IMPACTING OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS

When it comes to education, Mississippi is making the grade. In fact, our state achieved the number one spot in the nation for gains on the 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), known as the Nation’s Report Card. Number one!

So, to say Mississippi has made incredible strides of late in improving and enhancing education may be an understatement.

Since 2016, schools and districts earning an A have more than doubled, with the number of A-rated schools jumping from 88 to 196 and A-rated districts up from 14 to 31 in 2019. Our graduation rates surpassed the national average in 2020 and reached an all-time high of 87.7% in 2021.

Workforce training continues to be a focus due to its contributions to our economy. A 2020 Mississippi Association of Community & Junior Colleges economic impact study revealed that community colleges and their students have a multi-billion-dollar impact on Mississippi’s economy, generating an estimated $2.1 billion in wages and salaries, over $250 million in state and local tax revenue, and nearly $4 billion in state gross domestic product.

Also making an impact on the state is advanced research. Mississippi is home to four Carnegie Foundation-rated research universities. Jackson State University conducts research ranging from cyber security and environmental science to STEM education and data-enabled science. Research conducted at Mississippi State University includes aerospace engineering, unmanned aircraft systems, agriculture, and social sciences. The University of Mississippi conducts research in areas ranging from biomedical and pharmaceutical to public policy and wireless communication. And research at the University of Southern Mississippi includes ocean science and engineering, polymer science and engineering, and sports venue safety and security.
AN UNFORESEEN CHALLENGE

Catastrophic events are often catalysts for change. For education, the COVID-19 pandemic proved this point.

Facing a health crisis never seen in this lifetime, students and teachers had to adjust, adjust again, and adjust again. Sondra Hinton, who teaches 8th grade English and Pre-AP English at Center Hill Middle School in Olive Branch, explained it best.

“Although a great deal of apprehension and fear accompanied the rapid implementation of virtual learning, Mississippi stepped up and accepted the challenge,” said Hinton. “I have never been more proud to be a Mississippi educator.”

Quarantines forced remote learning, which meant parents had to step in and help guide their children at home. The pandemic also created an immediate need for access to more laptops and mobile devices, plus broadband internet access in rural areas. Mississippi is working to fill these gaps so our children may continue to learn, regardless of circumstances.

“One bright spot is the access to technology that will forever change the face of education in our state,” said Hinton. “We will be true 21st-century learners.”

“I was overwhelmed with pride with how my Mississippi rose to meet the challenges ... Seeing Mississippi educators take on this pandemic and refuse to let it extinguish learning is noble, commendable, and something I will never forget.”

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Public education, as established in Article 8 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 and as outlined in Miss. Code Ann. Title 37, is authorized, maintained, and supported by tax revenue appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature.
The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) administers resources and support to public schools in the State. The Mississippi Board of Education selects the State Superintendent of Education, chooses public education policies, and supervises the MDE. The Mississippi Department of Education enforces laws on the federal and state level and distributes funds on the state and federal level. They also ensure educators are appropriately licensed.

The Mississippi Department of Education is committed to securing a future for each child and improving education opportunities for all students. In order for this to happen, teachers and administrators must give students multiple ways to succeed.

The Mississippi Board of Education’s vision is “to create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens.” The Board’s mission is “to provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community.”

The Mississippi State Board of Education created a Strategic Plan in 2016. The Board’s strategic goals focus on success for all aspects of Mississippi’s public education system, including students, classrooms, schools, and districts. There are six goals the Board created in their strategic plan: 1) all students proficient and showing growth in all assessed areas; 2) every student graduates from high school and is ready for college and career; 3) every child has access to a high-quality education program; 4) every school has effective teachers and leaders; 5) every community effectively uses a world-class data system to improves student outcomes; and 6) every school and district is rated “C” or higher.
Offering more than 35 years of vast experience in the field of education, Dr. Carey M. Wright is currently the State Superintendent of Education for Mississippi. She has served as the Chief Academic Officer for the District of Columbia Public Schools as well as the Deputy Chief for the Office of Teaching and Learning, providing leadership for PK-12 education by managing the offices of Curriculum and Instruction, Professional Development, Early Childhood Education, College and Career Readiness, Youth Engagement, Bilingual Education, Out of School Time, School Counseling, Educational Technology, Gifted and Talented, and Library Media Services. After implementing a policy requiring four Advanced Placement courses to be offered in all high schools, student participation increased more than 25% and the number of students passing at least one AP exam increased over 85%. The total number of AP exams receiving passing scores increased 64%. In addition, African-American student performance on AP exams increased 86%, and Hispanic student performance increased 184%.

