



*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.*



MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE  
VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE  
CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020  
10:00 A.M.

PROCESSIONAL  
"Veritas March"

Dr. Benjamin Williams

WELCOME  
Dr. Blake Thompson  
*President, Mississippi College*

INVOCATION  
Aaron Feazelle  
*President, Student Government Association 2020*

SPEAKER INTRODUCTION  
Dr. Blake Thompson

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS  
Dr. Steven Price  
*Professor, Department of English  
Distinguished Professor, 2019-2020*

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Dr. Blake Thompson  
Mrs. Maggie Wade, *WLBT News Anchor*

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*Vice President for Enrollment Services, Executive Director of Alumni Affairs*

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*Chair, Presidential Ambassadors*

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE ALMA MATER  
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Xavier Franklin Greeson, *El Dorado, AR*  
Kaitlyn Grace Hambick, *Millington, TN*  
Kristen Paige Hamil, *Madison, MS*  
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Heather D. Hill, *Jackson, MS*  
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Lane K. Hodnett, *West Monroe, LA*  
Zachary Nolen Ingram, *Vestavia Hills, AL*  
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Gavin Blake Pittman, *Eads, TN*  
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William Christopher Scarborough, *Richland, MS*  
Justin Blake Sherman, *Gautier, MS*  
Kelli Fortenberry Smallwood, *Brandon, MS*  
Avery Elizabeth Snyder, *Ridgeland, MS*  
Steven Levi Stark, *Lakeland, FL*  
Charles Hayden Switzer, *Clinton, MS*  
Joshua Antwuan Thomas, *McComb, MS*  
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Shan Shan Wang, *Huainan, People's Republic of China*  
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#### MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Cori Keyes Clay, *Vicksburg, MS*  
Major: Accountancy  
  
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Major: Accountancy  
  
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Major: Accountancy  
  
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Major: Accountancy  
  
Dina Maria Richard, *Zachary, LA*  
Major: Accountancy



## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Alexander Dylon Barrett, *Madison, MS*  
Major: Business Administration

Ani Oritsetsemaye Binitie, *Abuja, Nigeria*  
Major: Accounting Concentration

Seth Rowland Foshee, *Bridgeport, AL*  
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Kristen Sera Gaddis, *Jackson, MS*  
Major: Business Administration

Sofia Gonzalez Carrera, *Rio Cuarto Cordoba, Argentina*  
Major: Business Administration

Isaac Gonzalez Ramos, *Madrid, Spain*  
Major: Business Administration

James Shannon Goree, *Pearl, MS*  
Major: Business Administration

Grace Ann Harris, *Cypress, TX*  
Major: Business Administration

Jean-Luc Heidrich, *Cape Town, Western Cape, South Africa*  
Major: Business Administration

John Arthur Hogue, *Petal, MS*  
Major: Finance Concentration

Timothy Reid Holloway, III, *Mobile, AL*  
Major: Finance Concentration

Michael Phillip Jackson, *Vicksburg, MS*  
Major: Business Administration

Bobby Jene Kent, III, *Madison, MS*  
Major: Business Administration

Alexandria René Manuel, *Brandon, MS*  
Major: Accounting Concentration

Heather White Martin, *Brookhaven, MS*  
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Kaitlin Veronica McCarty, *Clinton, MS*  
Major: Business Administration

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Major: Business Administration

Aleesha Lashaun Quarles, *Durant, MS*  
Major: Business Administration

Paris Deontra Randle, *Spring Lake, NC*  
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Major: Business Administration

Derek Elliston Van Winkle, *Jackson, MS*  
Major: Business Administration

Wun-Jyun Wang, *Tainan, Taiwan*  
Major: Business Administration

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Major: Business Administration

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Major: Business Administration

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AWARDS

**Amy Brand Memorial Scholarship**  
Isaac Davis, *Mount Pleasant, IA*  
Major: Marketing

**Delta Mu Delta Award**  
Brooke Barrett, *Florence, MS*  
Major: Accounting

Carrie Carley, *Sumrall, MS*  
Major: Finance

**The Wall Street Journal Award**  
John William Graham, *Vestavia, AL*  
Major: Accounting

**Mississippi Society of CPA's Award**  
Scarlett O. Hodges, *Madison, MS*  
Major: Accounting

Seth Matthews, *Fairhope, AL*  
Major: Accounting

**Outstanding Marketing Major Award**  
Catherine Landers, *Monroe, GA*  
Major: Marketing





**The Jacqueline Jones Outstanding Junior  
Accounting Student**

Lauryn Rawlins, *Mobile, AL*  
Major: Accounting

Jacob Russell, *Huntsville, AL*  
Major: Accounting

**The G.M. Rogers Memorial Award**

Drew Neel Donahoe, *Indianola, MS*  
Major: Business Administration

**Outstanding Finance Award**

Jonathan Servais Harding, *Northlake, TX*  
Major: Finance

Chris Thomason, *Helena, AL*  
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Michael Richard Nanney, *Belden, MS*  
William Tyler Quertermous, *Canton, MS*  
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Beth Ann Gifford, *Daphne, AL*  
Kendall Ashton Gregory, *Temple, GA*  
Brooks Morgan Hoffman, *Clinton, MS*  
Matthew Clark Kilgore, *Clinton, MS*  
Austin Blake King, *Water Valley, MS*  
Maksym Konovalov, *Kyiv, Ukraine*  
Chessa Nicole Kosmicki, *Brandon, MS*  
Andrew Albert Lechner, IV, *Biloxi, MS*  
Anna Clayton Nagle, *Yazoo City, MS*  
Cacynthia Ravius-Lavette Patterson, *Jackson, MS*  
Haylee Dawn Riley, *Meridian, MS*  
Victoria Ann Roberts, *Jackson, MS*  
Elena Christina Rodriguez, *Natchez, MS*  
Rowan Colette Sanamo, *Tylertown, MS*  
John Robert Williams Self, *Graniteville, SC*  
Caleb James Shearer, *Clearwater, FL*  
Caleb Ray Shipman, *Wake Forest, NC*  
Kailyn Renee Skinner, *Collierville, TN*  
Katie Elizabeth Thorell, *Henderson, NV*  
Ryan James Warnick, *Tupelo, MS*



## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Vashti Elizabeth Graham, Meridian, MS

## MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Kellye Lewis McMillan, Knoxville, TN

Major: Graphic Design

Thesis: *Environments that Communicate:*

*Transforming a Museum District With Strategic Signage*

Thesis Committee:

Stephanie Busbea, Ph.D., Chair

Benjamin Ivey, M.F.A.

