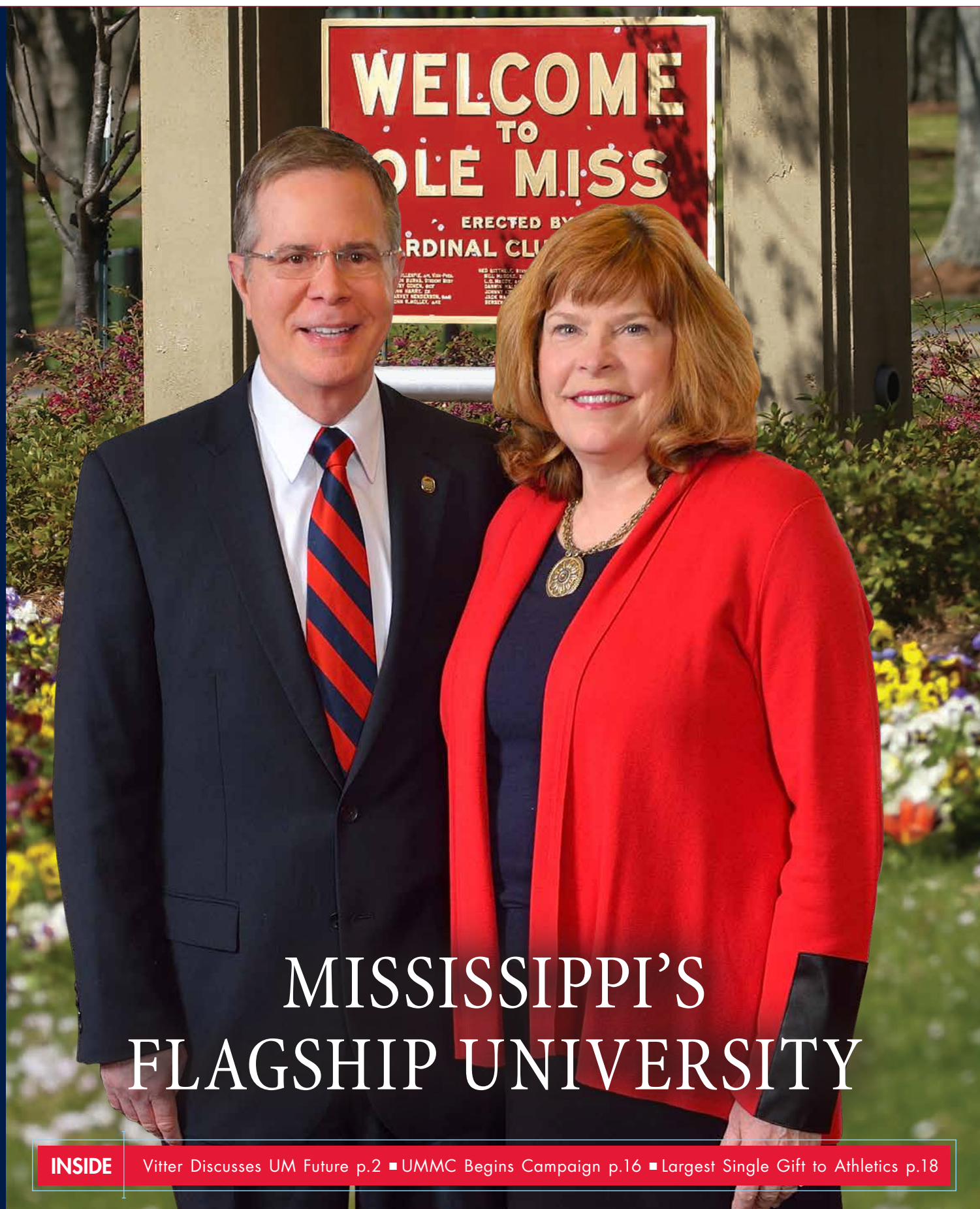




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# Message from the Chancellor



UM Chancellor  
Jeffrey S. Vitter

As Mississippi's largest and flagship university, the University of Mississippi is truly a great public international research university. The Carnegie Foundation recently designated us as "R1: Doctoral University — Highest Research Activity," placing us among the top 2.5 percent universities in the country. I am honored to be entrusted with the responsibility of building upon our strong momentum and leading us to even greater peaks of excellence.

In January, I launched the Flagship Forum, a 100-day listening and learning tour, during which I enjoyed many thoughtful conversations with alumni and friends who are passionate about both Ole Miss and the transformative power of higher education.

One lesson reinforced during the Forum is that private giving provides the competitive edge we need to play that transformative role for our students and society. Our successes to date are in many ways your successes — they rest upon your vision, leadership and generous contributions to our university. As an example, the university is celebrating an exceptional commitment of \$10 million from Joe and Kathy Sanderson of Sanderson Farms, who are co-chairing a capital campaign to raise \$100 million for Batson Children's Hospital at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, which will lead to major advances in neonatal and pediatric care. The impact of their gift will resonate throughout the state and the region.

Thank you for the time and resources you invest in Ole Miss. Your support of our university is a cornerstone of its development, and I am excited about what we will accomplish together. With your continued dedication, we have unlimited potential.

# Message from the Foundation Board Chair



Foundation Board Chair  
Rose Flenorl

As I write this message, I am reflecting on the strengths, team spirit and achievements that continue to define the legacy of our beloved university. We are celebrating a record year of philanthropy and witnessing major gifts that will lift academics, medicine and athletics far into the future.