From 2003 to 2009, Dr. Wright served as the Associate Superintendent for the Office of Special Education and Student Services for the Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland. In her capacity as associate superintendent she was responsible for student services for 150,000 students and special education programming for 17,000 students with disabilities, managing a budget of $325 million, overseeing nonpublic placements and alternative programs, providing special education staffing for 200 schools, the provision of K-12 school counseling, psychological services, pupil personnel services, and the administration of the International Student Admission Office. Under Dr. Wright’s leadership, the percent of special education students being educated in the general education classroom increased from 53% to 67%. During the last four years of her tenure, special education student proficiency on state reading and math assessments increased between 13 and 34 points at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. The biggest gains occurred in high schools, where student proficiency increased by 30 points in reading and 34 points in math.

Dr. Wright spent the majority of her career in Howard County Public Schools, also located in Maryland. In Howard County, Dr. Wright was a teacher, a principal for fifteen years, and the Director of Special Education and Student Services. She began her career in Prince George’s County Public Schools in Maryland, serving as a teacher.

Dr. Wright has been recognized as an outstanding educator by the National Center for Culturally Responsive Systems, nominated twice for The Washington Post Outstanding Principal Award, and awarded the Howard County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Educator of the Year.

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The Mississippi Community College Board (MCCB) is a coordinating state agency that creates standards and guidelines for the 15 community college districts. The MCCB works alongside community college presidents and representatives to promote the system. The Board exercises its jurisdiction as outlined in Sections 37-4-1 and 37-4-3, Mississippi Code 1982, Revised 1990.

The State’s community and junior college system began in 1924 when the legislature allowed agricultural high schools to include freshmen and sophomore college courses. Four years later, the schools were instructed to create junior colleges. Because of this, what is now known as the Mississippi Community College Board was established in 1928 as the Commission on Junior Colleges.

By 1931, 11 junior colleges had been established; by 1950, the total had grown to 15. In 1987, the schools were allowed to change their names to community college as a more appropriate description of their relationships with their corresponding districts.

In 1986, the Commission on Junior Colleges was replaced by the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. The board was enacted as an independent agency. The name was changed to Mississippi Community College Board during the 2011 legislative session. The board consists of 10 governor appointed members. Two members are appointed from each of the five Congressional districts as they existed before the 2000 census.

The mission of the Mississippi Community College Board is “to advance the community college system through coordination, support, leadership, and advocacy.” The board’s core values are professionalism, integrity, partnerships, innovation, and diversity.
KELL SMITH
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*Mississippi Community College Board*

On July 16, 2021, Mr. Kell Smith was named Interim Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board (MCCB). Since 2008, he has also served as Director of Communications and Legislative Services for MCCB. In his roles at MCCB, he is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the agency while also handling legislative issues that pertain to the community college system, as well as handling requests from the media. His service as a leader for the State of Mississippi began in 2005 when he began working at the Secretary of State’s office. He believes in working collaboratively with each of the 15 community colleges in order to advance the system and improve the lives of Mississippians.

Kell attended Mississippi State University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 2003 and also earned a Masters of Public Policy and Administration in 2005. While at MSU, he was co-director of Governmental Affairs for the Student Association and served on the Student Association Housing Committee. He served as a member of the Stennis-Montgomery Association and was a Mississippi State Alumni Delegate. Kell was honored to be selected as a member of the Pi Alpha Alpha Honorary Society as well as a Dean’s Scholar.

Kell serves on the Board of Directors for the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi, is a former member of the Board of Director for the Mississippi Council on Economic Education and is a graduate of the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy.

He is married to the former Mary Straton Karatassos of Starkville. They live in Madison and are the parents of Eleanor and Rosie. He serves as a deacon of Broadmoor Baptist Church.
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Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr. currently serves as Commissioner of Higher Education for the State of Mississippi. As Commissioner, Dr. Rankins advises the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) on all higher education issues and provides oversight of the system’s eight public universities and academic medical center.

Prior to being named Commissioner of Higher Education, Dr. Rankins served as the 19th president of Alcorn State University. Under his leadership, the university excelled in academics and athletics and was recognized nationally for its commitment to the student experience.

During his tenure as president of his alma mater, Dr. Rankins provided leadership that helped the university enroll its largest freshman class in its history and increased the average ACT scores of entering freshmen for three consecutive years. The university achieved its highest ever ranking by College Consensus as the #7 best HBCU and #1 best public HBCU in the nation. The university established new academic programs, forged new strategic partnerships, and made important discoveries through its research. In intercollegiate athletics, Alcorn won several conference championships and a national championship, while graduating student-athletes in record numbers.

