Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators, MS Professional Educators

CIVIC ACTIVITIES: Missionary Society Ministry; Soup Kitchen Volunteer, Saint Paul MB Church; Volunteer Basketball Coach, United Family Life Center; Camp Fabulous Speaker; Volunteer Science Fair Judge for middle and high schools in the MS Delta

FAMILY INFORMATION: Spouse: Aaron Stevens; Child: Caleb Carter

HOMETOWN: Cleveland, MS
MALLORIE RACHAEL WALDON

Class Standing: Sophomore

Major/Minor Field of Study: Social Work

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; MS Scholar, National Honors Society; Benjamin Robert Shipman Memorial Scholarship; Good Citizens Award, Daughters of the American Revolution

College Honors Held: Vice President of Service and College Project chairperson (lead effort to write and present NEMCC Honors Institute proposal), Phi Theta Kappa; front ensemble captain, Northeast Tiger Band; Vice President, Northeast Collegiate FFA chapter; NEMCC chamber choir; Peer Writing Consultant, NEMCC Writing Center

Career Goals: I plan to earn my Master’s degree in Social Work and then seek employment as a case worker for the Department of Child Protective Services. My goal is to assist families to the best of my ability in these times of crisis and be the person who I wanted there for me when I went through a similar situation. I am currently working towards certification in American Sign Language and want to help bridge the gap of communication when dealing with families who are deaf or hearing impaired. My goal is to one day become a strong component in the case for child advocacy by doing everything I can as a social worker to seek support for children in need.

High School: Kossuth High School, Kossuth, MS

Family Information: Parent: Trina Waldon

Hometown: Walnut, MS

JEFFREY GLEN MELSON

Title/Department: Program Director and Instructor, Drafting, Design, and 3D Modeling, Division of Business and Engineering Technology

Years of Service at this Institution: 10

Years of Service in Higher Education: 10

Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: AA, History, NE MS Community College, 1995; AAS, Computer Aided Drafting and Design, NE MS Community College, 1997; BBA, University of MS, 2010. Graduate: MEd, Educational Leadership; Administration and Supervision, Delta State University, 2017

Publications/Honors/Awards: TOP Award; Lamplighter Award

Civic Activities: Deacon in my church for years; have given time and provided project drawings to various charities, non-profit organizations, church groups, schools groups, and businesses; have volunteered for other service projects with many of these groups

Family Information: Spouse: Jenny Melson; Daughter: Lilly Melson
GAVIN BLAINE BROWN
CLASS STANDING: Sophomore
MAJOR/MINOR FIELD OF STUDY: Computer Science
GPA AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS TO DATE: 4.0 GPA; Honors Graduate of Distinction; Presidential Scholarship; Gold Key Awards and Silver Key Awards, National Scholastic Art Competition; Excellence in Drawing Award, Briarcrest Regional Art Contest & Competition
COLLEGE HONORS HELD: Phi Theta Kappa
CAREER GOALS: I would like to become a computer programmer and software developer.
HIGH SCHOOL: Lewisburg High School, Olive Branch, MS
FAMILY INFORMATION: Father: Darrell Keith Brown
HOMETOWN: Olive Branch, MS

SARAH MATTOX HOLT
TITLE/DEPARTMENT: Biology Instructor, Natural Science Division
YEARS OF SERVICE AT THIS INSTITUTION: 8
YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION: 12
ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS: Undergraduate: AA, NE MS Community College, 1998; BS, Biology Education, MS State University, 2001. Graduate: MS, Biology Education, MS State University, 2002; Additional coursework for doctorate, University of MS
PUBLICATIONS/HONORS/AWARDS: HEADWAE; Adviser, Phi Theta Kappa; Five Year Award
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS: National Science Teachers Association; Society for College Science Teachers; MS Science Teachers Association; National Association of Academies of Science
CIVIC ACTIVITIES: National Multiple Sclerosis Society; Animal Rescue
FAMILY INFORMATION: Spouse: Lee Holt
HOMETOWN: Corinth, MS
JILL KENNEDY MARTIN

CLASS STANDING: Junior

MAJOR/MINOR FIELD OF STUDY: Pre-Nursing BSN

GPA AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS TO DATE: 4.0 GPA; President's List; Dean's List

COLLEGE HONORS: Honors Leadership Forum; Phi Theta Kappa

CAREER GOALS: I currently have my AAS in Paramedics. After attending PRCC for my prerequisites, I plan to transfer to the University of Southern Mississippi in the fall to obtain my BSN and begin working as an RN. I then want to further my education by going back to school to obtain my Master's Degree in Nursing. My goal is to work in emergency medicine as a Nurse Practitioner.