We are celebrating a new administration, including a chancellor, Dr. Jeffrey S. Vitter; and a vice chancellor for university relations, Dr. Alice Clark. We wholeheartedly embrace Dr. Vitter's commitment to steering the university to higher levels of greatness. We also welcome Dr. Clark's extensive experience in research and leadership which are integral to maintaining our status as Mississippi's flagship university — the largest, oldest, and most research-intensive institution of higher learning. And as we watch new construction improve our academic buildings and sports facilities, we are celebrating both academic and athletic programs that

continue to become increasingly impressive.

Your generous financial contributions are responsible for bringing this new reality to our university. Today, I encourage you to continue to show such outstanding support. The students need you; the faculty needs you; and now, more than ever, Ole Miss needs you. Together, let's show our state, and ultimately our nation, the University of Mississippi that we know and love.



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## MISSISSIPPI'S FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITY

Fiscal year 2016 marked a new era for the University of Mississippi as Chancellor Jeffrey S. Vitter took the reins and committed to shaping the university's future (see page 2); as academics and athletics received groundbreaking support in the form of their largest private gifts to date (see pages 3, 4, 18, 22 and 26); as the University of Mississippi Medical Center announced a \$100 million private giving campaign that promises increased excellence in pediatric healthcare (see page 16); as more members of the Ole Miss family contributed to future successes through planned giving (see pages 8-11); and as donor participation jumped by more than 16 percent.

The additional stories within these pages represent the many other ways private giving plays a significant role: whether by recognizing the outstanding work of a school, department or faculty member; honoring the lifetime achievements of a revered administrator; or keeping memories of lost students alive through scholarships awarded in their names.

The Foundation News is a testament to the generosity of our alumni and friends. In an era when state funding comprises approximately 15 percent of the university budget, your support matters. Thank you for helping Ole Miss continue to be one of the nation's greatest public institutions of higher learning.

### FACT:

*Donor participation  
increased by more than  
16 percent this year.*



## INVESTITURE TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 10 Chancellor Begins Dialogue on University's Future

Jeffrey S. Vitter, Ph.D., will be inaugurated as the 17th chancellor of the University of Mississippi Nov. 10 at the Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts.

The investiture ceremony, set for 2 p.m., will be the centerpiece of activities focusing on the new chancellor and first lady Sharon Vitter, and a vision to further define UM's future.

"I am deeply honored to have the opportunity to lead the University of Mississippi — an institution that is deeply respected and loved by so many," Vitter said. "Over the past two decades, this great university has undergone tremendous growth in enrollment, academic stature, research and patient care. I look forward to working with the entire Ole Miss community to lead our university to ever greater heights."

A renowned computer scientist and academic leader, Vitter began his tenure on Jan. 1 — the day the Ole Miss Rebels captured a 2016 Sugar Bowl win over the Oklahoma State Cowboys — and then launched the Flagship Forum, a listening and learning tour to engage stakeholders in dialogue by contemplating these questions: How do we go from great to greater? To what should we aspire? What distinctive elements about UM define our essence and must never change? Which directions and opportunities will best promote ascension to the next level of excellence?

"Without doubt, we truly are a great university. And all great institutions share a common resolve to get ever better," the chancellor said. "That resolve has come through loud and clear from my interactions during the Flagship Forum. The next step is to distill those conversations into concrete plans and actions. I look forward to engaging the university as a whole — including the Oxford campus, the Medical Center and branch campuses — to craft an overarching vision and goals for the future."



Vitter was chosen to lead UM after serving as provost and executive vice chancellor and Roy A. Roberts Distinguished Professor at the University of Kansas. His academic home was the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and he was a member of the Information and Telecommunication Technology Center. As KU provost, he was chief academic and operations officer for the Lawrence and Edwards campuses.

Previously, Vitter was on the faculty in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at Texas A&M University. He led as provost and executive vice president for academics and oversaw the academic mission of the university in Galveston, Texas, and Doha, Qatar.

Vitter also served as Frederick L. Hovde Dean of the College of Science and professor of computer science at Purdue University. As dean, he was chief academic officer and administrator of the College of Science, overseeing the college's seven academic departments.

At Duke University, Vitter held the distinguished professorship as the Gilbert, Louis and Edward Lehrman Professor. He also served as chair of the Department of Computer Science in the College of Arts and Sciences and as co-director and a founding member of Duke's Center for Geometric and Biological Computing. Before Duke, he progressed through the faculty ranks and served in various leadership roles in Brown University's Department of Computer Science.

A New Orleans native, Vitter graduated with highest honors from the University of Notre Dame in 1977 and earned a Ph.D. under Don Knuth in computer science at Stanford University in 1980. He also holds an MBA from Duke University.

The Vitters have three adult children: Jillian, Scott and Audrey. For more information, visit <http://chancellor.olemiss.edu>.

## Clark Appointed to Reinstated Vice Chancellor Position



Alice Clark, Ph.D., is now serving the university as Interim Vice Chancellor for University Relations. As such, she ensures strategic coordination of communications, development, federal relations, university events and economic development.

Chancellor Jeffrey S. Vitter reinstated the Office of University Relations to ensure that UM's leadership structure and organizational capacity are aligned to support even greater success in these vital areas. UM's efforts to continually excel will require additional resources from both public and private resources and the engagement of a wide array of partners in a coordinated and strategic way.

Clark, an F.A.P. Barnard Distinguished Professor of Pharmacognosy,

previously served as Vice Chancellor for Research and Sponsored Programs since 2001, a role in which she was responsible for facilitating and coordinating the acquisition and administration of fiscal resources and developing the culture and infrastructure for excellence in research and scholarly activity. Under her leadership, the university achieved its first-ever designation as "R1: Highest Research Activity" in the Carnegie classification, putting UM into the top 2.5 percent of U.S. institutions.

Clark brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to University Relations, gleaned from years of working closely with public and private partners to advocate for investment in research and scholarly activity. In addition, she has a proven record with special initiatives related to economic development and government relations. Her knowledge of the university and its stakeholder base will help assure the university capitalizes on existing strengths while encouraging innovation and growth.