As President, Dr. Rankins improved the campus infrastructure and initiated and completed major capital projects to strengthen Alcorn’s infrastructure and improve the campus living and learning environment. Additionally, Dr. Rankins served on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Executive Board as Vice Chairman.

Prior to being named President of Alcorn State University, Dr. Rankins served as IHL’s deputy commissioner for academic and student affairs. While serving as deputy commissioner, Dr. Rankins also served a year as acting president of Mississippi Valley State University.

Dr. Rankins began his higher education career on the faculty at Mississippi State University (MSU), where he was a tenured associate professor in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) and statewide extension specialist with the MSU Extension Service.

Currently, Dr. Rankins serves on the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board, State Workforce Investment Board, and Entergy Mississippi Advisory Board. He is also a member of the National Association of System Heads (NASH), State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO), and Education Commission of the States (ECS).

A native of Greenville, MS, Dr. Rankins received a Bachelor of Science degree from Alcorn State University and both Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Mississippi State University.

Dr. Rankins and his wife, Juandalyn, have two children, Aftyn and Alfred.
The Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning is responsible for the management and control of the eight public universities and units comprising the IHL system. The board also is responsible for demonstrating accountability to the people of Mississippi and effectively communicating the accomplishments, need and value of the system of universities to the public. By strengthening and maintaining a viable comprehensive planning, management and evaluation process, the board and the IHL system facilitate effective decision making, resource allocation and utilization, fiscal accountability, and program review and evaluation.

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Dr. Felecia M. Nave is Alcorn State University’s 20th President and first female president in the school’s 150-year history. A 1996 Alcorn graduate, Dr. Nave returns with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry, a master’s degree in chemical and environmental engineering, a doctorate in engineering, and 18 years of proven success as an innovative educator and leader in complex collegiate environments. Dr. Nave has dedicated her professional career to serving at HBCUs, which has given her a diverse perspective and Broad understanding of HBCU culture and tradition.

In 2003, Dr. Nave began her academic tenure at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) as a tenure-track associate professor. During her 15 years at PVAMU, she successfully matriculated through the academic levels to earn the rank of full professor of Chemical Engineering and advanced into administrative leadership roles, notably as Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs from 2014-2017. In 2018, Dr. Nave was appointed Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at North Carolina Central University, where she served as the university’s chief academic officer.

An Alcorn legacy, Dr. Nave is personally and professionally invested in Alcorn’s mission to develop well-rounded future leaders of high character who can be successful in the global marketplace. Her expertise in higher education, combined with her commitment to Alcorn, allows her to strengthen current programs while moving the university forward. She plans to develop and support programs that solidify the university’s position as a leader amongst elite HBCUs. Dr. Nave and her husband, Mr. Tracie Nave, met at Alcorn as undergraduate students. They are the proud parents of four children: Jaylon, Justin, Kennedy, and Jonathan.
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Bill La Forge was named president of Delta State in 2013. As a DSU alumnus, he served as national president of the Alumni Association and a trustee of the Delta State University Foundation. He was selected DSU’s Alumnus of the Year in 1992 and was a charter member of the DSU Alumni Hall of Fame in 2007. LaForge’s professional career in both the public and private sectors has spanned the fields of law, government, higher education, and public policy. He is an attorney and registered lobbyist in Washington, D.C., and principal of LaForge Government Relations. He has specialized in federal government relations and represented businesses and other organizations with public policy interests before the U.S. Congress and federal executive branch agencies. He previously served as prosecutor and a deputy chancery court clerk in the Mississippi Delta, as well as a senior congressional policy advisor in Washington.

A native of Cleveland, he graduated with honors from Delta State and earned his law degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law and an LL.M. in international law from Georgetown University. He also studied international law at Cambridge University and received fellowships to study government and public policy in the European Union and at Harvard.

