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Celebrating Excellence in Higher Education

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Outstanding Faculty Honoree
Outstanding Student Honoree

HIGHER EDUCATION APPRECIATION DAY
WORKING FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
FEBRUARY 26, 2019
Elected in November 2007, the Honorable Delbert Hosemann serves as Mississippi’s eighth Secretary of State since 1900. He was re-elected to his third term in Office in 2015.

Secretary Hosemann is committed to serving the public with open and fair government. In the short time since he was elected, he has worked tirelessly to ensure the integrity of Mississippi’s vote, ethically manage state lands to guarantee the future for our children, and make our State more business-friendly and attractive for economic development.

In his spare time, Secretary Hosemann is an avid hunter and marathoner. He has completed both the New York Marathon and the Boston Marathon and represented Mississippi in the Senior Olympics.

Raised in Warren County, Mississippi, Secretary Hosemann comes to the position with a background in Business and Taxation Law. He has his undergraduate degree in Business from Notre Dame, a law degree from Ole Miss, and a Master of Laws in Taxation from New York University. He is a former partner of Phelps Dunbar, LLP. Secretary Hosemann also served his country in the United States Army Reserves.

Delbert has been married to his wife, Lynn, for 48 years. They are extremely proud of their three children: Kristen, Chad, and Mark; and grandchildren Grace, Nora Lynn, Carson, Charlie, Manse, Charlotte, and Howard Delbert.
Agenda

Mr. Kell Smith
Director of Communications and Legislative Services
Mississippi Community College Board
Master of Ceremonies

Welcome/Opening Remarks  Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr.
Commissioner of Higher Education
Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning

Invocation  Mr. Kell Smith

LUNCH

Introduction of Guests  Mr. Smith

Introduction of Speaker  Dr. Rankins

Keynote Speaker

THE HONORABLE DELBERT HOSEMAN
SECRETARY OF STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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

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  Ms. Gloria J. Miller
Director of Student Services
MS Institutions of Higher Learning
Chair, HEADWAE Steering Committee

Remarks  Dr. Shawn Mackey
Deputy Executive Director for Programs
and Accountability
Mississippi Community College Board

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

Closing Remarks  Dr. Adam Breerwood
President, Pearl River Community 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 32nd 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. While we certainly 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 capital. 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 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
Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of Jackson, we would like to extend a warm welcome to you to the 32nd Annual Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE). Welcome!

This occasion symbolizes the commitment of faculty, staff and students excelling in the pursuit of academic achievement. The 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 service of individuals in higher education. I proudly applaud our state's institutions of higher learning for investing in the future of the citizens. We are also committed to investing in opportunities for creative initiatives that spark the fire of education in people of all ages across our community.

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

Sincerely,

Chokwe A. Lumumba, Esq.
City of Jackson
Mayor
Dear HEADWAE Honorees:

Welcome to the Higher Education Appreciation Day—Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) Luncheon as we celebrate its 32nd 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 institutions.

The students and faculty selected for this honor have excelled academically and sought opportunities to make a difference outside the confines of the classroom. They have provided leadership and served others, both on campus and in the community. Today’s honorees have made a tremendous impact and we know they will continue to set and achieve lofty goals.

I would also like to thank Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann for delivering the keynote address. He is committed to creating a brighter future for Mississippi by ensuring that the state is business-friendly and appealing to economic development. Secretary Hosemann understands the vital role higher education plays in economic development. He was the driving force behind the Strengthening Mississippi Academic Research Through Business (SMART) Act, which allows Mississippi businesses who enter into a new research agreement with a Mississippi public university or research corporation to receive a maximum rebate equal to $1,000,000. This has helped facilitate numerous partnerships and I appreciate his commitment to advancing the state.

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

Sincerely,

Alfred Rankins, Jr., Ph.D.
Commissioner of Higher Education

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February 26, 2019

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
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, Executive Director
Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
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Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr.
Commissioner of Higher Education
Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning
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.
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Coranisha Luella Warren  
Senior  
Biology, Pre-Physical Therapy

Robert Carlen Sizemore  
Professor, Biology

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; Presidential Scholar; Achieve Scholarship; NASA Scholarship; Outstanding Academic Performance Award; Outstanding Junior Academic Partial Scholarship

College Honors Held: Tri-Beta; Biology Leadership Award; President, Biology Club; National Society of Leadership and Success; Golden Key; Sigma Chi IOTA; Campus Activity Board; Magnificent Trainer Award

Career Goals: My short-term career goal is to become a physical therapist in a rural area and to work with a high school football team. My long-term career goal is to work as a physical therapist with a professional NFL or NBA team. After I’ve been a physical therapist for 10 years, I plan to start a Physical Therapy Scholarship Program at Alcorn State University.

High School: Tylertown High School, Tylertown, MS

Family Information: Mother: Cora Johnson

Hometown: Tylertown, MS

Academic Credentials:

Undergraduate: BS, Zoology, University of KY, 1973

Graduate: MS, Microbiology, University of KY, 1975; PhD, Microbiology & Immunology, University of Louisville School of Medicine, 1982; Postdoctoral, University of MS Medical Center, 1982-1984

Publications/Honors/Awards: Phylogeny of Lymphocyte Heterogeneity: The Cellular Requirements for In Vitro Mitogenic Responses of Channel Catfish Leucocytes.; HIV Retrotransposon Activity and the Immunopathogenesis of AIDS; Modulation of Delayed-Type Hypersensitivity Responses in Hairless Guinea Pigs by Peptides Derived from Enkephalin.

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: Authored or co-authored numerous productions, Natchez Festival of Music and MS Bicentenntial Production; Performed in several movies and t.v. shows; Wrote and performed musical score, Natchez Little Theatre performances; Santa Claus, City of Natchez

Family Information: Spouse: Katherine Killelea Sizemore; Children: Katherine Peel Sizemore and Robert Carlen Sizemore, Jr.