Cisco Santos (left) and Tan Le, freshmen students in the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, have been named the first recipients of the \$25,000 Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship.

## Leaders for Tomorrow

When University of Mississippi freshman Tan Le was in eighth grade, his father suffered a stroke that left him disabled. His mother worked long hours at a nail salon to make ends meet. Neither spoke English. Le's parents fled poverty in their native Vietnam, hoping their children would have a better life, yet their financial situation in America wasn't much better.

Freshman Cisco Santos remembers times when money was scarce for weeks at a time. His mother worked the night shift here and there as a store clerk, cashier or receptionist to support Santos and his four siblings. His dad, a retired Navy veteran and ship builder who lives in Japan, would send money when he could, but sometimes the family's needs were not immediately met.

Despite their hardships, both Le and Santos excelled in school, racking up honors and exceptional ACT scores. Both were in their respective schools' chapter of the National Honor Society. They participated in extracurricular school groups, such as the drama club, student council, and the Junior Historical Society. Both were leaders in the band.

Le of Gulfport, Mississippi, and Santos of Southaven, Mississippi, will each receive \$25,000 over the next four years as the first two recipients of the Annexstad Family Foundation Leaders for Tomorrow National Scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded to Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College students who meet three primary criteria: They must exhibit exceptional potential to become leaders in their chosen fields; they must have successfully triumphed over significant personal or family hardships; and their financial situation would otherwise prevent them from attending college.

"I just want to do something that pays enough to support my family and me," he said, adding that the Annexstad Scholarship helps give him the opportunity to make that happen. Now he can concentrate on his schoolwork without the added pressure of working his way through college.

The Annexstad Family Foundation was established in 2000 by Al and Cathy Annexstad and their family with the singular purpose of helping deserving young people realize their dreams of earning a college degree.

"The University of Mississippi's rich academic excellence and history of producing leaders in many fields is not only important for the state of Mississippi, but will ultimately produce future leaders for America," Annexstad said.

To date, the Annexstad Family Foundation has awarded 501 scholarships — more than 100 in 2015 alone — to students at over 60 colleges and universities across the country. Indeed, the Annexstad Family Foundation is well on its way toward achieving Al and Cathy Annexstad's goal of sending 1,000 young people to college.

The Annexstads, both losing their parents in their youth, can easily empathize with young people like Le and Santos who have endured extraordinary challenges. Thus, their foundation's mission is to provide college scholarships to deserving young people who, in their words, have "bright minds, big dreams and little means to make those dreams come true."

**MAKE A GIFT:** (662) 915-3937 or [www.umfoundation.com/makeagift](http://www.umfoundation.com/makeagift).

## Major Gift Boosts UM Counseling Center



Graduate students in the training program at the UM Counseling Center are (from left) Luke Taylor, Vanessa Moynahan, Emily Jacobson, Eric Suddeath, and Irijah Kinard.

If the University of Mississippi is to be among America's best public institutions of higher learning, it's only fitting that its programs and facilities should be top of mind as well.

"When people who are in the field of psychology are trying to choose where to go to receive the best training, I want our Counseling Center to be one of the places they think of," said Bud Edwards, the center's director. "I want our pre-doctoral internship and our post-doctoral fellowship to be nationally competitive."

The goal is now well within reach, thanks to a \$250,000 anonymous donation — the single largest gift ever contributed to the center. The gift will pay the thousands of dollars necessary to achieve best-practice standards that will make the Counseling Center eligible for accreditation, a designation that will enable the center to become competitive at the national level. Funds accrued from the endowment will support the continuing education of students in the center's graduate-level training program.

The center provides free services to more than 1,500 students and about 150 faculty and staff members per year.

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## Ford Foundation Helps Acquire Shakespearean Treasure



Jennifer Ford prepares a copy of Shakespeare's Second Folio for public viewing.

The Department of Archives & Special Collections located in the J.D. Williams Library has been home to the works of renowned Southern author William Faulkner for many years. Now, it will also house a significant historic artifact related to the works of William Shakespeare.

With a \$150,000 gift, the Gertrude C. Ford Foundation of Jackson, Mississippi, enabled the university to purchase Shakespeare's Second Folio, a printed collection of all of the bard's plays, in a private sale through Southeby's auction house.

"Mrs. Ford was an expert in the work of Shakespeare. She knew all the works and had traveled to England two or three times to do research. She had written a book and a screenplay on Shakespeare, so she would be very excited that Ole Miss has this Second Folio among its collections," said Cheryl Sims, Ford Foundation board member and longtime confidant of the late Gertrude Ford.

"This copy of the Second Folio is a tremendous acquisition for the University. It will be a resource for the entire University, as well as the general public," said Jennifer Ford, head of archives and special collections at the J.D. Williams Library.

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## Ford Foundation Ups Commitment to STEM Building in Science District

The Gertrude C. Ford Foundation has expanded a \$20 million gift to \$25 million in support of the University of Mississippi's proposed new science building and Ford Way, a pedestrian pathway.

The increase reflects the belief that the facility will strengthen the state through increasing general science literacy and preparing a greater number of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) graduates as well as K-12 teachers in those subjects. The gift brings the Ford Foundation's support of UM to more than \$53.4 million.



Provost Morris Stocks announces the Ford Foundation's expanded gift on the steps of the Lyceum.

"The Ford Foundation board members have demonstrated a tremendous commitment to helping meet the needs of our university, with the overarching mission of making a significant impact throughout our state and far beyond," UM Provost Morris Stocks said. "We believe this new facility will provide a platform to increase student research through hands-on education and active learning, while encouraging collaborative research between students and faculty."