HIGH SCHOOL: Pearl River High School, Pearl River, LA

OTHER COLLEGES: Delgado Community College; SE LA University; South LA Community College

FAMILY INFORMATION: Spouse: Joshua Martin; Children: Kaylie, Corrie, and Abbie Martin

HOMETOWN: Pearl River, LA

LONNIE CHARLES BURCHELL

TITLE/DEPARTMENT: Biological Sciences Instructor, Science, Mathematics and Business Department

YEARS OF SERVICE AT THIS INSTITUTION: 20

YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION: 20


FAMILY INFORMATION: Spouse: Patricia Burchell; Daughter: Jennifer Cannon
Peyton Elizabeth Swanson

Class Standing: Second Year
Major/Minor Field of Study: Master of Arts in Marriage & Family Therapy and Counseling
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA
High School: Jackson Preparatory School, Jackson, MS
Other Colleges: BA, Psychology, University of MS
Family Information: Parents: Scott and Dianne Swanson
Hometown: Ridgeland, MS

William J. Richardson

Title/Department: Professor, Marriage and Family Therapy and Counseling Program
Years of Service at This Institution: 29
Years of Service in Higher Education: 30
Professional Affiliations: Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist; Clinical Fellow and Approved Supervisor, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.
Civic Activities: Director of a low-cost community counseling center and internship site in West Jackson, MS
Hometown: Madison, MS
WILLIAM DESHUN ROBINSON

CLASS STANDING: Senior

MAJOR/MINOR FIELD OF STUDY: Business Administration

GPA AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS TO DATE: 2.90 GPA

COLLEGE HONORS: Outstanding Student of the Year; Resident Assistant of the Year

CAREER GOALS: My career goals are to obtain my Master's degree in Higher Education, and someday to become a Dean of Students or a President of a college. Also, to start a non-profit organization for young adults that become parents at a young age.

HIGH SCHOOL: Greenwood High School, Greenwood, MS

FAMILY INFORMATION: Mother: Seqidrua Robinson; Father: William Lewis

HOMETOWN: Greenwood, MS

SHARRON RUTH GOODMAN-HILL

TITLE/DEPARTMENT: Instructor, Mass Communications, Division of Humanities

YEARS OF SERVICE AT THIS INSTITUTION: 25

YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION: 26

ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS: Undergraduate: AA, Liberal Arts, East Central Community College, 1980; BS, Broadcast Journalism, MS University for Women, 1982. Graduate: MA, Journalism, University of MS, 1997

PUBLICATIONS/HONORS/AWARDS: William Winter Scholar, Radio and Television News Directors Association; Educator in the Newsroom Fellow, MS Association of Broadcasters; Fellow, Ida B. Wells Symposium; Founder, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry; Exemplary Teacher Award

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS: Kappa Tau Alpha; Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication; National Association of Black Journalists; MS Humanities Council Women in Higher Education-MS Network

CIVIC ACTIVITIES: Vice President, Community Friends of ICS Headstart; Board President, MS Tobacco Free Coalition-Marshal, Benton and Union Counties; Advisor, Rust College Speech and Debate Team; Relay for Life-Marshall County; Coordinator, Greater Community Temple COGIC Annunciators Guild; Various Committee Work; Choir Workshop Conductor

FAMILY INFORMATION: Spouse: Larry Hill; Children: Victoria Leoniashae and Larissa Genae; Grandchildren: Kameron and Kylann Cooley

HOMETOWN: Decatur, MS
James Edward McGhee, Jr.

Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Christian Ministries
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.45 GPA; Who’s Who Among American Colleges and Universities; Southeastern Baptist College Achievement Award; Associates Degree in Church Ministries.
College Honors: President’s List, Dean’s List
Career Goals: My ultimate goal is to obtain a doctoral degree in Church Ministries. I plan to utilize my educational training to start a Christian Leadership school in order to educate Christians spiritually and appropriately to edify the kingdom of God.
High School: Jackson, AL
Other Colleges: Certified Auto Technician, Bessemer Technical College
Family Information: Spouse: Nina Hayes McGhee; Parents: The late James E. McGhee, Sr. and Frances Brown McGhee
Hometown: Salitpa, AL

Robert Dale Burch

Title/Department: Dr. Robert D. Burch
Years of Service at This Institution: 2
Years of Service in Higher Education: 2
Publications/Honors/Awards: Honors for College Students
Professional Affiliations: Christian Counselor, Missionary Church Planter, Minister
Civic Activities: Involved in all local high school activities and in public office; Community involvement for social events.
Family Information: Spouse: Edie Burch; Children: Robert and Justin; Daughter in laws: Brooke and Cameryn; Grandchildren: Hunter, Ryder, Clay, and Carson
Hometown: Caledonia, MS
TRULEE MAGEE TORRES

**CLASS STANDING:** Sophomore  
**MAJOR/MINOR FIELD OF STUDY:** Banking and Finance Technology  
**GPA AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS TO DATE:** 4.0 GPA; Outstanding Achievement in Public Speaking  
**CAREER GOALS:** I am thankful to have had a very rewarding career for more than 20 years with First Bank in McComb. I’ve worked within various departments of First Bank over the years and have found there is always more to learn. First Bank has provided me the opportunity of returning to school and I hope to be able to better assist our customers with the knowledge gained while attending SMCC and to advance my banking career.  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Pike High School, Summit, MS  
**FAMILY INFORMATION:** Spouse: Jorge A. Torres  
**HOMETOWN:** McComb, MS

WALTER MICHAEL FLOWERS

**TITLE/DEPARTMENT:** Instructor, Occupational Safety and Health Technology  
**YEARS OF SERVICE AT THIS INSTITUTION:** 11.5  
**YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION:** 38  
**ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS:** Undergraduate: BS, Vocational Business, Nicholls State University, 1972. Graduate: ME, Administration and Supervision, Nicholls State University, 1985  
**PUBLICATIONS/HONORS/AWARDS:** American Society of Safety Engineers  
**CIVIC ACTIVITIES:** Blood Donor, Community Service, Volunteer for Activities  
**FAMILY INFORMATION:** Spouse: Nancy Griffin Flowers; Children: Michelle Flowers Planche', Scott Michael Flowers
Danielle Maurie Irma Magee
CLASS STANDING: Senior
MAJOR/MINOR FIELD OF STUDY: Biology
GPA AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS TO DATE: 3.99 GPA; Presidential List; Provost List; Presidential I; 3.0+ Honor Student
COLLEGE HONORS HELD: Best in Chemistry Summer Science Program; Best in Physics Summer Science Program; Best in Analytical Thinking Summer Science Program; Best Overall in Program Speech Award; General Chemistry Award; Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges; Second Place, Research Poster Presentation, 2016 Kincheloe Symposium; Third Place in the Undergraduate Oral Competition, 2017 ASAS Midwest Conference; First Place in Research Poster Presentation, 2017 Kincheloe Symposium
CAREER GOALS: I aspire to attain a doctorate of veterinary medicine (DVM) degree along with a master's or Ph.D. in public health. It is my goal to positively impact the community with the work that I do.
HIGH SCHOOL: Normal Community West High School, Normal, IL
FAMILY INFORMATION: Father: Pearlie Magee; Mother: Jacqueline Magee
HOMETOWN: Normal, IL

Bidisha Sengupta
TITLE/DEPARTMENT: Associate Professor, Dr., Chemistry
YEARS OF SERVICE AT THIS INSTITUTION: 7
YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION: 16
ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS: Undergraduate: BS, Chemistry, Bethune College, University of Calcutta, 1992. Graduate: MS, Biophysics and Molecular Biology, University of Calcutta, 1994; PhD, Biophysical Chemistry, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, University of Calcutta, 2001
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS: American Chemical Society; Sigma Xi, Brown, Tougaloo Chapter; American Association for Advancement of Science; Indian Biophysical Society; Indian Society for Radiation and Photochemical Sciences
CIVIC ACTIVITIES: Mentored, trained and advised 17 undergraduate students in Biophysical Chemistry research at Tougaloo College in the past seven years; Helped in ‘R U Hungry’ at Jackson, MS.
FAMILY INFORMATION: Child: Chirantan Sen Mukherjee
HOMETOWN: Madison, MS
Dion Armstrong Kevin III
Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Public Policy Leadership
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.41 GPA
College Honors Held: Omicron Delta Kappa
Career Goals: I plan to pursue a career in medicine and health care policy.
High School: Oxford High School, Oxford, MS
Family Information: Dion Kevin and Charlene Kevin
Hometown: Oxford, MS