Hometown: Ashland, KY
Belhaven University
Jackson, MS
President: Roger Parrott

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.8 GPA; Phi Alpha
Career Goals: To become an associate within a psychiatric residential treatment facility
High School: Woodstock High School, Woodstock, GA
Family Information: Father: Edward Womack
Hometown: Woodstock, GA

Patricia Josephine Womack
Senior
Social Work

Yusufu Jinkiri
Professor, Business Administration
Years of service at this institution: 20 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 22

Academic Credentials:
Graduate: MA, Theology, Wheaton College, 1990; PhD, Economics, University of CT, 1983
Publications/Honors/Awards: Reviewer, “International Business” by Geringer, McNett, Minor and Ball, 2016, Mcgraw Hill; Business Faculty Member of the Year; Phi Beta Lamda
Professional Affiliations: Christian Business Faculty Association
Family Information: Spouse: Ruth Jinkiri; Son and daughter-in-law: Maigari and Susie Jinkiri; Son: Datti Jinkiri; Grandsons: Joaquin and Raefael Jinkiri
**Blue Mountain College**

**Blue Mountain, MS**

**President: Barbara Childers McMillin**

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**Lauren Ashley Collins**

*Senior*

*Exercise Science and Psychology*

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**Alana Delise Teague**

*Director, Teaching & Learning Center; Assistant Professor, Education*

Years of service at this institution: 3 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 3

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**GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date:** 4.0 GPA;
Southern States Athletic Conference All-Academic Team;
National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics; National Scholar; Kappa Omicron Nu; Alpha Chi; President’s List

**College Honors Held:** President and Student Leadership Council, Southern States Athletic Conference; Musco Lighting Champion of Character; National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics; Live 5 High 5 - Respect President, Alpha Chi; Treasurer, Kappa Omicron Nu; President, Class of 2019

**Career Goals:** I plan to earn my Doctorate of Occupational Therapy degree. I want to truly make a difference in the lives of others every single day through the use of my skills as an Occupational Therapist. I aspire to eventually be the head of a therapy department or therapy company one day.

**High School:** Cleveland High School, Cleveland, MS

**Family Information:** Mother: Johnna Harris; Step-father: Michael Harris

**Hometown:** Cleveland, MS

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**Academic Credentials:**

**Undergraduate:** BA, English, Blue Mountain College. 1985

**Graduate:** MA, Journalism, University of MS, 2007; EdD, Leadership & Professional Practice, Trevecca Nazarene University, 2012

**Publications/Honors/Awards:** TN Teacher of the Year; Milken National Educator Award; “Enhancing the Future of Education by Actively Supporting Novice Teachers.” The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin, Fall 2013, Volume 80-1; Faculty of the Year, Southern States Athletic Conference; College Course of the Year Award, Blue Mountain

**Professional Affiliations:** Delta Kappa Gamma; International Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; Commission on Colleges Peer Evaluator; Sigma Tau Delta

**Civic Activities:** Coach, Ramer Dixie Youth Softball league team and All-Star team; Missions Committee Chair, Chewalla Baptist Church; Newsletter Editor, Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse; McNairy County Developmental Center; Chair, Scholarship Committee, Selmer Rotary Club; Coordinator, United Way

**Family Information:** Parents: Benny and Brylene Teague

**Hometown:** Ramer, TN
Coahoma Community College
Clarksdale, MS
President: Valmadge T. Towner

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.5 GPA; Phi Theta Kappa

College Honors Held: President, Student Government Association; Coahoma Cheer Team; Leader, Coahoma Net Impact Campaign

Career Goals: Upon graduating from Coahoma, I plan to attend Frisk University in Nashville, TN. My goal is to complete a PhD in history while continuing to serve those around me.

High School: Madison Shannon Palmer High School, Marks, MS

Family Information: Father: Daniel Lloyd; Mother: Cynthia Harper

Hometown: Marks, MS

Academic Credentials:

Undergraduate: BA, History and Political Science, University of AR, 1988

Graduate: MEd, History Education, Delta State University, 2000; EdD, Education, Delta State University, 2018

Publications/Honors/Awards: Teacher of the Month, Coahoma Early College High School; Lady Statesman Emerald Award-Top Doctoral Student; CCC Pinnacle Award-Best Employee; Humanities Teacher of the Year

Professional Affiliations: MS Association for Developmental Education; Mid-South Educational Research Association; National Council for History Education; MS Historical Society; American Psychological Association

Civic Activities: Board of Directors, Carnegie Public Library Community; Book Talk Lecture Series; Delta Kappa Gamma Society for Women Educators; Adopt-a-Classroom; Brooks Elementary School Assistant Coach; Clarksdale High School Mock Trial Team

Family Information: Spouse: Curtis Boschert

Hometown: Duncan, MS
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.8 GPA; President's List

College Honors Held: President and Golden Key Award, Phi Theta Kappa

Career Goals: First, I will major in Biology and take the MCAT. Then, apply for different medical schools. After medical school, I will do my residency and will specialize in anesthesiology.

High School: Natchez High School, Natchez, MS

Family Information: Mother: Evelia Lara

Hometown: Natchez, MS

Academic Credentials:

Undergraduate: BS, Pharmacy, Osmania University, India, 2003

Graduate: PhD, Organic Chemistry, University of South FL, 2011

Publications/Honors/Awards: Outstanding Academic Faculty Advisor High Performance Award; Synthesis and Antimicrobial Activities of Structurally Novel Disulfides, 2012; Unsymmetrical Aryl-Alkyl Disulfide Growth Inhibitors of MRSA and Bacillus Anthracis, 2008; Penicillin-Bound Polyacrylate Nanoparticles: Restoring the Activity of Beta-Lactam Antibiotics Against MRSA, 2007

Professional Affiliations: American Chemical Society

Family Information: Wife: Annapurna; Children: Aria and Aira

Hometown: Hyderabad, India
Delta State University

Cleveland, MS
President: William LaForge

Charles Eugene King
Senior
History

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.0 GPA; Omicron Delta Kappa

College Honors Held: Delta State University School Spirit Award; Outstanding Grand Master Award; International Award, Grand Conclave and Outstanding Brother Award, Kappa Sigma Fraternity

Career Goals: To become a military lawyer, the Governor of Mississippi, and to help this state in Washington D.C. in whatever aspect I can.

High School: Germantown High School, Madison, MS

Family Information: Father: Vernon King; Mother: Susan Floyd

Hometown: Jackson, MS

Jonathan Edward Westfall
Assistant Professor, Psychology

Years of service at this institution: 4 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 9

Academic Credentials:

Undergraduate: BA, Psychology, The University of Akron, 2004

Graduate: MA, Psychology, The University of Toledo, 2007; PhD, Experimental Psychology, The University of Toledo, 2009

Publications/Honors/Awards: Microsoft Most Valuable Professional; Faculty Award, College of Education and Human Sciences, Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year and Panhellenic Council, Delta State University

Professional Affiliations: Coordinator, First Year Seminar, Delta State University; Internet Editor, Society for the Teaching of Psychology; Editorial Board, Journal of Behavioral Decision Making

Civic Activities: Cantor, Our Lady of Victories Church, Cleveland, MS

Family Information: Spouse: Karey A. Westfall

Hometown: Parma, OH
East Central Community College

Decatur, MS
President: Billy W. Stewart

Mayowa Asagunla
Sophomore
Mechanical Engineering

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.7 GPA; Dean's List; NJCAA Academic All-American

College Honors Held: Luke 2:52 Award, Warrior Football; Phi Theta Kappa

Career Goals: I hope to continue my football career at the next level and plan to complete a degree in mechanical engineering.