Mandy Berdami, M.F.A.

Yuhan Zhao, Flowood, MS

Major: Graphic Design

Thesis: *Traditional Chinese Artists in a Digital Generation*

Thesis Committee:

Stephanie Busbea, Ph.D., Chair

Benjamin Ivey, M.F.A.

Albert Smathers, M.F.A.

## MASTER OF MUSIC

Chandler James Smith, Philadelphia, MS

Major: Performance Conducting

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Anika D. Ellis, Jackson, MS

Major: Art

Yang Meng, Clinton, MS

Major: Graphic Design

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION

Justin Antonio Dixon, Honolulu, HI

Major: Integrated Communication

Kennedy Alexis Jones, Blytheville, AR

Major: Public Relations-Corporate  
Communication

Brooke Elizabeth Stevenson, Clinton, MS

Major: Public Relations-Corporate  
Communication

## SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES AND THE ARTS AWARDS

### DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES AND PHILOSOPHY

#### The H. M. King Memorial Scholarship Award

Skylar Rachelle Smith, Lafayette, LA

Major: Christian Studies-Bible and Psychology

Sarah Victoria Mena-Panelli, Lafayette, LA

Major: Psychology and Administration of Justice

#### The Norman E. O'Neal

##### Religious Education Award

Samuel Wayne Brown, Rose Hill, MS

Christian Studies-Biblical Languages

### DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

#### The Juliette Burnette Memorial Scholarship

Madeline Kate Stanteen, Clinton, MS

Major: Worship Leadership

#### The Mary Nelson Piano Award

Natalie Marie Fehrenbacher, Brandon, MS

Major: Piano Performance

#### The Presser Scholarship

Natalie Marie Fehrenbacher, Brandon, MS

Major: Piano Performance

#### The Sam and Wilda Williams Scholarship

Marjorie Pleasant Williams, Clinton, MS

Major: Music Education

### DEPARTMENT OF ART

#### The Samuel Marshall Gore Art Achievement Award-Undergraduate

Vashti Elizabeth Graham, Meridian MS

Major: Art Education

Emilie Kathryn Alonso, Vestavia Hills, AL

Major: Fine Arts in Studio Art Painting



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

### The Todd Communication Award

Emily Claire Fuson, *Walker, LA*

Major: Communication/Public Relations

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DR. CINDY MELTON, DEAN

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London Dawn Baxter, *Dawsonville, GA*  
Meredith Avery Beasley, *Tupelo, MS*  
Cordell Rashad Birge, *Southaven, MS*  
Sydney Shreve Bland, *Clinton, MS*  
Gregory Bernard Brassfield, II, *Brandon, MS*  
Harley Ann Bush, *Clinton, MS*  
Jeremiah Lloyd Campbell, *Prairieville, LA*  
Lauren Kate Carter, *Tupelo, MS*  
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Haoxuan Chen, *Guangzhou, Guangdong, People's Republic of China*  
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Andrew Browning Croegaert, *Lakeland, TN*  
Kendal Marie Daniels, *Petal, MS*  
Hayes Christian Daugherty, *Tyler, TX*  
Hannah E. Davidson, *Saucier, MS*  
Hannah Lynn Dheming, *Metairie, LA*  
Lauren Elizabeth Edmonds, *Terry, MS*  
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Joseph Brantly Franklin, *Bossier City, LA*  
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Parker Pittman Haberstroh, *Olive Branch, MS*  
McKenzie Lynne Hargrove, *Georgetown, TX*  
Katherine Elizabeth Henderson, *Clanton, AL*  
Rebecca Teasley Hughes, *Crystal Springs, MS*  
Isaac Terrell Jackson, *Starkville, MS*  
Noah Grant Jasper, *Brandon, MS*  
Hayden Alexander Jernigan, *Memphis, TN*  
Gabrielle Rose Kayser, *Troy, IL*  
Brandon Neal Kennedy, *Philadelphia, MS*  
Randan Jamaal Knight, *Hattiesburg, MS*  
Jamori Kendell Mark, *Tylertown, MS*

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Caroline Jean Mills, *Bogue Chitto, MS*  
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Hannah Renee Park, *Tupelo, MS*  
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Alisa Lashun Promise, *Monticello, MS*  
Noah Charles Renz, *Thomaston, GA*  
Victoria Catherine Ronaldi, *Oxford, MS*  
Cole Andrew Rotenberry, *Batesville, MS*  
Turner Clint Rotenberry, *Batesville, MS*  
Stephen Joshua Saucier, *Collins, MS*  
Kailyn Renee Skinner, *Collierville, TN*  
Hafsa Sohail, *Madison, MS*  
Lindsey Jordan Stuart, *Caledonia, MS*  
LaKendrick Jamal Sullivan, *Hattiesburg, MS*  
Kristin La'Miracle Truss, *Clinton, MS*  
Aalia Dnae Turner, *Brandon, MS*  
Brooke Alise Wells, *Summit, MS*  
Brian O'Neill Wilkerson, *Terry, MS*  
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Ashleigh Nichol Williams, *Woodville, MS*  
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### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

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Carney Catherine Holloway, *Flora, MS*  
Samantha Marie Johnson, *Clinton, MS*  
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Caitlin Brooke Malone, *Richton, MS*  
William Derek McGraw, *Benton, MS*  
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Alexis Marie Rachita, *Friendswood, TX*  
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Rachel Grace Taylo, *Boca Raton, FL*  
Anna-Kaitlyn White, *Jackson, MS*  
Brittany Marie Woolfolk, *Jackson, MS*

### WITH HIGH HONORS

Samantha Scott Brady Yarbrough  
Antisocial Behavior and Anger  
Dr. Katherine Heard



## MASTER OF EDUCATION

John Wesley Aldridge, *Cleveland, MS*  
Major: Educational Leadership for  
Independent Schools

Laurie M. Alford, *Tupelo, MS*  
Major: Dyslexia Therapy Program

Brandi Schaeffer Arton, *Hernando, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Marissa Kaitlyn Askey, *Roswell, GA*  
Major: Special Education