Ford Way will be the major artery through the Science District, which is the section of campus between University Avenue and All American Drive. In addition to being the location for the science building, it will be the site of a commemorative area created to honor author William Faulkner and the activities he performed in that part of campus. As a result, this pathway will bring together science and Faulkner's literary works in a way that honors the connection to the liberal arts.

The 204,000-square-foot, \$138 million science facility will be another enhancement to the Science District. The new construction follows the completion of the Thad Cochran Research Center West Wing — an addition of more than 96,000 square feet described as the most technically sophisticated research building in the Southeast — and an expansion of Coulter Hall, adding almost 36,000 square feet.

Excitement is building on campus regarding the project, said Maurice Eftink, the university's associate provost who co-chaired its 12-member STEM Building Design Task Force with Chad Hunter, associate university architect.

"The new STEM building will be a real game changer for the university," Eftink continued. "We all hear about the need to increase graduates in STEM fields, to support growth in the regional economy and to support the pipeline for training health professionals, engineers, and science and math teachers. We have reached a stage where we are almost maxed out in our ability to provide STEM courses, especially lab courses, for students wishing to major in these areas. This building will meet a very critical need to assure that students can pursue their goals of majoring in STEM fields."

Board member John Lewis said that a number of schools and universities petition the Ford Foundation for funding, but the thing that appealed to board members was UM's vision.

"Many educational institutions appeal to us for assistance, and we definitely are trying to help where we can," said Lewis, a senior vice president with Trustmark National Bank. "But we don't want to be filling potholes — we want to help build roads. This building is something forward that enhances the future of our state."

The Ford Foundation has already contributed \$25 million for the 88,000-square-foot Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts, opened in 2002 and for several other university initiatives.

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## Family Supports Engineering Scholars



Engineering Dean Alex Cheng (left) and Assistant Dean Marni Kendricks (right) greet Nancy and Earl Fyke of Jackson, Mississippi, on campus.

Otho Johnson was a University of Mississippi varsity cheerleader.

"The enthusiasm with which he cheered for the Rebels carried over to his support for our children all the way through their school years and beyond," said Earl Fyke of his wife Nancy Johnson Fyke's father.

Now, even in death, Otho Johnson continues to cheer for the University, having established a scholarship

that he hoped would encourage students to remain in Mississippi to earn their degrees.

The Otho Johnson Engineering Scholarship Endowment, funded by the Dorothy Day Johnson Living Trust, will support full-time undergraduates pursuing a degree in the School of Engineering.

"Both he and my mother (Dorothy 'Dot' Day Johnson) went to school here," Nancy Fyke said. "My father was in the entering class of 1941, so the war interrupted his education. He was in civil engineering when he started, and he came back after the war to complete his degree."

Nancy Fyke said the gift is a natural extension of her father's personality: "I think he wanted to establish the scholarship as an encouragement for students to go into engineering, which he always felt provided a solid foundation for his own career."

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## Risk Management Students Benefit from New Endowment

Lance Ewing of Cordova, Tennessee, vice president for global insurance company AIG, has established an endowment for business excellence in risk management and insurance to support student scholarships in the program.

"I hope long term that the scholarship will help open the eyes of non-risk management majors to see this field as an exciting, fun and highly vital vocation," Ewing said.

A former president of the Risk and Insurance Management Society, Ewing has become an evangelist of sorts, traveling the across the country and around the globe to tout the profession's benefits to colleges and universities.

"Providing insight and support to the universities and the students has been my way of giving back," said Ewing, explaining that one such speaking engagement led him to Ole Miss. He was invited by former Robertson Chair of Insurance, Professor Larry Cox, to address students and shortly thereafter to join the Ole Miss Risk Management Advisory Board, on which he remains active today.

"We are fortunate to have crossed paths with Lance and we greatly appreciate his generosity," said Ken Cyree, dean of the School of Business Administration. "Seeing such an investment from someone who is not an Ole Miss alumnus speaks volumes for our program."

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Lance Ewing (center) is greeted on campus by Business Dean Ken Cyree (left) and Professor Andre Liebenberg.

## DeMiller Estate Fully Funds Accountancy Scholarship Endowment



Renowned UM Accountancy Professor Gene Peery (left) lectures Eddie DeMiller (right) and Howard Davidson at the 1988 celebration of the funding of the Peery Chair in Accountancy.

Decades ago, the late Edward A. DeMiller Jr. hired a young CPA who now gives the elder accountant credit for his long-standing career.

"I have now been a CPA for 47 years and for the past 20 years have had my own firm. Any success I have had is owed in large part to the influence and instruction I received from Eddie DeMiller," said Harold Hodges, a certified public accountant (CPA) with the Tupelo, Mississippi, accounting firm of Hodges, Pilgrim and Company.

Recently, DeMiller's estate fulfilled his wish to fully fund the Edward A. DeMiller Jr. Scholarship in Accountancy with a gift of more than \$423,000, bringing his total UM giving to well over half a million dollars. The \$1,500 per year award has been given to 12 students over the past seven years.

DeMiller, who received a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in accountancy, died on Dec. 15, 2014, at 98 years old. He devoted his life to the profession of accountancy.

Though the name has changed since its inception (currently Harper, Rains, Knight & Company), DeMiller, Alvin Word and Walter Denny, a 1957 UM graduate, built an accounting firm that has continued to grow. In its 60-plus years, the firm has given many Mississippi accounting graduates an opportunity to practice.

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UM Foundation President Wendell Weakley (left) greets former OMWC Chair Karen Moore and Madison Charitable Foundation Director Joc Carpenter.

## Madison Foundation Expands Support of OMWC Scholars

Impressed by the Ole Miss Women's Council's (OMWC) mission to help students develop the life skills they need to be leaders, a Mississippi-based private charitable giving organization has increased its support of the program, providing funding to enable the Council to award a four-year scholarship.

