



The moving sculpture "Servant Savior" depicts Jesus Christ washing the feet of His disciples just prior to The Lord's Supper. Created in 2004 by the late master sculptor Samuel Gore, "Servant Savior" was given to Mississippi College by the children of Robert and Sara Hederman.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023
10:00 A.M.

*PROCESSIONAL
"Veritas March"
by Benjamin Williams
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Thesis: *Temporal Variations in Abundance of the Atlantic Mole Crab, Emerita talpoida (Decapoda: Anomura: Hippidae), on a Renourished Beach in Navarre Beach, Florida.*
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Major: Applied Exercise Physiology

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PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The medallion concept originated in Biblical days as a symbol for authority. The medallion was worn for adornment, and its likeness served as the official Seal. The Presidential Medallion, crafted for Dr. Blake Thompson, symbolizes the authority of the president's office as well as the president's responsibility to the Mississippi College

academic community. Fashioned in bronze and electroplated with gold, the Presidential Medallion depicts the Nelson Hall clock tower and is inscribed with the name and founding date of the University. The University's motto, "Veritas et Virtus" (truth and virtue) and the title "president," are included in the inscriptions.



MACE AND SEAL

The Mississippi College Mace, carried by the faculty council president who serves as grand marshal, is a symbol of the authority of the president of Mississippi College. Originating in the Middle Ages as a hand weapon used by the guards of kings, the mace has evolved into a ceremonial symbol in academic processions. The Mississippi College Mace is an original design by Dr. Ruth Glaze, former professor of art, the late Dr. Kenneth Quinn, art instructor, and the late Dr. Archie Germany, professor emeritus of chemistry. Dr. Cliff Fortenberry, professor of communication and former department head, suggested the creation and use of the mace, which was first used

during the inaugural ceremony of Dr. Howell Todd on April 28, 1995. The mounts were designed and cast by the late Dr. Sam Gore, professor of art and department head, and Steve Cook, former professor of art. The four bronze Ormolu mounts represent Provine Chapel, Nelson Hall, a Choctaw Indian, and the Mississippi College motto within a circle placed over an open Bible and under the torch of truth. The mounts are attached to the four quadrants of the mace and the Mississippi College Presidential Seal is located in the crest of the mace.

THE PRESIDENTIAL SEAL

The Seal, which originated in prehistoric periods, came to represent the authority of the king. When used with wax and attached to a document, the impression of the Seal carried with it the full weight of the king's authority. The University Seal symbolizes the academic authority

controlled by the University. Any document which bears the Seal is vested with the full authority of the University and its president. The Mississippi College Presidential Seal mirrors the design of the Presidential Medallion.



ACADEMIC REGALIA

A time-honored tradition of great dignity, the wearing of academic apparel dates to the ecclesiastical garb of the late Middle Ages. The academic gown and hood were apparently first adopted in the 13th century at the University of Cambridge (1284). The University of Oxford was soon to follow. The custom was transplanted to this country in colonial times by Kings College in New York, now Columbia University.

In 1885, American universities and colleges standardized their academic styles and developed the intercollegiate code of academic costume. The characteristic elements of academic regalia are the gown, hood, and cap. The gown

is usually of black material (serge or worsted for bachelors, the same or silk for masters, and silk for doctors).

The hood, worn around the neck to hang down the back, is the principal emblem of the nature and source of the degree held. It is edged with velvet of the color of the degree; its silk lining bears the colors of the institution which granted the degree. Hoods may be worn only after the degree has been granted.

The cap bears a tassel which may be black for all ranks of degrees, or may be of gold thread for doctors and the color representing the degree for bachelors and masters.



HISTORY OF MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

When Mississippi College opened its doors in 1826 as Hampstead Academy, much of the United States was still wilderness. A mere nine years earlier, Mississippi had been admitted into the Union as the twentieth state. Mississippi itself was still an untamed frontier – a challenge to be met by hard work, diligence, and faith. Applying these ideals to the academic setting, Mississippi College began educating men and women to become leaders in both professional and spiritual arenas.

Mississippi College is the oldest institution of higher learning in Mississippi and was the first co-educational

institution in the United States to grant a degree to a woman. In 1850, the Mississippi Baptist Convention obtained the University by lease and began operation through a board of trustees.

Now in its 197th year, Mississippi College is the oldest University in the state. The University is governed by a board of trustees elected by the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Support comes through tuition, donations from alumni and friends, foundations and corporate support, and the Mississippi Baptist Convention.



MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE VISION STATEMENT

Mississippi College seeks to be known as a University recognized for academic excellence and commitment to the cause of Christ.



MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Mississippi College, governed by a board of trustees elected by the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is a private, co-educational, comprehensive University of liberal arts and sciences and professional studies dedicated to the pursuit of academic excellence. Founded in 1826, Mississippi College is the oldest institution of higher learning. As a Christian institution, Mississippi College values the integration of faith and learning throughout the educational process.

Consistent with its Baptist heritage and relationship to the Convention, Mississippi College provides a Christian education for its student population. Students select the University because of the quality of its academic programs, Christian environment, and location. The University recruits students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, leadership, and church and community involvement. The majority of students come from Mississippi and other southern states.

Mississippi College stimulates the intellectual development of its students through the liberal arts and sciences and concentrated study in specialized fields, including preprofessional and professional programs. The University's environment promotes the spiritual, social,

emotional, and physical development of its students and encourages them to utilize their skills, talents, and abilities as they pursue meaningful careers, lifelong learning, and service to God and others. The University emphasizes those undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs that offer opportunities for service. The University reflects its responsibility of service to the community through a variety of learning opportunities and numerous cultural-enrichment experiences.