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Jackson State University’s distinguished history began in 1877 as the Natchez Seminary, a private church school set up in Natchez, Mississippi, under the auspices of the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York. Beginning with only 20 students, the seminary educated newly freed African Americans as ministers and teachers. In 1882, the society moved the school to Jackson, Mississippi, to the location where Millsaps College now stands. The seminary was renamed Jackson College in recognition of its new location in central Mississippi. Three years later, construction began on the site that is now the University’s main campus. After the turn of the 20th century, the institution began to broaden its course of study, and in 1924, the college awarded its first degree. By 1934, the American Baptist Home Mission Society had withdrawn its support for the college, which began efforts toward garnering state support for the institution. In 1940, the school reorganized its curriculum as a two-year program and changed its name to the Mississippi Negro Training School. The State Institutions of Higher Learning then expanded the curriculum to a four-year teacher education program. The first graduating class under state support received Bachelor of Science degrees in Education in May 1944; two months after, the school was renamed the Jackson College for Negro Teachers. By 1967, state support had been secured and the school was renamed Jackson State College. Through a legislative act in 1974, the College became Jackson State University (JSU). Five years later, the Institutions of Higher Learning officially designated JSU as Mississippi’s Urban University.
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From comprehensive educational options and groundbreaking research to award-winning service initiatives and an environment that embraces intellectual and creative freedom, the Mississippi State experience is transforming and empowering communities throughout the world. As one of the national land-grant colleges established after Congress passed the Morrill Act in 1862, the institution opened its doors in the fall of 1880 as the Agricultural and Mechanical College of the State of Mississippi. It soon distinguished itself as a leader in agriculture, horticulture, and the mechanical arts in addition to other scientific and classical studies, including military tactics. By 1932, when the legislature renamed the school Mississippi State College, it was well on its way to building the foundation for generations of students from all walks of life to succeed in higher education. In 1958, the legislature changed the name to Mississippi State University. Today, MSU stands as a Top 100 National Science Foundation research institution and Carnegie Foundation R1-Very High Research Activity university, providing access and opportunity to students from all sectors of the state, as well as from 49 states and 84 other countries. Students in eight colleges are participating in cutting-edge research with a global impact, including work to get unmanned aerial systems flying safely in the nation’s airspace, designing the car of the future, and generating solutions to world hunger, among other achievements.
Agriculture Research, as well as chairman of the College Football Playoff Board of Managers. He is also a member of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History Board of Trustees. He began his career at MSU as a faculty member with the Extension Service and the Department of Agricultural Economics. He went on to serve as chief of staff to U.S. Senator Thad Cochran in Washington, D.C., and was Under Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture prior to returning home to lead Mississippi State.

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Established in 1884, Mississippi University for Women, also known as The W, became the first public college for women in America. Originally known as the Industrial Institute and College, the institution was created by an act of the Mississippi Legislature on March 12, 1884, for the dual purposes of providing a liberal arts education and preparing women for employment. The first session began October 22, 1885, with an enrollment of approximately 250 students on a campus formerly occupied by the Columbus Female Institute, a private college founded in 1847. The name of the institution changed to Mississippi State College for Women in 1920 to reflect an emphasis on collegiate rather than vocational education. The name changed again in 1974 to Mississippi University for Women to reflect better the nature of the academic programs, including graduate studies. In 1982, the United States Supreme Court ordered the university to admit a male student to the nursing program. Following this historic decision, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning ordered the university to change its policies to allow the admission of qualified males into all university programs. In 1988, the Board of Trustees reaffirmed the mission of MUW as an institution of quality academic programs for all qualified students with emphasis on distinctive opportunities for women. Today, The W continues its historic focus on academic leadership development for women, as well as its long tradition of excellence in liberal arts and professional education for both women and men. The W prepares its students for a wide variety of roles both professional and personally.

Nora Roberts Miller is the 15th President of Mississippi University for Women (The W). Miller holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration and a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Mississippi University for Women. She earned a Master of Business Administration from Mississippi State University in 1998 and is a Certified Public Accountant. She has served on The W staff since 2001.

In her former role as senior vice president for administration and chief financial officer at the university, Miller was responsible for the financial and business management of the university, the operation of the physical plant and related support services and the development and implementation of the campus facilities master plan. She also participated in the formulation of policies, programs and budget development and interacts with students, faculty, staff, the Board of Trustees and agencies to the campus. In addition, she served as the legislative liaison for the campus, advocating for the university with state leaders and legislators.

Miller also served as vice president for finance and administration for the university for 11 years. She has also served as director of budget and financial analysis and director of internal audit for the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning; director of accounting for Central Alabama Community College; senior auditing accountant for Potter, Bryant & Tate in Birmingham, Ala., and as supervising senior auditing accountant for the Colleges and Universities Division of the Mississippi State Auditor’s Office.