High School: Hillcrest Christian School, Jackson, MS

Family Information: Mother: Mayowa Asagunla; Guardians: Luke Epperson and April Epperson

Hometown: Jackson, MS

Pam Croswell
Instructor, English, Communications Division

Years of service at this institution: 12 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 25

Academic Credentials:

Undergraduate: AA Liberal Arts, Meridian Community College, 1991; BA English, Millsaps College, 1993

Graduate: MSed, MS State University, 1998

Publications/Honors/Awards: HEADWAE Faculty, Academic Teacher of the Year, Lamplighters Award, William Winter Scholar Award and Natchez Literary Festival, East Central Community College

Professional Affiliations: AFSA Faculty Association; MS Association for Developmental Education; MSVCC Certified Online Instructor; Integrated Reading and English Redesign; Perspectives on Course Redesign; Lead Instructor for World Literature

Civic Activities: Pine Grove Baptist Church

Family Information: Spouse: Patrick Croswell; Step-daughter: Tessa Kate Croswell

Hometown: Union, MS
Jordan Brooke White
Sophomore
Biology

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA;
President’s Award; Outstanding Honors Leadership Student
Award, Phi Theta Kappa; Outstanding Chemistry I Student
Award; Outstanding Honors English I & II Student Award;
Outstanding Art Appreciation Student Award; Outstanding
Psychology Student Award

College Honors Held: Lucy Hull Leaders of Tomorrow Phi
Theta Kappa Award; Student Ambassador; Honors Program;
President and Treasurer, Student Government Association;
Vice-President, Math and Science Club; Sigma Kappa Delta;
Student Voices

Career Goals: My career goal is to become a Family
Medicine doctor in a rural community like the one I grew
up in. I feel serving the community this way is my mission
in life. People in rural areas must sometimes drive hours
to their primary care physicians. This deters some in rural
areas from seeing a physician regularly. I plan on making a
difference in my community.

High School: Kemper Academy, De Kalb, MS

Family Information: Parents: Johnny and Suzanne White

Hometown: De Kalb, MS

Shannon Pendergrass
Instructor, English, Humanities and Fine Arts

Academic Credentials:
Undergraduate: BS, English, University of West AL, 2003
Graduate: MA, Teaching English, University of West AL,
2008

Family Information: Spouse: T.W. Pendergrass; Sons: TJ
and Ben Pendergrass; Grandsons: Langston, Clyde, and
Roy

Hometown: Meridian, MS
**Hezekiah Henry Williams**  
**Sophomore**  
**Chemical Engineering**

**GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date:** 3.7 GPA; HEADWAE Student, Hinds Community College; STEM Program Scholarship; Honor's Program Scholar; Dean's Scholar; Dean's List; Academic Excellence Award, Hinds Community College, Utica Campus

**College Honors Held:** MS Valley State University Title III Competitiveness Scholarship; White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities Competitiveness Scholar; President, Freshman Class; District President, Student Government Association; Co-President, Phi Theta Kappa; Mr. Yearbook; Mr. Utica Campus

**Career Goals:** I aspire to be a business-owning Chemical Engineer who plans to construct and distribute defensive armor to our men and women of service to protect them on the front lines from biological, nuclear, atomic, and chemical warfare. I plan to do this through a partnership with the United States government.

**High School:** Mount Salus Christian School, Clinton, MS

**Family Information:** Mother: Lora R. Williams; Father: John H. Williams, Sr.

**Hometown:** Edwards, MS

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**Dan J. Fuller**  
**Instructor, English; Chair, Humanities, Utica Campus**

Years of service at this institution: 4  •  Years of Service in Higher Education: 4

**Academic Credentials:**

**Undergraduate:** BA, English, MS College, 1998

**Graduate:** MA, English, MS College, 2018; MTS, Theological Studies, Brite Divinity School (TCU), 2006

**Publications/Honors/Awards:** Humanities Instructor of the Year; Co-Director, MS Humanities Council; NEH Grant; “The Black Man’s Burden: William Holtzclaw and the Mississippi HBCU Connection”

**Professional Affiliations:** National Council of Teachers of English; Conference on College Composition and Communication; Two Year College English Association; National Writing Project Fellow; Faculty Advisor, Uticanite Yearbook and International Club

**Civic Activities:** First Baptist Church, Clinton, MS; Assistant Scoutmaster, BSA Troop 12; Co-Director, Utica Institute Museum

**Family Information:** Spouse: Lynn Pape Fuller; Children: Will and Maggie Fuller

**Hometown:** Albuquerque, NM
Holmes Community College

Goodman, MS
President: Jim Haffey

Hallie McKinley Westbrook
Sophomore
Architectural Engineering Technology (AAS) and Accounting (AA)

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; President's List; Get2College FAFSA Corps; Architectural Engineering Award; Hall of Fame; Golden Key, Phi Theta Kappa; English Composition Award; AutoCAD Certification; Gold Medalist, SkillsUSA; State Opening and Closing Ceremony Tea

College Honors Held: Vice-President, Kappa Alpha Chapter, Phi Theta Kappa; President, SkillsUSA Chapter, Holmes Community College, Goodman Campus; Chief Designer, Sensory Garden Project-Choctaw Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Ackerman, MS

Career Goals: I aspire to obtain my bachelor's degree and potentially a master's degree in Accounting. I plan to concentrate in helping people manage and protect their financial and physical assets.

High School: Homeschooled

Family Information: Parents: Rolan and Dawn Westbrook

Hometown: Pickens, MS

Lisa Anglin
Instructor, Mathematics

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

Academic Credentials:

Undergraduate: BS, Mathematics, Millsaps College, 2004

Graduate: MS, Mathematics, MS College, 2007

Professional Affiliations: Contact Advisor, Phi Theta Kappa; Education Association; MS Collegiate Mathematics Association

Civic Activities: Children's ministry leadership team and Salt and Light Ministry board, Madison United Methodist Church

Family Information: Husband: Micah Anglin; Children: Macy and Luke Anglin

Hometown: Madison, MS
Makaela Noelle Dickerson
Sophomore
Public Relations

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; President’s List; All MS Academic Team

College Honors Held: President, Upsilon Sigma Chapter, Phi Theta Kappa; MS/LA Regional Reporter Honors Program; Coca-Cola Leader of Promise

Career Goals: After graduating with my Master's Degree, I want to work for a nonprofit organization like Make-A-Wish Foundation.