Carla Christinia Barnes, *Brandon, MS*  
Major: Dyslexia Therapy Program

Kembral Lynn Simon Barrera, *Pearl, MS*  
Major: Dyslexia Therapy Program

Jamelia J. Bass, *Ridgeland, MS*  
Major: Teaching Arts Elementary 4-6

Lauren D. Basso, *Stratford, NJ*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Katherine Mabry Boteler, *Madison, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Alexis Cristin Browning, *Pensacola, FL*  
Major: Elementary Education

Olivia Dawn Bryant, *Greenville, MS*  
Major: Dyslexia Therapy Program

Renee Graham Camp, *Hernando, MS*  
Major: Dyslexia Therapy Program

Tammaniqua La'Tonja Carr, *Ridgeland, MS*  
Major: Special Education

Meredith Jones Cherry, *Louisville, MS*  
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Karryl Russell Clarke, *Waveland, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Margot Christine Copeland, *Madison, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Megan Lee Cox, *Hernando, MS*  
Major: Educational Leadership

Shakiela Jeya David Kumar, *K.K. District, India*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

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April Kelly Farris, *Tupelo, MS*  
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Major: Educational Leadership

Jennifer Curtis Fulgham, *Baldwyn, MS*  
Major: Educational Leadership

Lorie McRaney Fulton, *Brandon, MS*  
Major: Dyslexia Therapy Program

Kimble Steven Lamant Funchess, *Madison, MS*  
Major: School Counseling

Sara Elisabeth Garrett, *Baldwyn, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Shonna Gavin, *Laurel, MS*  
Major: Special Education

Angela Justice Gerrets, *Madison, MS*  
Major: Dyslexia Therapy Program

Khrysten Lyndia Glass, *Canton, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Crystal Renee Granger, *Magnolia, MS*  
Major: Educational Leadership

Angela Patrice Graves, *Byram, MS*  
Major: Dyslexia Therapy Program

Amanda Pearl Gray, *Biloxi, MS*  
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Jennifer Kelly Gray, *Clinton, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Courtney Elizabeth Gressett, *Carthage, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Matthew Benjamin Hart, *Union Church, MS*  
Major: Special Education

Tammy Lynn Hatfield, *Madison, MS*  
Major: Educational Leadership





Allison Smith Heimer, *Canton, MS*  
Major: Teaching Arts Elementary 4-6

Allison Nicole Heisner, *Hattiesburg, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Lori R. Henry, *Abbeville, MS*  
Major: Dyslexia Therapy Program

Kyle Bradley Hill, *Cummings, GA*  
Major: Special Education

Jalesa Cierra Hobson, *Florence, MS*  
Major: Teaching Arts Secondary 7-12

Jason Scott Hooper, *Brandon, MS*  
Major: Dyslexia Therapy Program

Justin Delaney Hoskins, *Biloxi, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Shannon LaJean Hyde, *Rienzi, MS*  
Major: Elementary Education

Alita Marie James, *Madison, MS*  
Major: School Counseling

Laken Nicole Jennings, *Laurel, MS*  
Major: Dyslexia Therapy Program

Bettina Copeland Jones, *Oxford, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Holly Haynes Jones, *Madison, MS*  
Major: Educational Leadership

Courtney Jones Kirkman, *Maben, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Sheila Hunt Kirkman, *Maben, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Coashia Charta` Kyles, *Bolton, MS*  
Major: Dyslexia Therapy Program

Lacy Lea Lane, *Brandon, MS*  
Major: Dyslexia Therapy Program

Charnesha Sanette Lewis, *Brookhaven, MS*  
Major: Educational Leadership

Audrey Carol Baker Little, *Belden, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Jackie Suzette Logan, *Bruce, MS*  
Major: Special Education

Sharon Annette Franklin Mabry, *Philadelphia, MS*  
Major: Special Education

Kimberly Joy Mardis, *Flora, MS*  
Major: Dyslexia Therapy Program

Bethany Renee McCollum, *Greenwood, MS*  
Major: Dyslexia Therapy Program

Sonya M. McGraw, *Preston, MS*  
Major: Dyslexia Therapy Program

Dustin D. Merchant, *Terry, MS*  
Major: Educational Leadership

Savannah Joyce Mixon, *Ellisville, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Lindsay Dawn Moses, *Hernando, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Suzanna Morgan Moss, *Houston, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Jennifer Carol Mullen, *Vardaman, MS*  
Major: Special Education

Arthur Kincaid Mullins, *Clinton, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Shauna Omega Oliver, *Red Bay, AL*  
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Paige Fryery Overby, *Morton, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Victoria Bridges Parker, *Mendenhall, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Kelly Marie Peeler, *Starkville, MS*  
Major: Elementary Education

Hannah McDonald Perrigin, *Daphne, AL*  
Major: Elementary Education

April Michelle Phillips, *Pontotoc, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Brittany Nichole Pinter, *Pearl, MS*  
Major: School Counseling



Rebecca Katherine Plunkett, *Mathiston, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Lauren Kate Raborn, *Hattiesburg, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Vanessa Rose Remel, *Gautier, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Dorothy Florine Rigdon, *Meridian, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

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Major: Dyslexia Therapy Program

John David Sallis, *Kosciusko, MS*  
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Anju Sethi, *Delhi, India*  
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Lauren A. Smith, *Brookhaven, MS*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Michelle Stewart, *Terry, MS*  
Major: Dyslexia Therapy Program

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Shana Lenore Swindle, *Noxapater, MS*  
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Courtne Meshae Tally, *Louin, MS*  
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Stephanie Lynn Newell Twiner, *Wesson, MS*  
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Donna Ranae Underwood, *Nesbit, MS*  
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Major: Dyslexia Therapy Program

Kayla Marie Whitley, *Willacoochee, GA*  
Major: Special Education

Savanna Nicole Whitten, *Monroe, LA*  
Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Deanna Michelle Luke Whittle, *Philadelphia, MS*  
Major: Dyslexia Therapy Program

Craig Everett Woodall, *Ranger, GA*  
Major: Special Education

Shirley Whitaker Wright, *Guntown, MS*  
Major: Educational Leadership

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Jonathan David Barber, *Ridgeland, MS*  
Major: Applied Exercise Physiology

William Sanders Barrick, *Brentwood, TN*  
Major: Athletic Administration  
(Intercollegiate)

Kristopher Tredel Burnett, *Jackson, MS*  
Major: Mental Health Counseling

Buck Williams Covington, II, *Madison, MS*  
Major: Applied Exercise Physiology

Kasey Ann Cox, *Clinton, MS*  
Major: Athletic Administration  
(Intercollegiate)