Mississippi College is committed to excellence and innovation in teaching and learning. The University seeks to employ and retain faculty who are dedicated to teaching, learning, and advising students; who support and engage in scholarship and creative activities that advance knowledge; and who seek to continue their own professional development. The University also seeks to employ and retain staff and administrators who are equally dedicated to supporting these efforts. Furthermore, the University selects employees who reflect Christian values and a commitment to service. Mississippi College is an equal opportunity employer in accordance with Title VII and applicable exemptions.



DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AWARD

Each year since 1978 Mississippi College has recognized a member of the faculty as Distinguished Professor of the Year. In the spring of 2000, the General Faculty voted to revise the process by which the Distinguished Professor is chosen. Currently, faculty in the schools of Business, Education, Law, and Nursing nominate one member of their respective faculties for this award. The faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences nominates three members, one each from the Humanities, the Sciences, Fine Arts, and Communication. Each May, a committee appointed by the President of the Faculty Council and composed of faculty from all academic divisions of the University selects the Distinguished Professor of the Year based on criteria established by the General Faculty.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

1977-78 Dr. Archie Germany	1993-94 Mrs. Mary Catherine Gentry	2009-10 Dr. Kerri Jordan
1978-79 Dr. Joe Cooper	1994-95 Dr. Billy Hicks	2010-11 Dr. James Everett
1979-80 Dr. George Pittman	1995-96 Dr. Becky Lynchard Clark	2011-12 Dr. Emily Fokeladeh
1980-81 Dr. William P. Stark	1996-97 Dr. James Sclater	2012-13 Dr. David G. Miller
1981-82 Dr. L. Craig Whitlock	1997-98 Dr. Debbie Pierce	2013-14 Dr. Patricia Bennett
1982-83 Dr. Ron Howard	1998-99 Dr. John Meadors	2014-15 Prof. Steve Cook
1983-84 Dr. Lloyd Roberts	1999-00 Dr. Shirley N. Jones	2015-16 Dr. Teresa Floyd
1984-85 Dr. Anne Meydrech	2000-01 Dr. Tom Williams	2016-17 Dr. Cindy Melton
1985-86 Dr. Ed Akin	2001-02 Dr. Gerald Lee	2017-18 Dr. John Travis
1986-87 Dr. Ralph Taylor	2002-03 Dr. Edward Valente	2018-19 Dr. John Anderson
1987-88 Dr. Joe M. Cooper	2003-04 Dr. William P. Stark	2019-20 Dr. Steven Price
1988-89 Dr. James Burnside	2004-05 Dr. David H. Magers	2020-21 Dr. Tommy Leavelle
1989-90 Dr. Bettye Coward	2005-06 Dr. Bill Wheeler, Jr.	2021-22 Dr. Sara Kimmel
1990-91 Dr. John McCall	2006-07 Dr. Mary Ann Henriques	2022-23 Dr. Melinda Gann
1991-92 Dr. Craig Turner	2007-08 Dr. Mark Modak-Truran	
1992-93 Dr. Kirk Ford	2008-09 Dr. Michael Mann	

VAN "DOC" QUICK DISTINGUISHED STAFF AWARD

Each year since 2005 Mississippi College has recognized an outstanding member of the staff as the recipient of the Distinguished Staff Award. In honor of Dr. Van Dyke Quick, Vice President for Student and Alumni Affairs, Emeritus, an outstanding alumnus and long-time member of the Mississippi College family, the award was renamed and presented in 2010 as the Van "Doc" Quick Distinguished Staff Award. Nominations for this award are received in April each year and may be received from students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of Mississippi College. A nominee for this award must be a current Mississippi College staff employee who has had three consecutive years of service as a full-time staff member. The recipient of the award is selected by a committee composed of seven staff members and presented at the May commencement.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

2004-05 Carolyn V. Hand	2011-12 Linda Taylor	2018-19 Shelia Carpenter
2005-06 Bettye Stewart	2012-13 Shirley Tipton	2019-20 Laura Ann Hoffman
2006-07 Cindy Hampton	2013-14 Ann Long	2020-21 Autumn Norman
2007-08 Sandy Reeves	2014-15 Susan Musselwhite	2021-22 Elizabeth Milner
2008-09 Ricky Russell	2015-16 Kathy Gibbs	2022-23 Gregory Travis
2009-10 Cynda Golden	2016-17 Mary Beth Graves	
2010-11 Jeannie Lane	2017-18 Jo Sistrunk	



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MACE BEARER
Mary Ellen Stewart



The pleasing bronze sculpture, "Jesus and the Children," created by the late internationally celebrated artist, Dr. Samuel Gore, is located in a perfect spot on the Quad near the home of the School of Education.



O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 3 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py mor - ning,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.



"ALMA MATER"

GEORGE MACKIE

1927

Fair - est of all is our dear Mis - sis - sip - pi, Ris - ing in state as the
 M. C. we hail thee, our dear Mis - sis - sip - pi, Queen of our hearts, no

crest of a hill; Staunch as a rock is our dear Al - ma Ma - ter,
 foes shall a - larm; Faith - ful and loy - al, thy child - ren will ev - er

'Round her so no - ble our hopes ev - er live.
 Cher - ish thy mem' - ry, ac - know - ledge thy charm.

When, in the fu - ture, our hearts may be yearn - ing For the bright

scenes of our dear col - lege youth, Back to thy por - tals our

me - mo - ries turn - ing, Clear gleams thy bea - con of vir - tue and truth.