High School: Hamilton High School, Hamilton, MS

Family Information: Parents: Tim and Jennifer Dickerson

Hometown: Smithville, MS

Nathaniel Gene Ward
Instructor, English

Years of service at this institution: 12 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 15

Academic Credentials:

Undergraduate: BA, Curriculum and Instruction - English Education, University of MS, 2000

Graduate: MA, Curriculum and Instruction - English Education, University of MS, 2003

Publications/Honors/Awards: William Winter Faculty Scholar, Lamplighter Award and Leadership Development Institute, Itawamba Community College

Professional Affiliations: Sigma Kappa Delta; NCTE


Hometown: Pontotoc, MS
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; Presidential Academic Scholarship

College Honors Held: President’s List; W.E.B. DuBois-Harvery Honors College

Career Goals: I plan to be a physician in an urban academic medical center, helping to bring equal health into reality and to fund a full ride medical school scholarship for future Jackson State undergraduate students.

High School: Michigan Virtual Charter Academy, Grand Rapids, MI

Family Information: Mother: Latrice Crutcher; Father: Robert Nelson II

Hometown: Detroit, MI

Academic Credentials:

Undergraduate: BA, Economics, Tougaloo College, 2000

Graduate: MA, Economics, Howard University, 2002; PhD, Business Administration (Economics), Jackson State University, 2006


Professional Affiliations: Past President, Southwestern Society of Economists; National Economics Association; American Economic Association

Civic Activities: Director, Center for Research in Economic Education and Financial Literacy, MS Council for Economic Education; MS Black Leadership Institute; OneVoice; Deacon, Farmhaven Church of Holiness USA

Family Information: Spouse: Mary-Margarette Hill; Sons: Nicholas, Harper, Clark, and Jean-Marc Hill

Hometown: Canton, MS
**Jones County Junior College**

Ellisville, MS
President: Jesse R. Smith

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**Shivum Desai**  
Sophomore  
Biological Sciences (Pre-Med)

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**Eric Shows**  
Chair, Science Division  
Years of service at this institution: 9  
Years of Service in Higher Education: 9

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**GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date:** 4.0 GPA; Phi Theta Kappa; ACT Scholarship; Foundation Scholarship; Thomas H. Harris Science Scholarship; Bush Memorial Scholarship; President’s List

**College Honors Held:** President, Phi Theta Kappa; Academic All-American/New Century Transfer Pathway Scholarship Nominee

**Career Goals:** Complete undergraduate degree in biological sciences at the University of Mississippi, attend medical school, and complete residency in cardiology or internal medicine.

**High School:** Oak Grove High school, Hattiesburg, MS

**Family Information:** Parents: Sanjay and Karuna Desai

**Hometown:** Hattiesburg, MS

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**Academic Credentials:**

**Undergraduate:** BS, Biochemistry, MS State University, Summa Cum Laude, 2005

**Graduate:** MS, Vanderbilt University, 2009

**Publications/Honors/Awards:** Research in Nucleocytoplasmic Transport, Vanderbilt University; Research in Pesticide Neurotoxicology, MS State University Science; Crossing the Nuclear Envelope: Hierarchical Regulation of Nucleocytoplasmic Transport; Barry M. Goldwater Scholar

**Professional Affiliations:** American Society for Cell Biology; American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; Golden Key; Phi Kappa Phi

**Civic Activities:** First Baptist Church, Ellisville, MS

**Family Information:** Parents: Bobby and Sandra Shows

**Hometown:** Ellisville, MS
DUNNAM ODIS SHIRLEY
Sophomore
Secondary Education, Biology

VALERIE STIDAM BISHOP
Chair, Science, Fitness and Wellness Division

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; Valedictorian; Charles & Jean Winwright Memorial Scholarship; Steve Nabors Memorial Scholarship; MCC Faculty & Staff Association Scholarship

College Honors Held: Chapter President, Phi Theta Kappa 5-Star Competitive Edge; All MS-Academic Team; Honors Council, Phil Hardin Foundation; Honors College; Ivy League Student Recruiters; Science Tutor, MCC’s Student Success Center; Sports Announcer, MCC (Soccer, Basketball, & Baseball); MCC Mascot, “Victor the Eagle”

Career Goals: When I graduate from MCC, I plan to transfer to Mississippi State University and pursue my passion for education. My goal is to obtain my Biology Education degree and return to the public education system in Mississippi to teach Biology at the high school level. Just as many of my teachers positively impacted my life, I want to positively impact the lives of young people for many years to come.

High School: Southeast Lauderdale High School, Meridian, MS

Family Information: Parents: Terry and Cindy Shirley

Hometown: Meridian, MS

Academic Credentials:

Undergraduate: BS, Biology, Georgetown College, 1987
Graduate: MS, Science Education, University of KY, 1990

Publications/Honors/Awards: Clarence Roberts Teaching Award, MCC; MCC’er of the Month; You Be The Chemist; MS Educator STAR Teacher

Professional Affiliations: MS Academy of Sciences

Civic Activities: Meridian Symphony Board; Boys and Girls Club of East MS; My College Cares

Family Information: Spouse: David Bishop; Son and daughter-in-law: Evan and Robyn Bishop

Hometown: Meridian, MS
**GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date:** 3.9 GPA; TriBeta; Secretary, Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Health; President, Phi Eta Sigma; Ford Fellow; Mellon Writing Fellow; Biology teaching assistant; Summer research assistant, University of PA

**College Honors Held:** President's Scholar; William H. Tribute award; Vice-President, Student Body Association; President, International Student Organization; VP Finance, Tri-Delta fraternity

**Career Goals:** To become a physician/scientist

**High School:** Raffles Institution, Singapore

**Family Information:** Father: Zhang Rong Wei; Mother: Bian Jin Hong

**Hometown:** Singapore

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**Academic Credentials:**

**Undergraduate:** BA, Biology, University of Northern CO, 1999

**Graduate:** MS, Biology, West TX A&M University, 2002; PhD, Biology, EC University, 2006

**Publications/Honors/Awards:** Distinguished Professor Award, Sabbatical Award, Richard A. Smith Award for Excellence in Scholarship or Creative Work, Excellence in Teaching Award and Outstanding Young Faculty Award, Millsaps College

**Professional Affiliations:** American Arachnological Society Association of Southeastern Biologists; International Society of Arachnology Society for the Study of Evolution

**Civic Activities:** K-12 outreach programs at local public and private schools; Volunteer, MS Museum of Natural Science

**Family Information:** Spouse: Dr. Kristina E. Rehm

**Hometown:** Thornton, CO
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.1 GPA; Dean's List; Gulf South Conference All Academic Team

College Honors Held: Lettered in Football; Campus Activities Board; Orientation Leader; First African American President, Student Government Association

Career Goals: I would like to be able to help reshape the image of Mississippi. I would like for this to become the place where people are proud to be from, and proud to stay. I plan on getting involved in Mississippi politics and focusing on strengthening our public education system here in the state.