In 2012, the Madison Charitable Foundation, founded by Houston, Texas, businessman and Mississippi native Wiley H. Hatcher, awarded the Women's Council \$25,000. The Foundation recently increased its gift, awarding an additional \$225,000 to the program.

Helmed by an accomplished cadre of female leaders and philanthropists, the OMWC provides scholarships for tuition and books as well as guidance and training in leadership skills, career development and personal growth throughout the students' tenure at the university.

Scholars are guided by career mentors and sitting members of the OMWC and participate in leadership training, mentoring, community service projects, cultural enrichment activities and alumni networking.

UM Alumnus James "Joc" Carpenter — Hatcher's longtime business partner and a member of the Madison Charitable Foundation's board of directors — said in choosing a charity, the Foundation looks for organizations that are improving lives.

"To provide these students with a quality education while having somebody mentor them along the way is invaluable," Carpenter said.

Since its inception in 2007, the Madison Charitable Foundation has been a generous UM supporter.

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## UM Gospel Choir Sings with Praise

University of Mississippi Gospel Choir members erupted in applause upon learning that an anonymous donor has made a \$27,000 gift to establish the first endowment to support their contributions to campus life and provide leadership activities.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Brandi Hephner LaBanc commented, "Aside from the beautiful voices and inspiring gospel lyrics, this choir is one of our university's premier student organizations. Choir members have earned this stature and are asked to perform at numerous campus and public events because they represent the University of Mississippi in such a professional artistic manner."

The funds will help sponsor an annual retreat to explore the purpose and possibilities of the choir and its members as leaders on campus. Additionally, it will be directed to inviting a distinguished choir director to be in residence for a short period as well as to hire musicians to accompany practice and performances, help develop its repertoire and project its image at the university and beyond.

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## OMWC's Legacy Award Goes to Robert Khayat, Chancellor Emeritus

"He knew what we could be before we knew what we could be."

Those were the words of Rose Jackson Flenorl of Memphis, Tennessee, describing Chancellor Emeritus Robert Khayat, recipient of the 2016 Legacy Award of the Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy, on his vision for elevating the University of Mississippi. His successful leadership was celebrated at the largest seated dinner in Ole Miss history, with more than 800 guests attending.

"His life as a servant-leader is the best textbook we have ever studied," said Jackson, a member of the OMWC and board chair of the University of Mississippi Foundation, naming numerous achievements during his tenure. "He will be remembered long after we're gone."

In giving a tribute to Khayat, Jackson spoke of his "courage and unwavering determination" and said he was a traditionalist who also brought contemporary progress to his university.

The OMWC's Legacy Award celebrates leadership, mentoring and philanthropy. C Spire was the presenting sponsor for the event set in the Olivia and Archie Manning Athletics Performance Center on campus. Olivia Manning, a past recipient of the Legacy Award, and Archie Manning emceed the program. Proceeds for the dinner will expand programming for OMWC scholarship recipients.

The evening featured many tributes, including those by many of Khayat's friends and



Chancellor Emeritus Robert C. Khayat poses with Mary Susan Clinton, OMWC Legacy chair (left); Karen Moore, OMWC chair; and Mary Haskell, incoming OMWC chair, during the Ole Miss Women's Council Legacy Awards Banquet.

colleagues, as well as new UM Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter who thanked Khayat for helping him during his first few months in office.

A visibly moved Khayat accepted the award for the "remarkable team" of Ole Miss, closing with lyrics of the John Denver song "This Old Guitar," saying "I love to sing my songs for you."

Khayat's achievements while chancellor from 1995 to 2009 included helping found an honors college and institutes of international studies, leadership and racial reconciliation. He secured

a coveted Phi Beta Kappa chapter, attracted millions in private support and hosted the 2008 Presidential Debate. He transformed the campus through renovation, landscaping and new construction, including a chapel, a performing arts center and the Manning Center. Under Khayat's leadership, student enrollment increased by 43.6 percent and the University's budget grew from \$500 million to \$1.5 billion annually.

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## Endowment Honors Memories of Three Friends

A scholarship endowment paying tribute to the lives of three University of Mississippi students has grown to \$322,000 and three new recipients of the scholarship have been named.

Continuing gifts from the Kappa Alpha fraternity have expanded the Charles Walker Kelly, Samuel Clayton Kelly and Bryant Mason Wilbanks Memorial Scholarship Endowment that honors the lives of lifelong friends tragically killed in a 2011 car accident. Kappa Alpha fraternity recently contributed \$55,000 to the endowment.

The friends graduated together from Madison Central High School, attended Broadmoor Baptist Church, enrolled at the University of Mississippi and pledged the same fraternity. Now their legacies are kept alive by fellow fraternity brothers who receive the scholarship. This year's recipients are Matt Earwood, a junior from Tupelo, Mississippi; Joseph Rebentisch, a senior from Tupelo; and Chandler Telfer, a sophomore from Nashville, Tennessee.

"This is a great way for the fraternity to remember them as being part of that organization and to reflect on their lives and how much they loved Ole Miss," said Sam Kelly, Sr., the father of Sam Clayton Kelly. "Life is short, and you've got to cherish those moments."

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Matt Earwood and Chandler Telfer stand beside a memorial portrait of their scholarship's namesakes.



## The 1848 Society

Since 1848, The University of Mississippi has benefited from the foresight and generosity of people who have invested in the university through their wills. Each year these planned gifts increase the university's endowment and provide funds for professorships, research, facilities, scholarships, lectureships and more to enhance academic and athletic excellence.

Established in 1998, the university's 150th year, the society recognizes alumni and friends of the university who have funded or planned a deferred gift, such as a bequest or a life income plan.

