

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Mississippi College, originally known as Hampstead Academy, received its first charter, signed by Governor David Holmes, on January 24, 1826. The name was changed to Mississippi Academy in 1827 at the request of the board of trustees.

Three years later, on December 18, 1830, having become an institution of collegiate rank, the name was changed to Mississippi College. It was the third such institution in Mississippi, but as the other two institutions no longer exist, Mississippi College today has the distinction of being the oldest institution of higher learning in the state.

Mississippi College, during its early years, was not church-related and was once offered to be ‘*the*’ State University. It has past affiliations with the community, the Methodists, the Presbyterians, back to the community and since 1850 it has been operated by the Mississippi Baptist Convention through an elected Board of Trustees.

A private institution, the College in its early years was coeducational and in 1831, Mississippi College became the first such college in the U.S. to grant a degree to a woman.

In 1850 the Female department was discontinued; and in 1853 a Central Female Institute, later renamed Hillman College, was established in Clinton. In 1942 Mississippi College purchased and absorbed Hillman College, and the institution was again coeducational.

The Civil War caused Mississippi College to suffer: its endowment was destroyed, its student body disbanded, and its buildings deteriorated. Under the leadership of Dr. Warren S. Webb (1873-1891) the college stabilized.

Under the administration of Dr. W. T. Lowrey (1898-1911), the endowment fund was renewed and the plant was greatly improved.

The administration of Dr. J. W. Provine (1911-1932) was a fruitful period, seeing the completion of Provine Science Building (largely constructed in Dr. Lowrey’s administration), and the construction of Lowrey Hall, Alumni Hall, Farr-Hall Hospital, Jennings Hall, Ratliff Hall and Chrestman Hall. The endowment was increased to more than \$500,000 and in 1922 the College was initially accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The enrollment reached 400.

During the twenty-five year administration of Dr. D. M. Nelson (1932-1957), the college successfully withstood the depression and emerged stronger. During World War II, women were once again admitted and the enrollment increased rapidly. The physical plant was expanded and Nelson Hall Administration Building, Hederman-Gunter Residence Hall and Mary Nelson Residence Hall were erected; Lowrey Hall and Ratliff Residence Hall were enlarged and improved.

The College continued to grow under the administration of Dr. R. A. McLemore (1957-1968). Enrollment increased and the following buildings were constructed: Leland Speed Library, Aven Fine Arts Building (both of which were begun before Dr. Nelson retired), B. C. Rogers Student Center, Hederman Science Building, Latimer-Webb Residence Hall, Whittington Resident Hall, Self Hall and Hendrick House (President’s home). The old cafeteria was converted into a women’s gym; the Old Chapel (now Provine) was restored; Ratliff and Chrestman residence halls were renovated.

— Dr. Lewis Nobles' administration (1968-1993) saw continued growth in the areas of enrollment and quantity and qualifications of faculty. An addition to the library was made and the electronic media center emerged. Other construction included: Cockcroft Hall for the School of Nursing and Department of Home Economics, A. E. Wood Coliseum, and the James Moody Adams Field House. The Law School building in downtown Jackson was remodeled and was occupied by the School of Law in 1981. The Latimer House, a Victorian home, was dedicated in 1991.

— With the resignation of Dr. Nobles on August 3, 1993, Dr. Rory Lee, Vice President for Institutional Advancement was named Acting President.

— Dr. Howell Todd began his administration July 1994, and began physical improvement to maintain and replicate the architectural character of the campus. Renovations and remodeling have transformed Nelson Hall, Alumni Hall, Jennings Hall and Jennings Annex, Self Hall, Farr Hall, and Latimer-Webb Residence Hall. Remodeling was completed on B. C. Rogers Student Center, Hederman Science Building, Mary Nelson Residence Hall, and Hederman-Gunter Residence Hall. New construction included: The New Men's Residence Hall, The New Women's Residence Hall and the MC connector building between Self Hall and Hederman Science Building. The grounds have also undergone a make-over including The Piazza between Jennings and Alumni. New parking lots have emerged and plans are underway for the ground floor of a parking garage.

A 106,000 square foot Heathplex now stands in place of the old tennis courts; new tennis courts, baseball field and practice fields have been built. A campus-wide computer network has been installed to offer access to the Internet and act as a communication link for all administration, faculty, staff and students.

— Every ten years since 1922, Mississippi College undergoes a self-study that culminates in a reaffirmation visit from a group of peers representing the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). In 2002, Mississippi College was reaffirmed by SACS.