High School: John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, Mound Bayou, MS

Family Information: Mother: Oneida Causley
Hometown: Mound Bayou, MS

Academic Credentials:

Undergraduate: BBA, Mathematics, MS College, 1982
Graduate: MS, Mathematics, University of TN, 1985; PhD, Mathematical Sciences, MS State University, 1994

Publications/Honors/Awards: Distinguished Teaching Award, LA/MS Section, Mathematical Association of America; Distinguished Alumnus, Department of Mathematics and Distinguished Professor of the Year, Mississippi College; Essentials of Mathematical Probability and Statistics, 2017; Mathematics of Finance, 2016

Professional Affiliations: Founding President, The WebWork Project; Board of Governors, Mathematical Association of America; Executive Committee and Chair, LA/MA Section, MAA; Editor, MAA Distinguished Lecturer Video Series; Association of Christians in the Mathematical Sciences

Civic Activities: Deacon and Instrumental Ensemble, Parkway Baptist Church; PTA, Clinton Public Schools

Family Information: Spouse: Ruth Travis; Daughters; Sarah Grace Travis Zetterholm, Anna Kate and Laura Joy Travis
Hometown: Clinton, MS
Mississippi Delta Community College

Moorhead, MS
President: Larry Nabors

Jaylan LaShun Woods
Sophomore
Health, Physical Education, and Recreation

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.8 GPA; NJCAA All-Academic; Phi Theta Kappa; Dean's List

College Honors Held: Captain, Football Team; Health, Physical Education, Recreation Departmental Award

Career Goals: I aspire to become a Physical Therapist and open my own clinic.

High School: Greenville High School, Greenville, MS

Family Information: Mother: Melody Coleman; Father: Carl Mack

Hometown: Greenville, MS

Elizabeth McCool Scrivner
Instructor, Biology, Math and Science Department
Years of service at this institution: 6 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 6

Academic Credentials:

Undergraduate: AA, MS Delta Community College, 1998; BSE, Biology Science Education, Delta State University, 2000

Graduate: MSNS, Biology/Natural Sciences, Delta State University, 2004

Publications/Honors/Awards: Star Teacher; Lead teacher, MSCEI (Apple- iPods/iPads) grant, and 21st Century Classroom grant

Professional Affiliations: MS Professional Educators

Family Information: Spouse: Dale Scrivner; Children: Detra Scrivner Coleman, Jason and Ashlee Scrivner

Hometown: Lake Village, AR
Riley Hope Brown
Sophomore
Biomedical Engineering with a Pre-Med Focus

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; President's List; Academic Excellence Scholarship; Leadership Scholarship; Honors College Scholarship; Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar

College Honors Held: President, Pi Epsilon Chapter, Phi Theta Kappa; Reflections Team; Student Government Association; President, Sophomore Class; Treasurer, Circle K International

Career Goals: After obtaining my Associate of Science degree from MGCCC, I plan to transfer to the University of Mississippi to obtain a Bachelor's degree in Biomedical Engineering and furthering my education at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Due to the great need for primary care physicians in Mississippi, upon completion of my residency, I plan to return to my hometown to practice.

High School: Gautier High School, Gautier, MS

Family Information: Parents: O.W. and Kimberly Brown, III
Hometown: Gautier, MS

Jennifer Barnes Moffett
Instructor, Language Arts Department

Academic Credentials:
Undergraduate: BBA, Marketing, Harding University, 1995
Graduate: MA, English/Creative Writing, The University of MS, 2001

Publications/Honors/Awards: Simon & Schuster/Atheneum, author, forthcoming novel, fall 2020; descant, TX Christian University Literary Journal, associate fiction editor; Gary Wilson Short Story Award; Faulkner-Wisdom Creative Competition, finalist (poetry category); New Orleans Review, published short story (issue 38.1)

Professional Affiliations: Friends of American Library Association; The Pirate's Alley Faulkner Society; Past Board of Directors, The Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center; Young Adult Library Services Association; Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators

Civic Activities: Volunteer Creative Writing Instructor, Gautier Public Library, Girl Scouts of America, and The Mary C.; Contest Judge, Gautier Public Library Teen Writing Contest and Ocean Springs High School Book Fair Competition

Family Information: Spouse: Jeff Moffett; Children: Noah and Ella Moffett
Hometown: Ocean Springs, MS
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.5 GPA; Lambda Sigma
College Honors Held: South Eastern Conference Student Leader of the Year
Career Goals: I plan to further my education by pursuing a Masters Degree in Education Policy.
High School: Meridian High School, Meridian, MS
Family Information: Parents; Albert and Katricia Emerson
Hometown: Meridian, MS

Mayah Emerson
Senior
Educational Psychology

James Andrew Dunne
Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; Professor. Physics & Astronomy; Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President
Years of service at this institution: 21 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 21

Academic Credentials:
Undergraduate: BS, Physics, The American University, 1987
Graduate: MS, Physics, The American University, 1991; PhD, Nuclear Physics, The American University, 1995
Publications/Honors/Awards: “Precision Measurement of the Weak Charge of the Proton,” Nature 557 no.7704, 207-211, 2018, Qweak Collaboration; Nominee, U.S. Professors of the Year Awards Program; The John Grisham Master Teacher Award; MS State University Alumni Association; Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award; The Hunter Henry Dean's Eminent Scholar Award
Professional Affiliations: American Physical Society; MS Section Representative; American Association of Physics Teachers; Phi Kappa Phi; Sigma Xi
Family Information: Spouse: Demetra Dunne; Children: Connor, Marika, Reese, Christian, and Veronica Dunne
Hometown: Silver Spring, MD
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.7 GPA; Valedictorian; President's List; Dean's list; Ina E. Gordy Honors College

College Honors Held: 3rd Place, Common Reading Initiative Contest, MS University for Women; The Price We Paid: An Anthology of the Desegregation of Mississippi State College for Women.