Marian Marie Donald, *Brandon, MS*  
Major: Applied Exercise Physiology

Annie Kay Cumberland Elliott, *Jackson, MS*  
Major: Marriage & Family Counseling

Lane Andrew Fletcher, *Watkinsville, GA*  
Major: Applied Exercise Physiology

Shavaya Coletta Harlson, *Byram, MS*  
Major: Mental Health Counseling

Jasmine Tashae Harris, *Vicksburg, MS*  
Major: Mental Health Counseling



Otis Christopher Harvey, *Gulfport, MS*  
Major: Athletic Administration  
(Intercollegiate)

Brian Coleman Hilburn, *Clinton, MS*  
Major: Marriage & Family Counseling

Christopher Jake Hinkle, *Madison, MS*  
Major: Applied Exercise Physiology

Erica Elaine Holton, *Pearl, MS*  
Major: Mental Health Counseling

Jessica Raeanne James, *Moselle, MS*  
Major: Mental Health Counseling

Hayley Beth Johnson, *Baton Rouge, LA*  
Major: Athletic Administration  
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Major: Marriage & Family Counseling

Ronetta Anquanette Mack, *Bolton, MS*  
Major: Mental Health Counseling

Samantha Nicole Mihalic, *Bentonla, MS*  
Major: Applied Exercise Physiology

Miranda Maria Moncure, *Crystal Springs, MS*  
Major: Applied Exercise Physiology

Julio Ismeal Moreno, *Mayo, FL*  
Major: Applied Exercise Physiology

Christie Taylor Ormon, *Clinton, MS*  
Major: Higher Education Administration

Sumedha Pushkar Potphode, *Vasai, India*  
Major: Applied Exercise Physiology

Brockton Eugene Tross, Jr., *Harvey, LA*  
Major: Applied Exercise Physiology

Ashley Turner, *Jackson, MS*  
Major: Higher Education Administration

Rashad Jamaal Turner, *Bruce, MS*  
Major: Applied Exercise Physiology

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Major: Higher Education Administration

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Major: Mental Health Counseling

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## EDUCATION SPECIALIST

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Major: Educational Leadership in Curriculum  
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Joselyn LaShay Butler, *Jackson, MS*  
Major: Educational Leadership

Lauren Ashley Dixon, *Brandon, MS*  
Major: Educational Leadership Administration  
K-12

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Major: Educational Leadership in Curriculum  
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LaTanya Minor Hart, *Hazlehurst, MS*  
Major: Educational Leadership

Ranata Brown Johnson, *Canton, MS*  
Major: Educational Leadership Administration  
K-12

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Major: Educational Leadership Administration  
K-12

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Major: Educational Leadership in Curriculum  
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Major: Educational Leadership Administration  
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Major: Educational Leadership Administration K-12

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Major: Educational Leadership Administration  
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Major: Educational Leadership Administration  
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Melinda Ann Wilcher, Terry, MS  
Major: Educational Leadership Administration  
K-12

Tanya Breaux Younger, Lafayette, LA  
Major: Educational Leadership in Curriculum  
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## DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Victor Deshon Hubbard, Marion, MS  
Major: Educational Leadership  
Dissertation: *The Perceptions of High School Teachers  
on the Effectiveness of Positive Behavior Intervention  
and Supports in Mississippi High Schools*  
Committee:  
Dr. Ruthie S. Stevenson, Chair  
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Dr. Martha D'Amico

Jermarcio J. Levy, Canton, MS  
Major: Educational Leadership  
Dissertation: *Traditional and Block Scheduling: A  
Comparative Study of Student Achievement Of English  
II End-of-Course Exam Scores and High School English  
Teachers' Perspectives of Scheduling Models*  
Committee:  
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Dr. Jennifer F. Stafford  
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Dr. Britt I. Dickens

Stephen Douglas Martin, Clinton, MS  
Major: Educational Leadership  
Dissertation: *Perceptions of Suicide among High  
School Teachers in Central Mississippi School Districts*  
Committee:  
Dr. Ruthie S. Stevenson, Chair  
Dr. Willie C. Johnson  
Dr. Kenneth R. Butler  
Dr. Michael P. Mann

Anthony Maurice Moore, Richland, MS  
Major: Educational Leadership  
Dissertation: *A Study of the Roles of Assistant  
Principals and the Impact their Perceived Readiness  
has on Pursuing the Principalship*  
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Dr. Ruthie S. Stevenson, Chair  
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Dr. O'Ka R. Duren  
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Major: Educational Leadership  
Dissertation: *Elementary Educators' Perception of  
the Effectiveness and Purpose of Homework*  
Committee:  
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Dr. O'ka R. Duren

Marsha Monique Peoples, Canton, MS  
Major: Educational Leadership  
Dissertation: *Teacher Perceptions of Principal  
Leadership in High and Low-Performing Elementary  
Schools in Mississippi*  
Committee:  
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Dr. Willie C. Johnson  
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LaTondra Shontae Robinson, Byram, MS  
Major: Educational Leadership  
Dissertation: *Job Satisfaction: A Study of Teacher  
Morale in Low and High Performing Schools*  
Committee:  
Dr. Ruthie S. Stevenson, Chair  
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Dr. O'ka R. Duren

Brenda Diane Smith Thompson, Madison, MS  
Major: Educational Leadership  
Dissertation: *Teacher Absenteeism: Substitute  
Teacher Cost, Accountability Performance Ratings,  
and The Relationship To Key*  
Committee:  
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## DOCTOR OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

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Major: Professional Counseling

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Major: Professional Counseling

Rebecca Renee Revels, *Vicksburg, MS*  
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Major: Professional Counseling

Sylvia E. Solis-Dominguez, *Laredo, TX*  
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Major: Professional Counseling

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AWARDS

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**The Glenda Locke White Elementary  
Education Honor Student of the Year**  
Alexis Marie Rachita, *Friendswood, TX*  
Major: Elementary Education

**The Alan D. Lowe Secondary Education  
Honor Student of the Year**  
William Arnold Nabholz, *Clinton, MS*  
Major: Biology Education

**The Eugene Farr Scholarship**  
William "Derek" McGraw, *Benton, MS*  
Major: Elementary Education

**The Jack B. Carmean Memorial Scholarship**  
Sarah Katherine Romines, *Pearl, MS*  
Major: Elementary Education (SPED)

**The J. D. And Bertha McDonald Scholarship**  
Antwonia C. Reeves, *Flowood, MS*  
Major: Elementary Education

**The Kappa Delta Pi Ann Wilson  
Clark Memorial Scholarship**  
Natalie Alana Covington, *Madisonville, LA*  
Major: English Education