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— Sandra Guest,  
vice president of the UM Foundation

## The Importance of Planned Giving



Bob Galloway (center) is greeted at The Inn at Ole Miss by (from left) Suzette Matthews, development officer for the School of Law, Jennifer Parsons, assistant dean of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, Debbie Bell, professor of law and interim dean of law, and Cham Trotter, president-elect of the Lamar Order.

University of Mississippi alumnus Bob Galloway of Gulfport, Mississippi, has designated the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College and the Lamar Order as beneficiaries of his \$1.6 million planned gift.

Galloway said he knows the importance of planned giving and wants to support two university entities that helped shape his future. The Robert C. Galloway Endowment will be shared equally by the Honors College and Lamar Order and will be used to cover operating expenses.

A Carrier Scholar, Galloway was a member of the University Scholars Program as an undergraduate. The program eventually evolved into the Honors College of today.

"I've been very impressed with the things the Honors College has done, so I thought it would be a good recipient," Galloway said.

Douglass Sullivan-González, dean of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, said gifts like Galloway's enable the Honors College to significantly expand its footprint.

"Private gifts open windows of opportunity for our students to engage our world as scholar and citizen," the dean said. "We must move beyond the traditional classroom and create teaching moments in a variety of places and languages as we answer together the fundamental questions of our time. Private gifts make these teaching moments come to life for our students."

"Galloway's gift in particular will help sustain student research and experiential learning that paves the way for our Honors College to set the debate on campus for both students and faculty."

A 1964 liberal arts graduate, Galloway completed his juris doctorate degree from the UM Law School in 1967.

"I have so many great friends I made at the law school and I've earned my living at practicing law since 1969. Also, I've been a longtime member of the Lamar Order and I know the school needs the money," Galloway said.

Interim Dean of Law Debbie Bell agreed: "The law school is deeply grateful to Bob Galloway for his generous support. We are at a time when private support is essential for the law school to maintain our existing programs and grow to meet the needs of 21st century lawyers. Bob's vision for the future will impact the lives of hundreds of law students and help to shape law practice in Mississippi in the future."

Galloway said he hopes his gift to the university will be used to maintain the quality of the institutions he loves.

"We have an outstanding law school there and I think the Honors College is becoming one of the real jewels of liberal arts education," he said. "I would hope that it would continue to be that and be all it can be. I believe it can be as good a school as any in the South."

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School of Education Dean David Rock (left) congratulates Bob Depro on being named to the 2016 School of Education Hall of Fame.

## For the Love of Education

It's 3:30 on the afternoon of Monday, Feb. 1, 2016, and Bob Depro is in the gym at Sikeston (Missouri) Senior High School watching the boys' basketball team shoot layups and run drills. At tonight's game, he will take his place at the microphone of the school's PA system as the undefeated Bulldogs take on the Knights of Farmington High School.

Calling these basketball games has been Depro's pleasure for the past 53 years. But there's one thing he's even more passionate about: education.

"Very few people have an opportunity as I have for the last 51 years in teaching to get up every morning and be excited about going to their job," Depro said. "I know that I owe that to Southeast Missouri State and to Ole Miss, so I made a gift to both schools in the exact same dollar amount, \$250,000, for the same purpose: to encourage social studies education."

The Cape Girardeau, Missouri, native received a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Southeast Missouri State University in 1966 and a master's degree in secondary education from the University of Mississippi in 1970. He then returned to Missouri where he taught social studies and history at Sikeston High School for 34 years and Southeast Missouri State University for 15 years and counting.

His gift to the UM School of Education has established the Bob Depro Education Excellence Scholarship Endowment for Social Studies Majors — a fund he hopes will give students the support they need to earn master's degrees in social studies or history and then become teachers.

"We have too many people who have degrees in administration and counseling and not enough people with graduate degrees who are teaching in the field. We desperately need good, young teachers with master's and specialist degrees in social studies to remain in the field and improve upon it. That will make our teaching area more exciting and more relevant to students," Depro said, adding that he hopes his gift will inspire other teachers who have the financial ability to make similar gifts in support of their respective fields.

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## Gifted Graduates are Industry Insurance

Eric Donahoe of Oxford, Mississippi, a 35-year veteran of the insurance business, hopes his planned gift to Ole Miss will help students discover there's a lot more to his profession than pushing papers.

In fact, for much of his career, Donahoe himself has been a soldier of sorts, standing guard over the security of major corporations — being proactive in preventing the businesses from becoming victims of risk. He designs the insurance coverages they need based on their level of potential risk.

"It has just been a fantastic career," he said. "I tell people all the time, especially young people, that if you want an exciting career, it's the insurance industry. It's amazing how many opportunities it affords to learn so much about global operations."

With a \$250,000 testamentary gift, Donahoe has established an endowment to support faculty and staff in the School of Business Administration's risk management and insurance program. He hopes the gift will bring new life to the industry he has grown to love.

"I had some discussions with [professor of finance] Larry Cox when I was thinking about



Eric Donahoe (center) receives a plaque, acknowledging his admittance into the 1848 Society. Presenting the award are School of Business Administration Dean Ken Cyree (left) and Adam Lee, development officer.

doing this and he made a great comment, "To attract the best and brightest students, you really have to have great faculty and staff.... Our industry needs bright young people coming into it," Donahoe said. "If this will help

in some way to attract really bright, talented young professionals to our industry, then that's a fantastic thing."

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## Proud of the Pride

When Eddie and Linda Hayward remember good times at the University of Mississippi, those memories almost always include the band.

"I remember the glorious days of going down to the Peabody Hotel with the band coming in and the two-story lobby just swelling with the energy of that big pep rally," said Eddie Hayward of Ridgeland, Mississippi.