Miller served as chair of the University Press of Mississippi and has served on the Board of Directors of the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers (SACUBO). She serves as Secretary/
Treasurer of the Southern Universities Conference. She is active in a number of organizations including the Mississippi Chapter of the International Women’s Forum, Town and Tower, serving as chair in 2014-2015; Columbus Air Force Base Community Council; and Rotary Club of Columbus, serving as president in 2008-2009, and a three-time Paul Harris Fellow. A member of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, she has served on the Vestry and as Senior Warden in 2015-2016. Miller was also on the Board of Directors of St. Paul’s Episcopal School, serving as chair in 2009-2010.

Miller served as Chair of the Tenn-Tom Chapter of the American Red Cross in 2007-2009 and has also been a member of the Northeast Mississippi Chapter and the Mississippi Regional Advisory Council of the American Red Cross.

A Leadership Mississippi graduate, Miller was named one of the Top 50 Businesswomen of the Year by the Mississippi Business Journal. Other honors include being named a 2019 Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts Heart of the South council, and a Rotary District 6820 2019 Champion of Change. Most recently, Miller received the Mississippi Distinguished Civilian Medal of Honor for her responsiveness to the soldiers and airmen of the Mississippi National Guard. A member of the Mississippi University for Women Alumni Association, she has served as treasurer for the MUW Alumnae Association and the MUW Ecumenical Council.

Under President Miller’s leadership, The W has consistently been named a Great College to Work For and ranked by U.S. News & World Report and Washington Monthly.

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Mississippi Valley State University was created by the Mississippi Legislature as Mississippi Vocational College in 1946. The expressed purpose of the institution was to train teachers for rural and elementary schools and to provide vocational training. The first academic session started in the summer of 1950 with an enrollment of 305 in-service teachers. The first full academic year, 1950-51, began with 14 regular students and seven faculty members. Under its original name and purpose, the institution provided a higher education opportunity for many first-generation college students. In order to reflect the Broadening scope and offerings of the institution, its name was changed to Mississippi Valley State College in 1964. Under this transition, the institution became more general purpose in nature while retaining its commitment to provide special higher education opportunities. The name of the institution was changed to Mississippi Valley State University in 1974. Graduate programs began in 1976.

Dr. Jerryl Briggs, Sr.
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With more than 30 years of professional experience in higher education, Dr. Jerryl Briggs was unanimously selected to become the eighth President of Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) on October 19, 2017. Prior to being named President, Dr. Briggs served in the capacities of Acting President and as Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer at the University.

During his tenure as President, Dr. Briggs has prioritized campus safety and infrastructure with the completion of a $500,000 outdoor lighting project and upgrades to the University’s video surveillance system. The lighting project entailed light-emitting diode (LED) retrofitting of 516 exterior light fixtures to address safety concerns, lighting quality, and energy consumption. As part of the surveillance system upgrades, a total of 346 cameras were added to the interior and exterior of University buildings.

Dr. Briggs also solidified a partnership with FedEx Logistics, a subsidiary of FedEx Corporation, to launch its Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Program, making MVSU the prototype as the program's first HBCU partner. The partnership included the opening of a FedEx Logistics satellite office on MVSU’s campus that is staffed with MVSU students. In addition to receiving a competitive wage and valuable work experience, the students are also eligible to receive full benefits and tuition assistance while they are in school, with the potential for full-time employment upon graduation.

Dr. Briggs managed a $17 million capital improvement project for the University’s athletic complex. He also oversaw the renovation of two campus residence halls with additional planning underway for renovations to other campus buildings.
In addition, Dr. Briggs has helped to re-establish the University College model, which led to successfully improving the University’s retention rate by 10 percent for fall 2014 and 12 percent for fall 2015. He also worked collectively with MVSU staff to increase overall university enrollment that resulted in a more than 200 percent increase in dual enrollment students for fall 2016 and an overall 11.4 percent increase over three years.

Before joining MVSU, Dr. Briggs served as Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at Central State University in Ohio. Prior to Central State University, he has held various positions within higher education administration, including serving for 10 years at Lincoln University (PA) as Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, and Dean of Students. He has also held positions at Clark Atlanta University, the College of William and Mary, Georgia Institute of Technology, the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign, and North Central College.

He has also presented professional workshops addressing the topic “student success at HBCUs” at various speaking engagements. An avid supporter of HBCUs, Dr. Briggs says, “HBCUs are most dear to my heart. They have been a part of my life, both educationally and professionally. I deeply value our experiences, and we must assure future generations have these same experiences on our campuses.”