**The J.M. Lassetter Education Award**  
Julia Lauren Johnston, *Florence, MS*  
Major: Mathematics Education

### DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY

**The Coach Joel K. "Hap" Hudson Endowed  
Kinesiology Award**  
Lauren Kate Carter, *Tupelo, MS*  
Major: Kinesiology/PrePT  
Minor: Biology

**The Outstanding Graduate Student  
in Kinesiology**  
Marian Marie Donald, *Brandon, MS*  
Major: Master of Science in Applied Exercise  
Physiology

### DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING

**Senior Psychology Award**  
Lindsey Jordan Stuart, *Caledonia, MS*  
Major: Psychology  
Minor: Business Administration

Skylar Rachelle Smith, *Lafayette, LA*  
Major: Psychology & Christian Studies Bible

**Psi Chi Award**  
Emily Anne Rayburn, *Clinton, MS*  
Major: Psychology  
Minor: Servant Leadership, Communication

Daniel Luis Grewatz, *Lynchburg, VA*  
Major: Psychology  
Minor: Business Administration, Kinesiology



### Outstanding Student Researcher Award

Samantha Scott Brady Yarbrough, *Greenville, MS*  
Major: Psychology  
Minor: Biology

Carlton (Cy) Yeager Leist, *Memphis, TN*  
Major: Psychology  
Minor: Mathematics

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Jasmine Simone Smith, *Brandon, MS*  
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Amber Louise Warren, *Clinton, MS*  
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Haley Alyssa Moore, *McComb, MS*  
Ashley Kate Otwell, *Helena, AL*  
Katherine Bailey Parker, *Daphne, AL*  
Marlee Tubby Prather, *Carthage, MS*  
Sydney Marie Rester, *Brandon, MS*  
Hannah Faith Sendelweck, *Brandon, MS*  
Meagan Katheryn Sherrer, *Picayune, MS*  
Lexie L. Simmons, *McCarley, MS*  
Preslie Katelin Smith, *Hollandale, MS*  
Hannah Rose Turner, *Alabaster, AL*  
Aysia Nicole Warner, *Jackson, MS*



## WITH HONORS

Cassandra Joy Holcombe  
Lost in Space: How Academics and  
Students Define What “Good” Academic  
Writing Is  
Dr. Steve Price

## WITH HIGH HONORS

Sydney Nichole Nicholson  
“Captured by the Incredible”: External  
and Internal Double Narratives in Joseph  
Conrad’s Heart of Darkness  
Dr. David Miller

Christiana Jasmine Ogletree  
Torn Between Homes: A Qualitative Study  
of Reverse Culture Shock in American  
Undergraduates Returning from Study  
Abroad  
Mr. Daniel White

## MASTER OF ARTS

Elleana Rochelle Smith, *Brookhaven, MS*  
Major: English

## MASTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Nader Mohammed R Alharbi, *Maddenah,  
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia*  
Major: Administration of Justice

Jennarryl Denice Burk, *Brandon, MS*  
Major: Administration of Justice

Matthew Jordan Denson, *Ridgeland, MS*  
Major: Homeland Security

John William Ledbetter, Jr., *Ridgeland, MS*  
Major: Administration of Justice

Andrea Suzanne Owen, *Byram, MS*  
Major: Homeland Security

Shuntavia Antoniette Rodgers, *Clinton, MS*  
Major: Homeland Security

Penny Michelle Strickland, *Southaven, MS*  
Major: Homeland Security

## SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES AWARDS

### DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

#### The Sarah A. Rouse English Award

Sydney Nichole Nicholson, *Cedar Creek, TX*  
Major: English Literature

Christiana Jasmine Ogletree, *Gulfport, MS*  
Major: English Writing

#### Psi Zeta Chapter Award

Sydney Nichole Nicholson, *Cedar Creek, TX*  
Major: English Literature

#### Sigma Tau Delta Freshman Composition Award

Landon Tyler Ashley, *Longview, TX*  
Major: Chemistry

#### The Susan H. Lassiter English Award

Casey Renee Kellogg, *Nesbit, MS*  
Major: English Writing

### DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES

#### German Exchange Scholarship

Zhanna Griffin, *Oviedo, FL*  
Major: BA in Foreign Language &  
International Trade (FLIT) and  
English Writing

#### The Porter-Trott Memorial Award

Sarah Chenevert, *Springfield, MO*  
Major: BA in French, BS in Biology Education

#### The Charles E. Martin Memorial Award

Sydney Nichole Nicholson, *Cedar Creek, TX*  
Major: BA in Spanish and English Literature

### DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

#### Edward L. McMillan Award for Excellence in History

Colby Cox, *Raymond, MS*  
Major: History

#### P.I. Lipsey Award (European History)

Emily Grace Heath, *Rossville, TN*  
Major: History and Art



### **Outstanding Student in Pre-Law**

Cydney Denise Campbell, *Collierville, TN*  
Major: Political Science

### **Administration of Justice Award**

Molly Jean Hensley, *Lake Village, AR*  
Major: Administration of Justice

### **Outstanding Senior in Political Science**

Jake Gardner Mahaffey, *Brandon, MS*  
Major: Political Science

Kelsi LeAnne Baldwin, *Florence, MS*  
Major: Political Science

### **Outstanding Senior in Paralegal Studies**

Kaitlyn Brooke Tullos, *Florence, MS*  
Major: Paralegal Studies

### **Martha Hutson Social Studies**

#### **Education Teacher in Training**

Darby Lee Turman, *Clinton, MS*  
Major: Social Studies Education

### *DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK*

#### **Senior Sociology Award**

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Major: Social Work

## **SCHOOL OF NURSING**

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Annelise Kathleen Brookins, *Vestavia Hills, AL*  
Cassidy Raelyn Brown, *Terry, MS*  
Ashley Nicole Bruce, *Magee, MS*  
Taylor Michelle Coleman, *Saint Francisville, LA*  
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Kelsey Elizabeth Govero, *Clinton, MS*  
RaeAnn Marie Guthrie, *Dickson, TN*  
Madison Faith Hall, *Canton, MS*  
Megan Elizabeth Henderson, *Cordova, TN*  
Rebecca Leigh Holder, *Ridgeland, MS*  
Keelea Wood Jenkins, *Clinton, MS*