John M. Rimoldi
Title/Department: Professor, Medicinal Chemistry and Environmental Toxicology, Department of BioMolecular Sciences, School of Pharmacy
Years of Service at this Institution: 22
Years of Service in Higher Education: 24
Publications/Honors/Awards: Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award, University of MS; Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching & Mentoring, University of MS; Faculty Achievement Award for Outstanding Teaching and Scholarship, University of MS; Distinguished Teaching Scholar, School of Pharmacy; Teacher of the Year; PY1 Class, School of Pharmacy
Professional Affiliations: Board of Grants, American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education; Chair, Section of Chemistry, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy; President, MALTO Inc., Medicinal Chemistry Organization; Vice President & Founder, Paradox Pharmaceuticals Inc.
Family Information: Spouse: Cynthia Rimoldi; Child: Anthony Rimoldi
James Robert Ware II
Class Standing: Third Year
Major/Minor Field of Study: Doctorate of Nursing Practice
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.86 GPA
College Honors Held: Distinguished Alumnus, School of Nursing, MS College;
Distinguished Alumnus, Department of Health Services Administration, MS
College
High School: Bruce High School, Bruce, MS
Other Colleges: MS College
Family Information: Spouse: Bobbie K. Ware
Hometown: Bruce, MS

Mary (Molly) McCaffery Moore
Title/Department: Assistant Professor/Nurse Practitioner, School of Nursing
Years of Service at this Institution: 10
Years of Service in Higher Education: 9
Academic Credentials: Undergraduate: BSN, Nursing, University of MS Medical
Center, 1994; BBA, Marketing, MS State University, 1992. Graduate: MSN, Nursing, MS
University for Women, 1998; DNP, Nursing, University of MS Medical Center, 2012
Publications/Honors/Awards: Lee, R. & Moore, M. (accepted for publication Nov. 21,
2016) Effectiveness of patient-centered weight management counseling in overweight and
obese adults in a primary care setting: A systematic review protocol, Joanna Briggs Institute
Library Ware, R. & Moore, M. (accepted for publication Nov. 14, 2016) The psychometric
viability of measures of neurologic status commonly used for adults who have had a
cerebrovascular accident (CVA): A systematic review of measurement properties protocol,
to Physical Activity and Diet Among Children Ages 6 Through 13 in a MS Elementary School,
Medical Center; Mentor of the Year, MS Association of Student Nurses
Professional Affiliations: National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty,
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners; American Academy of Pediatrics; MS Nurses’
Association; American Nurses’ Association
Civic Activities: Northshore Elementary School Parent/Teacher Organization; Mentor,
NW Rankin High School Health Sciences Academy; Children’s Church Leader, St. Mark’s
United Methodist Church
Family Information: Spouse: Michael Howard Moore; Children: Mary Claire Moore,
John Merrell Moore
Hometown: Brandon, MS
CAROLINE BRADLEY
CLASS STANDING: Senior
MAJOR/MINOR FIELD OF STUDY: English
GPA AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS TO DATE: 4.0 GPA; President’s List; Honors
College
COLLEGE HONORS HELD: Presidential Scholarship; Hub Award Leadership
Scholarship for Outstanding Community Service and Leadership; Greater Pine Belt
Community Foundation; Outstanding Freshman Finalist, University of Southern
MS; Model New Member; Emerging New Leader; President, Student Government
Association
CAREER GOALS: I have been accepted to the Fredric G. Levin College of Law at the
University of Florida and plan to specialize in sports law. Upon graduation from law
school, I hope to work in a Division One college athletics program overseeing NCAA
compliance. I am looking forward to pursuing my passion for sports and law while
building relationships and encouraging growth in college students.
HIGH SCHOOL: George County High School, Lucedale, MS
FAMILY INFORMATION: Parents: Honorable Jaye Bradley and Reverend Kevin
Bradley
HOMETOWN: Lucedale, MS