Dr. Briggs has received several honors, including the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award from Beta Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the Outstanding Service Award from Clark Atlanta University, and the Student Affairs Administrator of the Year Award from Lincoln University. He was appointed to the Board of Directors for the United Way of Leflore County. Previously, he served as a board member and national advisor for the Community Foundation for Financial Literacy based in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Briggs has also authored a chapter regarding Greek life in Brown, Parks, and Phillips African American Fraternities and Sororities: The Legacy and the Vision (2012).

Dr. Briggs earned his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry education from Xavier University of Louisiana, his Master of Arts degree in human relations and supervision from Louisiana Tech University, and both an Educational Specialist degree in higher education administration and a doctorate in educational policy, planning and leadership from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. He also completed Harvard University’s Institute for Educational Management program. Dr. Briggs is from New Orleans, Louisiana, and is the father of two sons – Isaiah and Jerryl, Jr.
The University of Mississippi, affectionately known as Ole Miss, is the state’s flagship university. Ole Miss has a long history of producing leaders in public service, academics, business, the arts and research. The university ranks among the nation’s best in terms of job placement and retention. The student body includes students from all 50 states and 86 countries.

Included in the elite group of R1: Doctoral Universities – Highest Research activity by the Carnegie Classification, the university is known for its influential and innovative research. Its 16 academic divisions include a major medical school, nationally recognized schools of accountancy and pharmacy, and the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, which is acclaimed for a blend of academic rigor, experiential learning and opportunities for community action. Programs in the Patterson School of Accountancy have been ranked in the top 10 nationally for nine consecutive years, and the university’s online MBA program is recognized among the country’s 10 best. UM is among only a handful of institutions that are home to two Language Flagship programs – Arabic and Chinese – that can distinguish students who are interested in careers in national security and international business.

The University of Mississippi Medical Center is home to the Jackson Heart Study, the world’s largest long-term study of cardiovascular risk factors in African Americans, and to the world’s best-selling physiology textbook, the Textbook of Medical Physiology, which has been translated into 18 languages. The university also has a Center for Intelligence and Security Studies to train the next generation of intelligence analysts, a multidisciplinary Center for Manufacturing Excellence, and the Croft Institute for International Studies, which prepares graduates to compete and work in a global market.

Recognized among the nation’s most beautiful, Ole Miss’ main campus is in Oxford, which is routinely acknowledged as one of the country’s best college towns.

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Dr. Glenn Boyce became the 18th Chancellor of the University of Mississippi in October 2019. His career spans more than 37 years across secondary and post-secondary education. Before becoming chancellor, Boyce served as Commissioner of Higher Education for the State of Mississippi for three years. In that position, Boyce led the state’s university system, which serves more than 95,000 students at four research universities, four regional universities, and the academic health science center.

While he was Commissioner, the university system set record enrollments, awarded record numbers of degrees, launched the statewide “Complete 2 Compete” program to increase the number of degree holders in Mississippi, prioritized the needs of business and industry and streamlined operations to increase efficiencies.

Previously, Boyce served as the IHL’s associate commissioner for academic and student affairs. He joined IHL after serving as president of Holmes Community College for more than nine years.

He earned his bachelor’s degree in education and a doctorate in education leadership from the University of Mississippi. Boyce and his wife, Emily, met while Ole Miss undergraduates. The Boyces are also Ole Miss parents as all three of their daughters – Brittany, Danielle and Madeline – hold a degree from the university.
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Fall 2019 Enrollment: 14,133
Number of Faculty: 808
Total Budget: $343.0 Million

The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) is a comprehensive public research institution delivering transformative programs on campuses in Hattiesburg and Long Beach, at teaching and research sites across the Mississippi Gulf Coast, as well as online. Founded in 1910, USM is one of only 131 universities in the nation to earn the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education’s “R1: Doctoral Universities – Very high research activity” designation, and its robust research enterprise includes experts in ocean science and engineering, polymer science and engineering, and large event venue safety and security, among others. USM is also one of only 37 institutions in the nation accredited in theatre, art and design, dance and music. As an economic driver, USM generates an annual economic impact of more than $600 million across the state. USM welcomes a diverse student body of more than 14,000, representing 71 countries, all 50 states, and every county in Mississippi. USM students have collected four Truman Scholarships and 36 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships, while also leading Mississippi with 24 Goldwater Scholarships, an honor that recognizes the next generation of great research scientists. Home to the Golden Eagles, USM competes in 17 Division I sports sponsored by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). For more information, visit usm.edu.
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Rodney D. Bennett serves as the chief executive officer and principal educational officer of The University of Southern Mississippi (USM), a comprehensive public research institution delivering transformative programs on campuses in South Mississippi and along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Under President Bennett’s leadership, the University has invested in new faculty positions, expanded coastal operations, and worked to increase access to quality education and research programs to serve the needs of the State of Mississippi and beyond.