— On July 1, 2001, Dr. Lloyd E. Roberts, Vice President for Business Affairs and Professor in the School of Business, also became Interim President of the College during the search for a replacement for retiring President Howell W. Todd.

— Dr. Lee G. Royce began his administration in July 2002. During the first eighteen months, the College began the renovation of Lowery Hall and Ratliff Hall while building a new Library addition for the Law School. The Law School also launched a \$3.5 million campaign breaking ground on a new classroom addition and renovation of the existing facility. The College also cleared 15 acres of adjoining land for expanded athletic fields. Mississippi College launched the new Accelerated Degree Program in the Fall of 2003 and created the Mississippi College Foundation.

CURRENT ADMINISTRATION 2003-2004

General Officers

President	Dr. Lee G. Royce
Senior Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer	Dr. Lloyd E. Roberts
Vice President for Planning and Assessment	Dr. Debbie C. Norris
Vice President for Student Affairs	Dr. Steve Stanford
Vice President for Institutional Advancement	Danny Rutland
Vice President for Christian Development	Dr. Eric Pratt
Vice President for Academic Affairs	Dr. Ron Howard

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Dean of the School of Education	Dr. Don W. Locke
Dean of the School of Law	Dr. James Rosenblatt
Dean of the School of Nursing	Dr. Mary Jean Padgett
Dean of the Graduate School	Dr. Debbie C. Norris
Dean of the School of Business	Dr. Marcelo Eduardo

Administrative Staff

Admissions Director	Chad Phillips
Admissions Director, School of Law	Patricia Evans
Alumni Affairs Director	Lance Clay
Athletics Director	Mike Jones
Baptist Student Union Director	Christy Carley
Bursar	Marilyn Sauls
Career Services Coordinator	Suzi Nyberg

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Controller
Director of Student Housing
Director of Computer Services
Scheduling Coordinator
Associate Dean of Enrollment Services &
Director of Financial Aid

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Cheryl Mobley
Carolyn Hand
Barry Bounds
Sherry Bobo

Mary Givhan

Administrative Staff continued

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Intercollegiate Athletics Director
Institutional Research Coordinator
Internal Auditor
Library Director, School of Law
Library Director, Speed Library
Personnel Director
Physical Plant Director
Properties Accountant
Director of Media Relations
Registrar
Student Activities Coordinator
Academic Computing Coordinator
Counseling & Testing Center Director
Learning Resources Center Director
Physical Assets Director
Post Office Manager
Purchasing/Payables Director
Telecommunications Director
Student Health Services Liaison
Public Safety Director
Director of Development Law School
Director of Placement-Law School
Director of Radio Operations