KELLY FERRIS LESTER
TITLE/DEPARTMENT: Associate Professor, Dance, School of Performing and Visual
Arts
YEARS OF SERVICE AT THIS INSTITUTION: 10
YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION: 15
ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS: Undergraduate: BFA, Theatre with concentration in
Dance, University of Memphis, 2000. Graduate: MFA, Dance Choreography and
Performance, The College at Brockport (SUNY), 2007
PUBLICATIONS/HONORS/AWARDS: Author, Somatics: A Buzz Word Defined in
Diverse Environments in Moving Consciously: Somatic Transformations Through
Dance, Yoga and Touch, edited by Sondra Fraleigh and Ruth Way, 2015; Performer
and Choreographer, “The Body Politic” tour, 2017-18, An evening length dance
performance with colleague Elizabeth Lentz-Hil; Award, Innovation in Teaching
Award, USM, Learning Enhancement Center, 2015; “Certificate in Effective College
Instruction” through the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE),
edorsed by American Council on Education, 2017
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS: Treasurer and Policy Board member, National Dance
Education Organization; Co-Founder, Performer, and Choreographer, Hub Dance
Collective; Chair and Leadership Team, Dance 2050: The Future of Dance in Higher
Education
FAMILY INFORMATION: Spouse: Charles Lester; Children: Mariana and Atticus Lester
HOMETOWN: Hattiesburg, MS
Daniel Eugene Jackson

Class Standing: Second Year
Major/Minor Field of Study: Master of Divinity
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.51 GPA
Career Goals: Pastor the church God calls me to pastor. Be involved in whatever ministry God leads me to. Use the experience gained in the 14 years I spent in the US Navy serving our country.
High School: Clinton High School, Clinton, MS
Other Colleges: MS College; Liberty University
Family Information: Spouse: Pamela Jackson; Parents: Dennis and Mary Jackson
Hometown: Raymond, MS

Matt T. Friedeman

Title/Department: Professor, Evangelism and Discipleship
Years of Service at this Institution: 3
Years of Service in Higher Education: 3
Publications/Honors/Awards: Pro-life MS; Pro-lifer of the Year Publications: The Master Plan of Teaching Discipleship in the Home; Life Changing Bible Study Swallowed Up in God: The Best of Francis Asbury's Journal and Letters
Professional Affiliations: Evangelical Theological Society; Chair of the Board, New Way MS
Civic Activities: Prison and a pro-life activist.
Family Information: Spouse: Mary Boardman Friedeman; Children: Caleb, Joshua, Elijah, Hannah, Ezekiel, and Isaiah
Hannah Michelle Moak
Class Standing: Senior
Major/Minor Field of Study: Elementary Education; Minors, Science and English
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; NFCA Scholar Athlete; All-American SSAC All-academic team; MAC academic achievement among athletes; Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges; SSAC softball scholar-athlete of the year; CoSIDA academic first team, All-American; SSAC Student Leadership Council; President’s List
Career Goals: I plan to graduate with a bachelor’s degree in May and move home to Ruth, MS to start teaching and possibly coaching. I also intend on starting my master’s as well.
High School: Parklane Academy, McComb, MS
Family Information: Father: Mike Moak; Mother: Kim Moak
Hometown: Ruth, MS

Phyllis Howell Armstrong
Title/Department: Assistant Professor, Teacher Education Coordinator, School of Education
Years of Service at this Institution: 12
Years of Service in Higher Education: 12
Publications/Honors/Awards: Teacher of the Year, North Forrest Elementary School; Red Rose Award, Delta Kappa Gamma
Public Affiliations: International Literacy Association; Secretary, Phi Delta Kappa; Southern District Coordinator and numerous committees, MS Reading Association; Board of Trustees and President, Delta Kappa Gamma
Civic Activities: Volunteer mentor for clients, Edwards Street Fellowship Center; Sunday School Teacher, Heritage United Methodist Church; Staff Parish Relations Committee; Board of Trustees, Oak Grove Lower Elementary, North Forrest Elementary, Earl Travillion Elementary-volunteer (reading fair judge, reading tutor, science fair judge)
Family Information: Spouse: Norman Douglas Armstrong; Children: Allison Armstrong Downing, Lauren Armstrong Hutto and Ryan Douglas Armstrong
Hometown: Ruth, MS
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