President Bennett’s vision is for The University of Southern Mississippi to become the model for public higher education across the country. His key institutional priorities include ensuring student success; expanding enrollment strategies; enhancing academic instruction; fostering greater focus on research; bolstering economic and community partnerships; and maximizing human potential.

President Bennett holds a Doctor of Education in Educational Administration from Tennessee State University in Nashville and specialist, master’s, and bachelor’s degrees from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro.

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Enrollment figures represent census taken on November 1, 2019.

* Duplicated Enrollment figures include duplicated counts of students who are concurrently enrolled at more than one campus.

** Unduplicated Enrollment figures count students only once for each institution, even if the student is enrolled at more than one campus.
FALL 2019 AVERAGE ACT SCORE OF ENTERING FRESHMEN

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FALL 2019 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT

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FALL 2019 ENROLLMENT BY RESIDENCE/ATTENDANCE STATUS

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*Includes UMMC. Students enrolled in health professional programs are all considered full-time.

FALL 2019 ENROLLMENT – TOP 5 BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS

1. Biology/Biological Sciences, General .................................................. 4,494
2. Business Administration and Management, General ................................ 3,466
3. Kinesiology and Exercise Science ........................................................ 2,503
4. Psychology, General .............................................................................. 2,474
5. Accounting ............................................................................................ 2,399

FALL 2019 ENROLLMENT – TOP 5 MASTER’S PROGRAMS

1. Business Administration and Management, General ............................. 777
2. Nursing .................................................................................................. 314
3. Social Work ......................................................................................... 309
4. Counselor Education and Guidance Services ........................................ 300
5. Secondary Education and Teaching ...................................................... 254
### RETENTION AND GRADUATION

**IPEDS Fall to Fall Retention Rates, Fall 2012 Freshman Cohort**

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**Six-Year IPEDS Graduation Rates, Fall 2006 Freshman Cohort**

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### 2019-20 ANNUAL COST OF EDUCATION

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### 2019-2020 BUILDINGS/FACILITIES

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** Education & Research Center (Excludes ETV)
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2018-19 DEGREES AWARDED BY ETHNICITY AND GENDER

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2018-19 TOP FIVE BACCALAUREATE DEGREES AWARDED

1. Nursing .................................................................916
2. Business Administration and Management, General  ..........842
3. General Studies......................................................709
4. Biology/Biological Sciences, General ..........................700
5. Psychology, General ..............................................653

2018-19 TOP FIVE MASTER'S DEGREES AWARDED

1. Business Administration and Management, General ........387
2. Accounting ............................................................198
3. Nursing .................................................................196
4. Social Work ...........................................................148
5. Computer and Information Sciences, General ...............111
K-12 SCHOOL AND DISTRICT DISTINCTIONS

A-RATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS
2018-19 accountability year (district grades did not change in 2019-20 because of COVID-19)

Alcorn School District
Amory School District
Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District
Biloxi Public Schools
Booneville School District
Clinton Public Schools
DeSoto County Schools
Enterprise School District
Gulfport School District
Hancock County School District
Harrison County School District
Jackson County School District
Lafayette County School District
Lamar County District
Long Beach School District
Lowndes County School District
Madison County Schools
New Albany Public Schools
Newton County School District
Ocean Springs School District
Oxford School District
Pass Christian Public School District
Pearl Public School District
Petal School District
Pontotoc City Schools
Poplarville School District
Rankin County School District
Stone County School District
Tishomingo County School District
Union County School District
Union Public School District