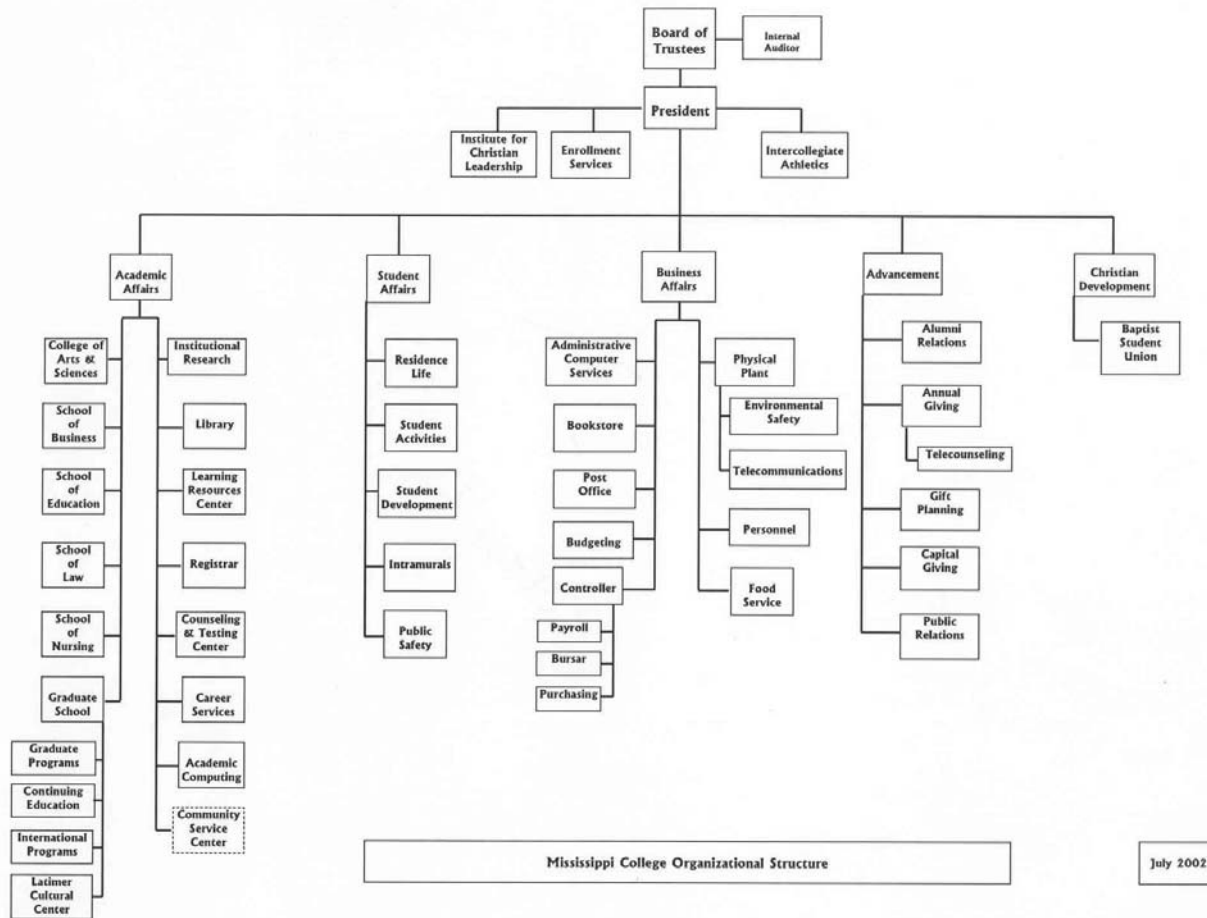
Willie Greer, Jr.
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Jean Hawkins
Jean Hawkins
Dana Elmore
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Dr. Mary Jean Padgett
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Thorne Butler
Deborah Foley
Traci Maughon

Other Administrative Functions

Freshman Experience
Developmental Studies
Edward L. McMillan Program of
International Study
Latimer Cultural Center
MC Community Service Center
Church Relations
Institute of Christian Leadership

Penny Haddox
Emily Fokeladah

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Mississippi College is accredited by, approved by, or holds membership in the following associations.

Accrediting Agencies	Purpose
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) 1866 Southern Lane Decatur Georgia 30000-4097 404 679-4501	Accredits the University to award baccalaureate, master's degrees, and first professional doctorates in law
American Bar Association, Paralegal Program ABA Standing Committee on Legal Assistants 750 N. Lake Shore Drive Chicago, IL 60611 312 988-5616	Accredits the baccalaureate and master's level programs in Paralegal Studies
American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education 1307 New York Avenue, Suite 300 Washington, DC 20005-4701 202 293-2450	
American Chemical Society 1155 16 Street NW Washington, DC 20036 202 872-4589	Certifies the baccalaureate level programs in Chemistry, Biochemistry and Chemical Physics
Council on Social Work Accreditation Council on Social Work Education 1600 Duke Street, Suite 300 Alexandria, VA 22314-3421 703 683-8080	Accredits the baccalaureate level program in Social Work
National Association of Schools of Music 11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21 Reston, VA 22090 703 437-0700	Accredits all of the baccalaureate and master's level programs in Music
Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs 7007 College Blvd, Suite 420 Overland Park, KS 66211 913 339-9356	Accredits all of the baccalaureate and master's level programs in Business
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) 2010 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20036 202 466-7496	Accredits all of the baccalaureate and graduate programs in Teacher Education
National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) 350 Hudson Street Washington, DC 20036 800 669-0656	Accredits the baccalaureate level program in Nursing
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 30 Washington, DC 20036-1120 202 887-6791	
Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning 3825 Ridgewood Road Jackson, MS 39211-6453 601 982-6690	Provides annual approval for the School of Nursing to operate within the state of Mississippi
American Bar Association 750 North Lake Shore Drive Chicago, IL 60611 312 988-5000	Accredits the School of Law
Association of American Law Schools 1201 Connecticut Ave., NW Washington, DC 20036-2605 202 296-8851	The School of Law is a member of the Association of American Law Schools

CAMPUS SIZE AND LOCATION

Mississippi College is the largest private college in the state. Located in the community of Clinton in the center of the state, the College is only ten minutes away from Jackson, the state capital and largest metropolitan area in Mississippi.