Career Goals: I plan to become a clinical psychiatrist focusing on how social and physical environments affect the development of women and children. My hope is to start a research program that focuses on women and children’s mental and physical health in rural areas as they relate to a lack of resources.

High School: Port Gibson High School, Port Gibson, MS

Family Information: Mother: Shantee Brown; Father: Dlvyn Graham

Hometown: Port Gibson, MS

Academic Credentials:

Undergraduate: BBA, Marketing, MS State University, 1990

Graduate: MBA, MS State University, 1994; PhD, Marketing, MS State University, 2001

Publications/Honors/Awards: Kossen Faculty Excellence Award; Business and Legal Studies Faculty Member of the Year Award; Women's Center for Entrepreneurship; Entrepreneurial Educator of the Year; MBAA McGraw-Hill/Irwin Distinguished Paper Award

Professional Affiliations: Former Proceedings Editor; Marketing Management Association

Civic Activities: Sunday School teacher and Handbell Choir, First United Methodist Church; Starkville High School PTO; SHS Cheer and Archery Booster Clubs; Starkville's Casserole Kitchen Volunteer; Provide marketing expertise to a diversified set of regional businesses and non-profit organizations

Family Information: Spouse: Erick Larson; Children: Drake and Johannah Larson

Hometown: Amory, MS
Mississippi Valley State University

Itta Bena, MS
President: Jerryl Briggs

Donovan Deandre Brownlee
Junior
Pre-Law Legal Studies/Government and Politics

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.3 GPA; National Society of Leadership and Success; Top Student in American Literature II, Coahoma Community College

College Honors Held: Mr. Choir and Men’s Ensemble, Coahoma Community College; Singer, Black Caucus for Congressman Bennie Thompson, Washington D.C.; Captain, Mock Trial Team, MS Valley State University; Vice President, Pre-Law Club

Career Goals: Become a lawyer, own my own law firm, and open affordable after school program for youth.

High School: Westerville North High School, Westerville, OH

Family Information: Mother; Freda Sykes: Father; Dan Brownlee

Hometown: Columbus, OH

Micah Rueber
Associate Professor, History; Coordinator, General Studies

Years of service at this institution: 7 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 9

Academic Credentials:

Undergraduate: BA in Music, Carleton College, 1994; BS in Mathematics, University of OR, 2000
Graduate: MA in History, IA State University, 2005; PhD in History, MS State University, 2010


Professional Affiliations: Chair, Kranzberg Prize Committee; Society for the History of Technology

Family Information: Spouse: Holly Haimes

Hometown: Sturgis, MS
Northeast MS Community College

Booneville, MS
President: Ricky G. Ford

TREVIN HALL MOORE
Sophomore
Civil Engineering

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.7 GPA

College Honors Held: Tiger Band Drum Major; Officer, Phi Theta Kappa; Vice President’s List; FCA; Symphonic Band; Chorus; Jazz Band

Career Goals: I want to be a civil engineer and eventually own my own business.

High School: Booneville High School, Booneville, MS

Family Information: Parents: T.J. & Myra Moore

Hometown: Booneville, MS

ROBBIE ROGERS COLEMAN
Instructor, Accounting, Social, Behavioral, and Applied Sciences Division
Years of service at this institution: 17.5 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 17.5

Academic Credentials:

Undergraduate: Associate of Arts, Northeast MS Junior College, 1986; BAcc, University of MS, 1988

Graduate: MAcc, University of MS, 1989

Professional Affiliations: American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; MS Society of Certified Public Accountants; Northeast Chapter of MSCPA

Civic Activities: Board Member, Aiming for Healthy Families, Inc.; Volunteer, Lighthouse Basketball; Classic Treasurer, Tuscumbia Baptist Church

Family Information: Daughters: Annaleigh and Darbie Coleman

Hometown: Corinth, MS
Northwest MS Community College

Senatobia, MS
President: Michael Heindl

William Joshua Wood
Sophomore
Accounting and Finance

Elizabeth Swayze Harvey
Instructor, Mathematics
Years of service at this institution: 23 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 27

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA;
President, Phi Theta Kappa; Gamma Beta Phi

College Honors Held: Foundations Scholarship; Presidential Scholarship

Career Goals: I plan to major in Accounting and Finance and also earn a Master’s degree in Business Administration. After graduating from college, I want to work as an investment banker and own real estate in the city in which I live at the time. I also plan on investing in stocks and bonds.

High School: Brandon High School, Brandon, MS

Family Information: Parents: Will and Wendy Wood

Hometown: Brandon, MS

Academic Credentials:

Undergraduate: BA, Mathematics, University of MS, 1991

Graduate: MS, Mathematics, University of MS, 1993

Publications/Honors/Awards: Lamplighter, Northwest MS Community College; The Journey Award for Excellence in Phi Theta Kappa Membership Recruitment

Professional Affiliations: Sponsor, Phi Theta Kappa

Civic Activities: First Baptist Church, Oxford, MS

Family Information: Spouse: Brian Harvey; Sons: Will, John, and Michael Harvey

Hometown: Benton, MS
PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Poplarville, MS
President: Adam Breerwood

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.0 GPA

Career Goals: I grew up in an orphanage in Africa. I came to the United States in 2011. I want to go back to Africa to open an agricultural business that will allow the children in the orphanage to make a living for themselves. This business will allow these youth to not only learn a trade but will also provide a place of employment for when they age out of the orphanage system.