Sarah Jane Jenkins, *Olive Branch, MS*  
Maggie Jordan, *Baton Rouge, LA*  
Emma Louise LeBaron, *Roseville, CA*  
Marti Ann Longmire, *Crosby, MS*  
Danielle Michelle Macip, *Hernando, MS*  
Allison Marie McDaniel, *Shiloh, GA*  
Ashley Elise Pryor, *Brandon, MS*  
Sarah Katherine Quinn, *Kimberly, AL*  
Richard Ray Rieger, II, *Hendersonville, TN*  
Shelby Lyn Roberts, *Madison, MS*  
Abby Lorraine Rowland, *Madison, MS*  
Jordan Nechelle Veal, *Southaven, MS*  
Cameron Douglas Walters, *Brandon, MS*  
Kimberly Renee Watkins, *Philadelphia, MS*  
Ashley Jane Margaret Wilson, *Chesterfield, MO*

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Adesola Abiodun Adelana, *Jackson, MS*  
Chelsea J. Bennett, *Natchez, MS*  
Izoduwa Lucinda Ekunwe, *Clinton, MS*  
Chidinma Adanma Ezeamama, *Jackson, MS*  
Jensen Olivier Fangmann, *Cleveland, GA*  
Denzonia DJonay Fortune, *Jackson, MS*  
Chelsea Alyse Hall, *Jackson, MS*  
Adrianna Jaffrani, *Fountain Valley, CA*  
Miranda Hupperich Martin, *Madison, MS*  
Gail Eugene McDavid, Jr., *Carencro, LA*  
Gabrielle Ocphelia McGuffey, *Canton, MS*  
Stephanie Ivellise Riveros, *Vicksburg, MS*  
OKayla Mianca Williams, *Jackson, MS*

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Miranda S. Broadnax, R.N., *Ocean Springs, MS*  
Libria Rena Butler, R.N., *Bolton, MS*  
Haley Sage Irvin, R.N., *Madison, MS*  
Christina Marie Lewis, R.N., *Philadelphia, MS*  
Lashunda Renae Lewis, R.N., *Byram, MS*  
Sharon Ann Merchant, R.N., *Meridian, MS*  
Kayce Madison Rayburn, R.N., *Jayess, MS*  
Janet Ricks, R.N., *Brandon, MS*  
Emily Medlin Roberts, R.N., *New Albany, MS*  
Amy Rosenbalm, R.N., *Sevierville, TN*  
Cassandra Ann Taylor, R.N., *Walls, MS*  
Phillip Melton Turner, R.N., *Grand Bay, AL*  
Amber Lynn Watson, R.N., *Brandon, MS*  
Heather Brooke Wedgeworth, R.N., *Forest, MS*





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Gabrielle Ocphelia McGuffey  
Emergency Department Protocol  
for Sexual Assault  
Dr. David Sharp

## WITH HIGH HONORS

Megan Elizabeth Henderson  
Managing Pain in the Neonatal Intensive Care  
Unit: A Systematic Review  
Dr. David Sharp

Adrianna Jaffrani  
Safety and Efficacy of Patient-Controlled  
Analgesia (PCA) by Proxy in Pediatrics:  
Systematic Review of the Research  
Conducted in Years 2014-2019  
Dr. David Sharp

## SCHOOL OF NURSING AWARDS

### Balfour Award

RaeAnne Marie Guthrie, *Dickson, TN*  
Megan Elizabeth Henderson, *Cordova, TN*

### Bob Marts Award

Kaley Edwards, *French Camp, MS*

### Faculty Award/John D. and Natoma C. Noble Scholarship

Marti Ann Longmire, *Crosby, MS*

### The Frances J. and Walter B. McGuffee Memorial Scholarship

Chelesa Lucas, *Terry, MS*

## INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

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## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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Allison Sharron Kent, *Raymond, MS*  
Katlyn Rose Taylor, *Belden, MS*  
Kai Wang, *Shanghai Pu Tuo Qu, People's Republic  
of China*

## MASTER OF HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Macala Gwen Boxx, *Clinton, MS*  
Major: Health Services Administration

Gabrielle Courtney Goss, *Pearl, MS*  
Major: Health Services Administration

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Major: Health Services Administration

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Major: Health Services Administration

Yasamiyan Mohammed Madrabaa, *Gazan, Kingdom  
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Major: Health Services Administration

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Major: Health Services Administration

Christina Michelle Mullins, *Brandon, MS*  
Major: Health Services Administration

Valentina Wallace, *Jackson, MS*  
Major: Health Services Administration



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Brittany Nicole Barnes, *Florence, MS*  
Robert Benjamin Belmont, *Mandeville, LA*  
Amber Elizabeth Bigelow, *Cordova, TN*  
Michael Cayman Blount, *Coldwater, MS*  
Allena Claire Boyd, *Bay Springs, MS*  
Katelyn Frances Brock, *Vicksburg, MS*  
Ruth Joy Brooks, *Brandon, MS*  
Wilson Kice Brown, *Mantee, MS*  
Cherish Melody Burge, *Moss Point, MS*  
Carly Elizabeth Cappleman, *Starkville, MS*  
Emma Rae Castanedo, *Gulfport, MS*  
Charlene Daniela Claudio, *Ridgeland, MS*  
Anami Pyare Cohly, *Brandon, MS*  
Mari Kathryn Cook, *Pearl, MS*  
Stacy Elaine Creel, *Shreveport, LA*  
Christopher Nicholas Crosby, *Saucier, MS*  
Taylor Marie Cupit, *Bogue Chitto, MS*  
Kyle Wayne Curlee, *Magee, MS*  
Blake Alexander DeVellis, *Clinton, MS*  
Rachel Lee Donegan, *Hoover, AL*  
Emily Anne Dykeman, *Forest, MS*  
Shelby Lynn Edwards, *Madison, MS*  
Fredarian Di Andre' Flowers, *Shelby, MS*  
Jacob Hamilton Fortenberry, *Madison, MS*  
Bryant Ricky Grove, *Brandon, MS*  
Hannah Gabriel Holcombe, *Arab, AL*  
Kyle James Hoskins, *Collinsville, MS*  
Mikaila Ellen Howell, *Clinton, MS*  
Brandon Lee Huddleston, *Little Rock, MS*  
Kimberly Lauren Jackson, *Madison, MS*  
Julia Lauren Johnston, *Florence, MS*  
Sydney Danielle Jones, *Moss Point, MS*  
Vipanpreet Kaur, *Madison, MS*  
Aspen Elaine Kent, *Pearl, MS*  
Mallory Danielle Knight, *Franklinton, LA*  
Aaryn Anne Letson, *Madison, MS*  
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John Cameron Furey, *Vicksburg, MS*  
James Adrian Gibson, III, *Meridian, MS*  
Chase Gregory Jenkins, *Folsom, LA*  
Andrew Thomas Lyons, *Brandon, MS*  
Karis Nichole Nelson, *Midlothian, VA*  
Ethan Jay Seals, *Columbia, MS*  
Kenneth Ryan Simpson, *Madison, MS*