The educational needs of a metropolitan area are changing, and Mississippi College responds to those needs by expanding its instructional programs. About 2,500 students are enrolled for undergraduate studies, and around 600-700 students are enrolled in the Graduate School which offers work leading to fifteen graduate degrees. In response to the need for legal education in the area of the state capital, Mississippi College also has a School of Law.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY

SERVICES OFFERED

The role of the Office of Public Safety is to work towards ensuring the safety of all individuals while on campus and provide for the security of all properties of the college. In doing so, it is recognized that security at Mississippi College is everybody's business. Although no community can be totally risk-free in today's society, the office works toward securing partnerships with students, faculty, staff, administration and guests to create an atmosphere that is safe and conducive to learning. The office is also responsible for the control, regulation and flow of traffic on Mississippi College property. The Office of Public Safety is located on the First Floor of Alumni Hall and can be reached at 925-3204.

CAMPUS CRIMES REPORTED TO SECURITY OR LOCAL POLICE

MAIN CAMPUS (CLINTON)

Offense	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offense	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	1	1
Burglary	22	13	12	12	11
Motor Vehicle Burglary	1	15	10	0	2

LAW SCHOOL (JACKSON)

Offense	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offense	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	1	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Burglary	0	4	4	1	2

ARRESTS MADE FOR REPORTED CRIMES

MAIN CAMPUS (CLINTON)

Crime	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0	1	0
Weapon Possession	0	0	0	0	1

LAW SCHOOL (JACKSON)

Crime	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0	0	0
Weapon Possession	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: No information is included for the Downtown Office. It was closed at the end of the 1998-1999 year.
 Source: The Office of Public Safety

Peer Institutions

Institution	City, State	Website
Belmont University	Nashville, TN	www.belmont.edu
Campbell University	Buies Creek, NC	www.campbell.edu
Georgetown College	Georgetown, KY	www.georgetowncollege.edu
Hardin-Simmons University	Abilene, TX	www.hsutx.edu
Houston Baptist University	Houston, TX	www.hbu.edu
Mercer University	Macon, GA	www.mercer.edu
Oklahoma Baptist University	Shawnee, OK	www.okbu.edu
Ouachita Baptist University	Arkadelphia, AR	www.obu.edu
Rollins College	Winter Park, FL	www.rollins.edu
Samford University	Birmingham, AL	www.samford.edu

SELECTED KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

No.	Key Indicators	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1	Board Students - % of capacity for the fall	N/A	99%	97%	89%	95%	99%
2	Board Students - % of capacity for the spring	N/A	91%	87%	82%	86%	88%
3	Applications - Freshmen	845	805	714	525	1,145	1,646
4	Applications - Graduate Programs	306	323	263	254	285	412
5	Applications - Law	693	717	608	574	756	909
6	Applications - Accelerated Program	0	0	0	0	0	197
7	Applications - Transfer (weekly)	443	425	411	445	449	762
8	Average ACT scores - Freshmen	25.0	24.4	24.7	23.5	24.0	23.2
9	ACT Composite 25th and 75th Percentiles	20-27	20-28	20-28	21-26	21-27	20-26
10	ACT English 25th and 75th Percentiles	22-29	22-29	22-27	21-29	21-29	21-28
11	ACT Math 25th and 75th Percentiles	19-26	20-27	20-27	19-25	19-26	18-25
12	Retention Rate - Freshman to Sophomore	83%	80%	77%	77%	77%	82%
13	Number of New Freshmen	402	390	359	291	412	431
14	% Enrolled - Transfers	17%	15%	15%	13%	14%	10%
15	Number of New Transfers	290	267	214	316	316	342
16	Number of New Law Students	141	143	149	143	154	165
17	Overall % Baptist	61%	63%	62%	62%	61%	54%
18	Overall % Mississippi Baptist	48%	50%	50%	51%	52%	46%
19	Additions to Endowment	\$ 1,465,804	\$ 1,114,040	\$ 503,415	\$ 758,377	\$ 382,135	
20	# \$1,000+ donors	278	265	243	230	212	232
21	\$ value of deferred expectancies	--	--	--	--	\$24M	
22	\$ additions to the capital fund	\$ 590,249	\$ 872,557	\$ 320,785	\$ 171,035	\$ 34,755,667	
23	\$ undesignated for the Annual Fund	\$ 395,441	\$ 370,808	\$ 14,066,161	\$ 620,843	\$ 803,148	
24	% of alumni giving	**	**	6.08%	5.97%	6.08%	7.68%
25	Total Endowment (Market)	N/A	\$35.0M	\$30.9M	\$31.2M	\$34.1M	
26	Total institutional discount as a % of UG tuition	54%	56%	53%	52%	54%	
27	Total institutional discount as a % of grad tuition	20%	20%	19%	19%	19%	