High School: East Marion High School, Columbia, MS

Family Information: Foster Mother: Mandy Baney Cooley; Sister: Patience Diggs

Hometown: Grand Bassa County Number 2 District, West Africa, Morovia, Liberia

Academic Credentials:

Undergraduate: BA, History, TX A&M University, 2004

Graduate: MA, Sociology, LA State University, 2006; PhD, Sociology, LA State University, 2011

Publications/Honors/Awards: American Education Research Association Dissertation Grant ($20,000)

Professional Affiliations: President, Faculty Association; Faculty Advisor, Social Science Club

Civic Activities: Cosmopolitan Club of Petal MS; Yearly volunteer, Homeless Connect with Volunteer Southeast MS

Family Information: Spouse: Adam Purvis; Children: Beau and Lucy Purvis

Hometown: Houston, TX
**Reformed Theological Seminary**

Jackson, MS  
**Chancellor:** J. Ligon Duncan, III  •  **President:** Guy Richardson

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**Step Morgan**  
Senior  
Master of Divinity

**Jennings Ligon Duncan**  
Chancellor and CEO, John E. Richards Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology  
Years of service at this institution: 28  •  Years of Service in Higher Education: 28

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**GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date:** 3.5 GPA

**Career Goals:** I hope to serve as an ordained minister of the gospel in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

**High School:** Homeschool

**Family Information:** Spouse: Jessica Morgan; Children: Rachel Katharine, Samuel, Sophie, Noah, and Elijah Morgan

**Hometown:** Bruce, MS

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**Academic Credentials:**

**Undergraduate:** BA, History, Furman University, 1983.

**Graduate:** MDiv, cum laude, Covenant Theological Seminary, 1986; MA, Historical Theology, cum laude, Covenant Theological Seminary, 1987; PhD, Ecclesiastical History/Systematic Theology, University of Edinburgh New College, 1995

**Publications/Honors/Awards:** Author/Editor/Co-author of more than 35 books, including: “Fear Not!” and “Does Grace Grow Best in Winter?” Also in Christianity Today, Banner of Truth Moderator, (32nd) General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), 2004-2005; Who’s Who in America; Who’s Who in America: South and Southwest

**Professional Affiliations:** Evangelical Theological Society; The North American Patristic Society National Association of Scholars; Peer Review Advisory Board, The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; Presbytery of the MS Valley

**Civic Activities:** First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS

**Family Information:** Spouse: Anne Harley Duncan; Children: Sarah Kennedy and Jennings Duncan IV

**Hometown:** Jackson, MS
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.2 GPA; President’s List; Dean’s List

**College Honors Held:** E.A. Smith Honors Program; Academic Dean Scholarship

**Career Goals:** I aspire to be a healthcare professional. As a healthcare professional, I will be in a position to promote healthier lifestyles.

**High School:** GRAD Academy Memphis, Memphis, TN

**Family Information:** Parents: Aundre and Darlene Fletcher Sr.

**Hometown:** Memphis, TN

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**Aundre Fletcher**  
Sophomore  
Biology

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**Wonso White Hayes**  
Associate Professor, Education

Years of service at this institution: 41  
Years of Service in Higher Education: 3

**Academic Credentials:**

**Undergraduate:** AB. Business Education, Coahoma Community College, 1961-63; BS. Business Education, Alcorn State University, 1963-65

**Graduate:** MBE, Business Education, The University of MS, 1971; ME, Education-Reading, The University of MS; PhD, Higher Education and Student Personnel, The University of MS

**Publications/Honors/Awards:** Research Associate/Consultant, “In-Service Training Programs for Supervisory Personnel,” R. Frank Hardwood, University of MS, School of Business Adm, 1978; HBCU Nissan Fellow, 1995; 2-week Literacy Program for Grades 1-4; Annual “Read Around Christmas Tree” Literacy Program; Leading Lady of Holly Springs

**Professional Affiliations:** International Reading Association; National Education Association; Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development; MS Education Association

**Civic Activities:** NAACP; Holly Springs Planning Commission; Marshall County Competitive Community Program; Holly Springs Public Housing Authority; Leadership Marshall

**Family Information:** Spouse: Naylond Hayes; Daughter: Charleye Hayes-Tate; Son: Raphael Hayes

**Hometown:** Water Valley, MS
Southeastern Baptist College

Laurel, MS
Interim President: Scott Carson

Zechariah Rogers
Senior
Church Ministries

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.5 GPA
Hometown: Wiggins, MS

Academic Credentials:
Undergraduate: BS. English, Music Minor (piano), William Carey University, 1997
Graduate: MEd, William Carey University, 1998
Publications/Honors/Awards: Sigma Tau Delta; Who’s Who Among Teachers in American Universities & Colleges; HEADWAE Outstanding Faculty; Teacher of the Month, Laurel Exchange Club and Laurel Sertoma Club
Hometown: Hattiesburg, MS

Rosemary Finney Davis
Instructor, English

Years of service at this institution: 15 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 16
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.6 GPA; Valedictorian; ACT Scholarship

College Honors Held: President’s List; Dean’s List; Omicron Delta Chapter, Phi Theta Kappa

Career Goals: Upon completion of my Associate Degree in Nursing, I would like to pursue a Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing. I would also like to go on to get a Doctorate of Nursing Practice in Anesthesia, to help manage perioperative pain in the healthcare setting.

High School: New Bethel Christian School, Jayess, MS

Family Information: Parents: Scott and Regina Battle

Hometown: Jayess, MS

Academic Credentials:

Undergraduate: AA, English, Southwest MS Community College, 1969; BS, English, University of Southern MS, 1972

Graduate: MEd, English, William Carey University, 2007; Graduate study, LA State University and MS State University

Publications/Honors/Awards: Humanities Award, Southwest MS Community College; MS Community and Junior College Press Association yearbook competition; Whispering Pines yearbook won overall state for five years

Professional Affiliations: Delta Kappa Gamma; MS Press Association

Civic Activities: Amite County DAR Chapter; College and Career Sunday School teacher, First Baptist Church, Liberty, MS

Family Information: Spouse: Bill Mabry; Son and daughter-in-law: Will and Deana Mabry; Daughter: Melissa Mabry Anderson

Hometown: Liberty, MS
Tougaloo College
Tougaloo, MS
President: Beverly W. Hogan

Mikayla Olivia Johnson
Senior
English

Kedra Laverne James
Assistant Professor, English Department
Years of service at this institution: 2.5 • Years of Service in Higher Education: 13

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.5 GPA; Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow; Rutgers English Diversity Institute; Mentoring Underrepresented Scholars in English

College Honors Held: Dean's List

Career Goals: After earning my B.A. in English at Tougaloo College, I desire to further my education and earn my Ph.D. I hope to then obtain a career in academia where I will teach future scholars.