A-RATED SCHOOLS
Ackerman Elementary
Alcorn Central Elementary School
Anniston Avenue Elementary School
Arlington Heights Elementary School
Armstrong Elementary School
Bailey Middle APAC School
Baker Elementary School
Baldwyn Elementary School
Batesville Elementary School
Batesville Intermediate School
Bay High School
Bayou View Elementary School
Bayou View Middle School
Beach Elementary School
Biloxi High School
Biloxi Junior High
Booneville High School
Bovina Elementary School
Bramlett Elementary School
Brandon Elementary School
Brandon High School
Caledonia Elementary School
Carver Elementary School
Casey Elementary School
Center Hill Elementary School
Center Hill High School
Center Hill Middle
Central Elementary
Central Elementary School
Cherokee Elementary School
Clarkdale Elementary School
Clinton Park Elementary School
College Park Elementary
Collins Elementary
Corinth Elementary School
D T Cox Elementary School
Delisle Elementary School
Della Davidson Elementary
DeSoto Central Elementary School
DeSoto Central Middle School
DeSoto Central Primary
D’Iberville Elementary
D’Iberville Middle School
Dundee Elementary School
Early Childhood Education Center
East Amory School
East Central Lower Elementary
East Central Middle School
East Central Upper Elementary
East Hancock Elementary School
East Union Attendance Center
Eastlawn Elementary School
Eastside Elementary
Enterprise Elementary
Enterprise High School
Florence Elementary School
Flowood Elementary School
Germantown Middle School
Glade Elementary School
Gorenflo Elementary School
Greenbrook Elementary School
Grenada Elementary School
Hancock Middle School
Hancock North Central Elementary
Hayes Cooper Center
Hernando Elementary
Hernando High School
Hernando Hills Elementary
Hernando Middle School
Highland Bluff Elementary
Hills Chapel School
Houston Upper Elementary
Ingomar Attendance Center
Itawamba Attendance Center
Iuka Elementary School
Jeff Davis Elementary School
Jimmie M. Goodloe Elementary School
Jumpertown High School
Key Elementary School
Kossuth Elementary School
Kossuth High School
Lafayette Elementary School
Lafayette Upper Elementary School
Lake Cormorant Elementary
Lake Elementary School
Laurel Magnet School of the Arts
Lawhon Elementary School
Leakesville Elementary School
Lester Elementary School
Lewisburg Elementary School
Lewisburg High School
Lewisburg Middle
Lewisburg Primary
Lizana Elementary School
Long Beach Middle School
Longleaf Elementary
Lovett Elementary School
Luther Branson School
Lyman Elementary School
Madison Avenue Lower Elementary
Madison Avenue Upper Elementary
Madison Central High School
Madison County Preschool
Madison Middle School
Madison Station Elementary School
Magnolia Park Elementary
Mannsdale Elementary
Mannsdale Upper Elementary
Marietta Elementary School
McLaurin Elementary School
Middle School of Poplarville
Mooreville Elementary School
Myrtle Attendance Center
Nanih Waiya School
Neshoba Central Elementary School
New Albany Elementary School
New Albany High School
New Hope Elementary School
Newton County Elementary School
Nichols Elementary School
North Bay Elementary School
North Bay Elementary School
North Pontotoc Elementary School
North Pontotoc Upper Elementary
North Woolmarket Elementary
Northshore Elementary
Northside Elementary
Northwest Elementary School
Northwest Middle School
Northwest Rankin Middle School
Noxapater High School
Oak Grove Central Elementary
Oak Grove High School
Oak Grove Lower Elementary
Oak Grove Middle School
Oak Grove Primary
Oak Grove Upper Elementary
Oak Park Elementary School
Oakdale Elementary
Obama Magnet School
Ocean Springs High School
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Overpark Elementary
Oxford Middle School
Pass Christian Elementary
Pass Christian High School
Pass Road Elementary School
Pearl Lower Elementary School
Pearl River Central High School
Pecan Elementary School
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Perkinston Elementary School
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Pleasant Hill Elementary
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Pontotoc Junior High School
Poplarville High School
Popp's Ferry Elementary School
Power Apac School
Quitman County Elementary School
Raymond Elementary School
Ripley Elementary School
Riverside Elementary School
Rouse Scott School
Rouse Elementary
Saltillo Primary School
Saucier Elementary School
Seminary Elementary School
South Forrest Attendance Center
South Hancock Elementary School
South Pontotoc Elementary School
Steen's Creek Elementary
Stone Elementary School
Stonebridge Elementary
Sumrall Elementary School
Thomas Street Elementary School
Union Elementary School
Vancleave High School
Vancleave Lower Elementary
Vancleave Upper Elementary
Waveland Elementary School
West Amory School
West Hancock Elementary School
West Harrison High School
West Lauderdale Elementary School
West Marion Primary School
West Union Attendance Center
West Wortham Elementary and Middle
Woolmarket Elementary School

Four Mississippi Schools Receive National Blue Ribbon School Honors
U.S. Department of Education recognized four Mississippi schools as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2020. The recognition is based on the schools' overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. Mississippi's 2020 National Blue Ribbon Schools are Center Hill High School, DeSoto County School District, D'Iberville Elementary School, Harrison County School District, Madison Station Elementary School, Madison County School District, and Popp's Ferry Elementary School, Biloxi School District.

Mississippi Charter Schools
According to the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer website, there are six authorized charter schools currently in existence in Mississippi.