The Haywards, formerly of Memphis, have designated a generous planned gift to establish the Eddie and Linda Hayward Pride of the South Marching Band Scholarship Endowment.

"I contacted the band director at Ole Miss, David Willson, and I said, 'I would love to get 20 or so band students up here as a surprise element and we'll make an appeal that night to the Rebel Club audience for contributions.' So he agreed to it," Eddie recalls. "So they were tucked away and at some point in time, it was, 'Ladies and gentlemen, we have a delightful surprise for you' and the band burst through the door. Well, the crowd just went wild, jumped up, hollered. That was a cold-chill moment. And I enjoyed that."

Willson remembers that day well: "When I met Eddie and Linda, I could tell they were a class act, gentle, but well spoken. They told me then they were going to leave a gift to the band and they were true to their words. We greatly appreciate the Haywards' generous gift."

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Linda and Eddie Hayward at their Ridgeland, Mississippi, home.



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## A Script for Student Success

Visitors to Chuck O'Bannon's home in Parsons, Tennessee, might find the retired pharmacist installing chair rails while his wife, Linda, tends to the many flowers in their yard.

Hard work, they say, grew their net worth that has allowed the couple to establish the Charles P. O'Bannon and Linda Rucker O'Bannon Scholarship Endowment in the School of Pharmacy with a \$700,000 planned gift.

The O'Bannons hope their gift will help students avoid the financial pressure they experienced in college.

"If our gift can just give some encouragement to somebody who needs it, then it's certainly worth it," Linda said. "And we want what we're giving to be ongoing support for generations of pharmacy students who may be challenged financially as we were. It's our way of saying thank you for the opportunities our education at Ole Miss has given us."

After college, Chuck and Linda worked from meager means to great success in the profession.

"Many of our students deal with the same challenge Chuck and Linda O'Bannon faced on campus: the struggle to maintain their grades while also having to work their way through school. The O'Bannons' generous



Linda and Chuck O'Bannon at home in Tennessee.

gift will help alleviate some of that stress," said David D. Allen, dean of the School of Pharmacy. "We are extremely grateful for empathetic alumni like these who know the importance of private support."

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## Warners' Gift to Support Alumni Association, UMMC



Bob and Mary Ellen Warner visit the Oxford campus.

Dr. Bob and Mary Ellen Warner say it's the experiences they had through the Alumni Association that inspired them to create the University of Mississippi Life Member Endowment with a \$1 million planned gift.

"Bob and Mary Ellen are two of the most genuine people I've had the pleasure of knowing. We greatly appreciate their involvement in the Alumni Association through the years and their amazing generosity," said Sheila Dossett, associate director.

Bob Warner received a biology degree from Ole Miss in 1979 and his medical degree four years later from the UM School of Medicine.

Now a general, thoracic, vascular surgeon at Arkansas Methodist Medical Center in Paragould, Ark., he has been a practicing physician in Northeast Arkansas for over 25 years.

"I look at my life and say, 'What's made my life successful?' and Ole Miss immediately comes to mind," Bob Warner said. "So we asked ourselves, 'What can we do to be sure other people have that same opportunity?' And I think it's the idea that we want to give back so other people can have the same experiences."

Those experiences include the career paths Bob and Mary Ellen, a 1979 nursing graduate,

chose to pursue — professions in which the top priority is caring for others. In fact, they met as students at the University of Mississippi Medical Center where Mary Ellen was a cardiac nurse and Bob was a cardiovascular surgery resident.

As a tribute to their education, the Warners have established the Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Warner, Jr. University Medical Center Scholarship Endowment in addition to their designated gift to the Alumni Association. This gift, valued at \$700,000, will support a UM School of Medicine student for up to three years and a School of Nursing student for up to four years.

They also designated \$400,000 to establish the Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Warner, Jr. Scholarship Endowment, which will benefit UM students from Hinds County, Mississippi (Mary Ellen's home), and from Hancock and Harrison counties — coastal Mississippi, where Bob was born and raised.

The Warners, who have their own charity clinic in Jonesboro, find satisfaction in improving the lives of others, both at home and abroad. Bob recently traveled to northwest India, where he joined a team of 42 medical professionals tasked with immunizing children in the region. Likewise, Mary Ellen has most recently poured her heart into one particular Hispanic family, guiding and mentoring them to establish citizenship in America.

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## CROWDFUNDING SITE CONTINUES TO BENEFIT OLE MISS

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### Check out these recent projects supported through Ignite Ole Miss:

#### Charles Reagan Wilson Student Support Fund

**Beneficiary:** Graduate-Level Research in History and Southern Studies

SUPPORTIVE DONORS

FUNDS RAISED

186

\$28,346

**Purpose:** To honor retired UM professor Charles Reagan Wilson by supporting research projects of graduate students in History and Southern Studies.



#### Army ROTC 3rd Annual Egg Bowl Run

**Beneficiary:** Army Officers

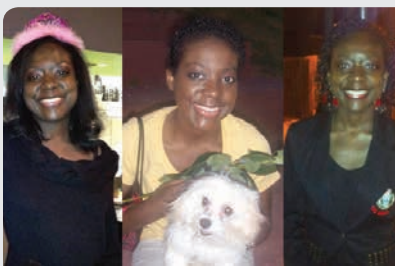
SUPPORTIVE DONORS

FUNDS RAISED

30

\$5,375

**Purpose:** Helped the Ole Miss Army ROTC program fund future projects and provide scholarships to Army officers in need.



#### Pamela E. Hamilton Memorial Fund

**Beneficiary:** Students in the Meek School of Journalism and New Media

SUPPORTIVE DONORS

FUNDS RAISED

190

\$31,943

**Purpose:** The Pamela E. Hamilton Memorial Fund honors the late writer and editor of The Daily Mississippian by supporting a School of Journalism lecture and scholarship.