High School: Canton Public High School, Canton, MS

Family Information: Mother: Penelope Johnson
Hometown: Canton, MS

Academic Credentials:

Undergraduate: BA, English, Tougaloo College, 2005

Graduate: MA, English, KS State University, 2007; PhD, English, The University of AL, 2013

Publications/Honors/Awards: The American Association of University Women Achievement Award; Teaching and Learning Center Award; Joffre and Zadie B. Whisenton Award; The Compact for Faculty Diversity/Southern Regional Education Board Scholars Award; The Longman/Expository Writing Program Exemplar Award

Professional Affiliations: College Language Association; Sigma Tau Delta

Civic Activities: Jackson, MS, Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Family Information: Mother: Mary James; Father: Darrell James
Hometown: Itta Bena, MS
University of Mississippi

University, MS
Interim Chancellor: Larry Sparks

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.5 GPA; Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College; Omicron Delta Kappa; Lambda Sigma; Mortar Board; Order of Omega; Provost Scholar; Dean’s Honor Roll; Chancellor’s Honor Roll

College Honors Held: President and Vice President, Associated Student Body; ODK Freshman Leader of the Year; Trailblazer Award, Fraternity and Sorority Life

Career Goals: Throughout my time in college, my career aspirations have changed a time or two. However, one thing has always remained, a passion for education. As of now, I hope to pursue a career centered around education policy in order to bolster public education and reduce inequalities among schools across the United States.

High School: Oakland High School, Murfreesboro, TN

Family Information: Parents: Eddie and Renee Duke Miller

Hometown: Murfreesboro, TN
University of Mississippi Medical Center

Jackson, MS
Vice Chancellor: LouAnn Woodward

Megan Poirrier Ladner
Third Year
Health Administration

Shamsi Daneshvari Berry
Assistant Professor, Department of Health Informatics and Information Management

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 4.0 GPA; Phi Kappa Phi; Alpha Eta; Phi Theta Kappa; President’s List

College Honors Held: Occupational Therapy Student of the Year

Career Goals: To continue teaching in the Doctor of Occupational Therapy program at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

High School: Hillcrest Christian School, Jackson, MS

Family Information: Spouse: Jeff Ladner; Stepsons: Thomas and Ashton Ladner

Hometown: Terry, MS

Academic Credentials:

Undergraduate: BS, Anthropology, University of CA Davis, 1998

Graduate: MS, Anthropology, University of NM, 2003; MS, Biomedical Science, University of NM, 2014; PhD, Anthropology, University of NM, 2011; Graduate certificate, Biomedical Informatics, Oregon Health & Science University, 2013


Professional Affiliations: Secretary, Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining Working Group, AMIA; Member at large, MS HIMSS; AMIA; American Association of Physical Anthropologists

Civic Activities: Making Strides of Central Mississippi

Family Information: Spouse: Phillip Berry; Son: Everett Berry

Hometown: Topanga, CA
Corai E. Jackson
Senior
Psychology/Management

GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.7 GPA;
National Residence Hall Honorary Society; President’s List;
Dean’s List; Psi Chi; Order of Omega Greek; Beta Chapter,
Lambda Sigma

College Honors Held: Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate
Achievement Scholar; Luckyday Scholar; Clyde Kennard
Scholar; Jump Scholar; Psychology Scholar; Eagle Scholar;
Peggy Jean Heart of Hattiesburg Finalist; Most Outstanding
Freshman Female

Career Goals: I aspire to obtain a career as an industrial-
organizational psychologist for a government agency,
specifically the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I hope to
couple my personal and educational experiences in the area
of human resource management as a director of leadership
and development. Ultimately it is my desire to train
executive directors to develop their communication and
leadership styles.

High School: Center Hill High School, Olive Branch, MS
Family Information: Mother: Yolanda Jackson
Hometown: Jackson, MS

Davin J. Wallace
Assistant Professor, Marine Science

Academic Credentials:
Undergraduate: BS, Cum Laude, Geology and German,
Tulane University, 2006

Graduate: PhD, Earth Science, Rice University, 2010

Publications/Honors/Awards: Published over 20
peer reviewed papers; Raised over $1 million dollars in
extramural funding throughout career; National Science
Foundation EAR Postdoctoral Fellow; National Academy
of Sciences Gulf Research Program Early-Career Research
Fellow; University of Southern MS Faculty Senate; Junior
Faculty Research Award

Professional Affiliations: Geological Society of America;
American Geophysical Union

Civic Activities: Krewe de Paws; Basketball Mentor

Family Information: Spouse: Maria Wallace
Hometown: Slidell, LA
GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date: 3.4 GPA

Career Goals: Upon completion of my Masters, I hope to pursue a career in Family/Youth related ministry. Ultimately, I am open to wherever it is the Lord leads.

High School: Union Academy Georgetown, MS

Family Information: Spouse: Rhonie White; Children: Harlow and Oliver White

Hometown: Hazlehurst, MS

Academic Credentials:

Undergraduate: BA, Pastoral Ministry, Wesley College, 1990

Graduate: MA, Theology, Wesley Biblical Seminary, 1995; PhD, Historical Theology, University of Manchester, 2006

Publications/Honors/Awards: Learning to Breathe: Mastering the Art of Spiritual Respiration, 2018, Telos Press; There’s No Place Like Home, 2016, Telos Press

Professional Affiliations: Vice President Academic Affairs, Wesley Biblical Seminary

Civic Activities: Pastor, Hinds Church, Raymond, MS

Family Information: Spouse; Mary Lohrstorfer; Children: Diana and Nicolas Lohrstorfer

Hometown: Raymond, MS
**William Carey University**

**Hattiesburg, MS**
**President: Tommy King**

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**Priscila Jay Renard**

Senior

*Mathematics/Secondary Education*

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**Janie Pittman Bower**

Instructor, Mathematics

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**GPA and Academic Recognitions to Date:** 4.0 GPA; Alpha Chi; Alpha Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship; President’s List

**College Honors Held:** President, KME; Translator, research concerning Autism

**Career Goals:** I aspire to become a High School Math Teacher and continue my education to obtain my Master’s Degree.

**High School:** Brasilia International School, Brasilia, DF, Brazil

**Family Information:** Parents: Jeff and Sharon Renard

**Hometown:** Niteri, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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**Academic Credentials:**

**Undergraduate:** AA, Mathematics, Jones County Junior College, 1975; BS, Mathematics, William Carey University, 1977

**Graduate:** MEd, Mathematics, William Carey University, 1980; National Board Certified Teacher, Mathematics, 1999

**Publications/Honors/Awards:** Nominee, Presidential Award; Who's Who Among America's Teachers; National Honor Roll's Outstanding American Teachers; Who's Who in American Education; William Carey University Shoe Leather Award

**Professional Affiliations:** MS Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators; National Council of Teachers of Mathematics; MS Council of Teachers of Mathematics; MS Professional Educators; President, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary, Alpha Delta Kappa

**Civic Activities:** Sanctuary Choir, Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, MS; Pine Belt United Worship Choir; Supporter, Hub City Humane Society

**Family Information:** Spouse: Ted Bower

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President, Pearl River Community College

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