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28	\$ value of grants received by schools (FY Total)	310,768	453,067	532,697	368,766	263,189	165,247
29	Arts & Sciences	310,768	332,067	456,697	178,860	123,633	65,591
30	Biology	4,767	0	0	0	0	0
31	Chemistry	306,001	258,505	316,547	137,209	123,633	65,591
32	Christian Studies	0	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	0
33	Foreign Languages	0	48,561	55,150	16,650	0	0
34	Mathematics & Computer Science	0	0	60,000	0	0	0
35	School of Business	0	60,000	0	120,000	0	0
36	School of Education	0	61,000	76,000	69,906	139,556	99,656
37	Law program credit hours	11,255	10,720	10,794	11,126	11,729	11,818
38	Education program credit hours --Total Grad & Undgrad	15,581	15,788	15,694	14,227	14,964	14,484
39	Graduate credit hours	3,978	3,892	4,039	3,341	3,411	3,151
40	Undergraduate credit hours	11,603	11,896	11,655	10,886	11,553	11,333
41	Nursing program credit hours	3,539	3,304	3,225	3,163	2,898	2,956
42	Arts & Sciences program credit hours --Total Grad & UG	45,291	47,415	45,886	42,547	44,345	44,515
43	Graduate credit hours	2,256	1,950	2,149	2,161	2,088	1,764
44	Undergraduate credit hours	43,035	45,465	43,737	40,386	42,257	42,751
45	Business program credit hours --Total Grad & Undergrad	11,651	12,710	11,049	10,750	9,463	10,417
46	Graduate credit hours	2,296	2,364	2,013	1,920	1,719	1,584
47	Undergraduate credit hours	9,355	10,346	9,036	8,830	7,744	8,833
	Interdisciplinary Studies credit hours	0	223	104	70	140	79
	TOTAL Credit Hours (Fiscal Year)	87,317	90,160	86,752	81,883	83,539	84,269
48	Fall Term Enrollment **IPEDS #s Oct 15	3,449	3,560	3,423	3,223	3,227	3,406
49	% Faculty w/Terminal Degree	69%	76%	76%	72%	73%	72%
50	Student/Faculty Ratio--Fall	13:1	13:1	12:1	14:1	13:1	13:1
51	% Enrolled - Freshmen (ALL)	12%	11%	11%	9%	13%	13%

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52	Five-year Graduation Rate	65%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
53	Endowment/Student	N/A	\$ 9,831.46	\$ 9,027.17	\$ 9,680.42	\$ 10,567.09	
54	Edu & Gen Expend/Credit Hrs	344	349	306	390	406	
55	Instructional Expend/Credit Hrs	166	185	167	207	219	
56	Inst & Academic Supp, % of E & G	58%	57%	62%	59%	61%	
57	Library Expenditures, % of E & G	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	
58	Library Expenditures/Credit Hrs	12.74	12.01	12.23	14.11	13.41	
59	Student Services, % of E & G	11%	12%	13%	14%	15%	
60	Authorized Positions	608	598	605	557	432	442
61	Student/Authorized Position Ratio	6:1	6:1	6:1	6:1	6:1	6:1
62	Full-Time Faculty including Librarians	180	185	185	162	168	171
63	Adjuncts	88	90	97	84	88	104
64	Avg Faculty Salary	63,491	66,035	58,928	61,085	64,836	65,852
65	Faculty Fringe Benefits %	21%	24%	28%	20%	20%	21%

** Alumni percentage of giving calculated differently in years prior to FY2001

Faculty Fringe Benefits computed by dividing fringe benefits by salaries.

Not able to match counts with years prior to FY2003 for number of authorized positions--staff FTE.

Credit hours for 2003-04 do not include Summer 2004 terms.

*As of December 31, 2003