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Michaela Jamiya Allen, *Mobile, AL*  
Major: Biology  
  
Kallie Lynn Belcher, *Quitman, MS*  
Major: Biology  
  
Jennifer Patricia Breve, *Baton Rouge, LA*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences



Jake Dexter Busby, *Clinton, MS*  
Major: Computer Science

Junmo Kim, *Woodland, CA*  
Major: Biology

Joseph Shawn Chambers, *Madison, MS*  
Major: Cybersecurity & Information Assurance

Marvin Daniel Little, *Star, MS*  
Major: Cybersecurity & Information Assurance

Boris Chidex Christopher, *Arlington, TX*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Laquisha Santryce Malone, *Jackson, MS*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Nathan A. Cooper, *Coatesville, PA*  
Major: Biology

Gabrielle Victoria McCall, *Riverdale, GA*  
Major: Chemistry

Matthew Dakota Crooks, *Woodworth, LA*  
Major: Biology

Aaliyah Brianna McCallister, *Clinton, MS*  
Major: Biology

William Russell Davis, *Marrero, LA*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Samone G. Morgan, *Flora, MS*  
Major: Cybersecurity & Information Assurance

Whitney Mei Jun Dees, *Lucedale, MS*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Catherine Grace Nabholz, *Memphis, TN*  
Major: Mathematics

Ieshia Samora Edwards, *Clinton, MS*  
Major: Biology

Alaa Ali Najmi, *Jazan, Saudi Arabia*  
Major: Biology

Jacob Kent Epperson, *Montgomery, AL*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Catherine Wethey Neusetzer, *Prairieville, LA*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Arline Mary Ficarra, *Boynton Beach, FL*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Adrian Paphai Oudomrath, *Jackson, MS*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Derrick Atiegyi Fokala, *Upper Marlboro, MD*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Joshua Warren Parker, *Brandon, MS*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Yongrui Guo, *Xi'an, People's Republic of China*  
Major: Chemistry

Xochitl Aleydis Quinones, *Farmers Branch, TX*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Ashley Marie Hollins, *Jackson, MS*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Elizabeth Moffitt Taylor, *Hickory Flat, MS*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Iris Elizabeth Hunt, *New Orleans, LA*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Hannah Denise Terrebonne, *Galliano, LA*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Michael Hurns, *Cleveland, MS*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Reeves Bienvenu Texada, *Little Rock, AR*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Elizabeth Stewart Ippolito, *Montgomery, AL*  
Major: Biology

Alan Han Tu, *McLean, VA*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Hannah Wanjiru Kariuki, *Tyler, TX*  
Major: Biology

Jordyn McKinley White, *Meridian, MS*  
Major: Biology

Bianca Renea' Key, *Jackson, MS*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Robert Carter Williamson, *Belle Chasse, LA*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences



Teresa Rena Woods, *New Orleans, LA*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

## SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS AWARDS

### DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

#### AED Health Science Award

Jeffrey Cade Holland, *Hoover, AL*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

#### The Bailey Biology Award

Luther J. Ward, *Brandon, MS*  
Major: Biology Medical Sciences and Spanish

### DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

#### The Joseph Barnhill Memorial Award

Jacob Hamilton Fortenberry, *Madison, MS*  
Major: Chemistry & Biology Medical Sciences

Kelbe Shelton Logan, *Kosciusko, MS*  
Major: Chemistry & Biology Medical Sciences

#### The John Q. & Cora Izard Memorial Scholarship

Isaac Wei Ming Tan, *Klang Selangor De, Malaysia*  
Major: Chemistry ACS

Carly Elizabeth Cappleman, *Starkville, MS*  
Major: Chemistry Career

### DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

#### The Senior Mathematics Award

Madison Batarseh Annison, *Hammond, LA*  
Major: Mathematics Education

#### Carl Brewer Memorial Award

Joshua Waldbieser, *Cleveland, MS*  
Major: Computer Science and Mathematics

#### James V. Burnside Scholarship Award

Rachel Reed, *Abbeville, MS*  
Major: Mathematics Education

### DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND PHYSICS

#### The Senior Computer Science Award

Cherish Melody Burge, *Moss Point, MS*  
Major: Computer Science

#### The Senior Electrical Engineering Award

John Cameron Furey, *Vicksburg, MS*  
Major: Electrical Engineering

## SCHOOL OF LAW

DR. PATRICIA BENNETT, DEAN

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Brady Wayne Allen, *Corinth, MS*  
Alexis Janae Armstrong, *Madison, MS*  
Brianna Ariel Bailey, *Okeechobee, FL*  
Cameron Joseph Baker, *Fayetteville, AR*  
Sarah Michelle Barber, *Pearl River, LA*  
Yeager Matthews Bass, *Clarksdale, MS*  
William D. Beamesderfer, *Sherman, TX*  
Victor Brian Bishop, *Oxford, MS*  
Warren Salvo Blair, *Brandon, MS*  
Mason R. Bonner, *Gilbertown, AL*  
William Scott Borgognoni, II, *Lake Village, AR*  
Greyson Kenneth Breal, *Mobile, AL*  
Josh A. Brooks, *Moselle, MS*  
Christopher B. Broome, Sr., *Moss Point, MS*  
Tommy Eugene Brown, Jr., *Fayette, MS*  
Claudia Denise Brunson, *Madison, MS*  
Bianca Lyn Bryant, *Pineville, LA*  
Christopher Douglas Carlson, *Warrensburgh, NY*  
James Ryan Carr, *Jackson, MS*  
Allison M. Cooper, *West Monroe, LA*  
Megan Nicole Costilow, *Grenada, MS*  
Jarred Chase Culpepper, *Huntsville, AL*  
Alexandria M. Diggs, *Chicago, IL*  
Megan Esperanza Everett, *Pearland, TX*  
Hailey Brianna Faulkner, *Columbus, MS*  
Carlie Gauthier Fuqua, *Alexandria, LA*  
Grace Lowery Gadow, *Jackson, MS*  
Katherine Malloy Gargiulo, *Gulfport, MS*  
Emily Gillenwater, *Charlotte, NC*  
Chelsea G. Glaspie, *Anacoco, LA*  
Eric Taylor Granberry, *Gulfport, MS*  
Zachary Blake Grubbs, *Clinton, MS*  
Alexis Layne Guillot, *Hammond, LA*  
Dustin Storm Harscher, *Milton, FL*  
Tyler R. Heflin, *Gulfport, MS*





Anna Claire Henderson, *Ridgeland, MS*  
Wesley A. Hooper, *Deville, LA*  
Landry Dale Huisinga, *Casey, IL*  
Katherine Leah Jackson, *Cleveland, MS*  
Megan Elizabeth Jameson, *Jackson, MS*  
Jessica Danielle Jasper, *Brandon, MS*  
Joshua Dayrit Johnson, *Wiggins, MS*  
Veronica Lauren Jones, *Fulton, MO*  
Garrett Michael Kalem, *Milan, TN*  
Adam Roger Karamanis, *Calhoun, LA*  
Karmel Ledonia Keeton, *Pascagoula, MS*  
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Tyler C. Ladner, *Saucier, MS*  
Phillip Martin LeMere, *Gulfport, MS*  
Maegen Marie Manis, *Wiggins, MS*  
Stephen Paul Marsalis, *Opelousas, LA*  
Mary Lathram McArthur, *Hattiesburg, MS*  
Thomas Grant McCalmont, *Alexandria, LA*  
Kavondra McCauley, *Meridian, MS*  
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Lexi Teri Powell, *Daphne, AL*  
Michael Isaac Primack, *Oak Park, CA*  
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Ashton Bailey Rigby, *Crystal Springs, MS*  
Tyler B. Robinson, *Ellisville, MS*  
William Harrison Russell, *Jackson, MS*  
Olivia Jewel Sage, *Monroe, LA*  
Stephen Reed Schaub, *Magee, MS*  
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George Laithan Simmerman, *Mobile, AL*  
Scott Campbell Sledge, *Hammond, LA*  
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Kelli Michelle Stevens, *Anguilla, MS*  
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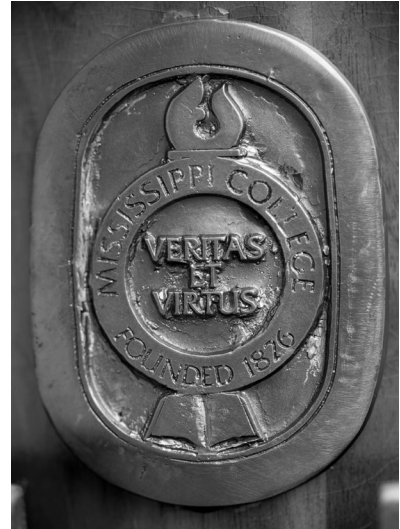
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Amber Elizabeth Wheeler, *Horn Lake, MS*  
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Keleigh Yvonne Williams, *Sierra Vista, AZ*  
John Lamar Yeates, *Pearl River, LA*



## 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, and the late art instructor Dr. Kenneth Quinn, and was crafted by 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 former department head, and former professor of art Steve Cook. 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 195th year, Mississippi College is the oldest private university in the state. The university is governed by a board of trustees elected by the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Support comes through tuition, private donations from alumni and friends, foundation 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 and the largest private university in the state of Mississippi. 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 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	1992-93 Dr. Kirk Ford	2007-08 Dr. Mark Modak-Truran
1978-79 Dr. Joe Cooper	1993-94 Mrs. Mary Catherine Gentry	2008-09 Dr. Michael Mann
1979-80 Dr. George Pittman	1994-95 Dr. Billy Hicks	2009-10 Dr. Kerri Jordan
1980-81 Dr. William P. Stark	1995-96 Dr. Becky Lynchard Clark	2010-11 Dr. James Everett
1981-82 Dr. L. Craig Whitlock	1996-97 Dr. James Sclater	2011-12 Dr. Emily Fokeladeh
1982-83 Dr. Ron Howard	1997-98 Dr. Debbie Pierce	2012-13 Dr. David G. Miller
1983-84 Dr. Lloyd Roberts	1998-99 Dr. John Meadors	2013-14 Dr. Patricia Bennett
1984-85 Dr. Anne Meydrech	1999-00 Dr. Shirley N. Jones	2014-15 Prof. Steve Cook
1985-86 Dr. Ed Akin	2000-01 Dr. Tom Williams	2015-16 Dr. Teresa Floyd
1986-87 Dr. Ralph Taylor	2001-02 Dr. Gerald Lee	2016-17 Dr. Cindy Melton
1987-88 Dr. Joe M. Cooper	2002-03 Dr. Edward Valente	2017-18 Dr. John Travis
1988-89 Dr. James Burnside	2003-04 Dr. William P. Stark	2018-19 Dr. John Anderson
1989-90 Dr. Bettye Coward	2004-05 Dr. David H. Magers	2019-20 Dr. Steven Price
1990-91 Dr. John McCall	2005-06 Dr. Bill Wheeler, Jr.	
1991-92 Dr. Craig Turner	2006-07 Dr. Mary Ann Henriques	

## 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	2010-11 Jeannie Lane	2016-17 Mary Beth Graves
2005-06 Bettye Stewart	2011-12 Linda Taylor	2017-18 Jo Sistrunk
2006-07 Cindy Hampton	2012-13 Shirley Tipton	2018-19 Shelia Carpenter
2007-08 Sandy Reeves	2013-14 Ann Long	2019-20 Laura Ann Hoffman
2008-09 Ricky Russell	2014-15 Susan Musselwhite	
2009-10 Cynda Golden	2015-16 Kathy Gibbs	



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Madison Brown	Cindy Melton	Jo Sistrunk	
Ryan Capell	Susan Musselwhite	Billy Thornton	
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Tammy Arthur

### SOUND

Paul Pruitt



# “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. *Fine*

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. *D.C. al Fine*