#### Ole Miss Family Emergency Fund

**Beneficiary:** Students in Crisis

SUPPORTIVE DONORS

FUNDS RAISED

122

\$32,295

**Purpose:** The Ole Miss Family Emergency Fund provides micro-grants to students facing unexpected personal crises and who are in need of financial support.

#### Ole Miss for Togo

**Beneficiary:** The Children of Akoumape Village in Togo, West Africa.

SUPPORTIVE DONORS

FUNDS RAISED

101

\$36,500

**Purpose:** This fund helped send Ole Miss Engineers Without Borders to Togo, where they completed a water supply project for a rural children's hospital.





### Rebels for Haiti 2016

**Beneficiary:** The People of Haiti

SUPPORTIVE  
DONORS

FUNDS  
RAISED

135

\$24,390

**Purpose:** In March, the Ole Miss Football family returned to Haiti to distribute clean water to those in need.



### UM Compost Program

**Beneficiary:** The Environment

SUPPORTIVE  
DONORS

FUNDS  
RAISED

49

\$2,030

**Purpose:** The UM Compost Program converts campus food waste into nutrient-rich garden soil. Financial support keeps this important program in operation.



### MBA Cups

**Beneficiary:** Children in the UM Horizons program

SUPPORTIVE  
DONORS

FUNDS  
RAISED

52

\$1,110

**Purpose:** MBA Cups is a student created initiative that provides funding to the UM Horizons children's learning program.



### Jackelyn K. and Christopher F. Byrd Memorial Scholarship

**Beneficiary:** Students in the Patterson School of Accountancy

SUPPORTIVE  
DONORS

FUNDS  
RAISED

342

\$81,278

**Purpose:** The Kulzer and Byrd families joined together to honor Jackie and Chris through this endowment, which will support students of accountancy. The young married couple died with other family members in a plane crash on their way to watch Chris's brother graduate from Ole Miss last year.



### Ole Miss Class of 2016 Legacy Gift

**Beneficiary:** The Ole Miss Campus

SUPPORTIVE  
DONORS

FUNDS  
RAISED

851

\$10,752

**Purpose:** Senior class project to fund the installation of three flag poles and an enclave on the plaza of the Pavilion at Ole Miss.



### Ole Miss Food Bank

**Beneficiary:** The Ole Miss Community

SUPPORTIVE  
DONORS

FUNDS  
RAISED

46

\$3,228

**Purpose:** Enabled the Ole Miss Food Bank to raise the funding needed to start stocking fresh produce and frozen meats for those in need.

### Fenton Kottkamp Memorial Scholarship

**Beneficiary:** Students Studying Business and Accountancy

SUPPORTIVE  
DONORS

FUNDS  
RAISED

261

\$80,684



**Purpose:** The Schnatter and Manning families teamed up to honor Fenton Kottkamp who died last year while sledding near campus. The scholarship endowment will support students in the business and accountancy schools.

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## Future of Giving Written in the STARS



The inaugural group of STARS members are, front row, from left: Dana Smith, Maureen Malingkas, Kandis Backus and Manasi Desai; second row, from left: Natalie Ethridge, Molly Morris, Lisa Biswas, Maribeth Barfield, Alexa Lampkin, Chandler Llana and Christina Holy; third row, from left: Caroline Campbell, Gaylen Patterson, Brooks Jackson and Jarrett Morgan; back row, from left: Miles Backstrom, Jesse Morrison, Meagan Henry, John Henry Dasinger, Peter Mittwede and Paul Dotherow. Not pictured is Brittany Cavett.

Like many other students, Meagan Henry decided to go to medical school so she could serve others one day. Chances are, she didn't know she'd also be serving pizza.

As one of the University of Mississippi Medical Center's newly-minted Student Alumni Representatives (STARS), she has done that, but that's only the beginning. Besides dishing up meals for their fellow students at campus events, nearly two dozen STARS from all six professional schools here have welcomed visiting alumni and donors, promoted pride in UMMC, furthered the cause of teamwork and more.

Apparently the only organization of its kind at the Medical Center, STARS began to shine in the spring under the guidance of April Overstreet, director of alumni affairs, and Dr. Mignon Chinn, alumni engagement associate.

STARS builds a sense of community among the schools, said, Brittany Cavett, a second-year School of Nursing student. "I wanted to be part of an organization that demonstrates UMMC pride and showcases diversity between all the different disciplines here."

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## Radiothon Benefits Batson Children's Hospital



Mark McCoy, an on-air personality for 100.9 The Legend, interviews Miss Mississippi Hannah Roberts during the Mississippi Miracles Radiothon.

Three days of broadcasting via the Mississippi Miracles Radiothon resulted in \$443,396 raised for Batson Children's Hospital. The event, finishing its 15th year, is the largest fundraiser for Children's of Mississippi, an umbrella organization that includes the children's hospital and all pediatric care at UMMC.

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A green army of about 70 volunteers hit the streets of downtown Jackson Saturday during the Hal's St. Paddy's Parade, collecting donations for Batson Children's Hospital.

## A Pot o' Gold for Batson Kids *Bucket brigade sweeps city to haul in donations*

Hal's St. Paddy's Parade is a family tradition for Brandi Young.

The whole Young crew plus a few march every year for their second family, Batson Children's Hospital. The city sweep is part of the efforts for the state's only children's hospital in an event that puts the "fun" in fundraising.

A nurse on Batson's second floor, Young said she and her family do their part because the money raised through float entries, 5K run registration and city sweeping, or to the uninitiated, the collecting of donations from parade goers and selling of T-shirts and Mardi Gras beads, stays right here in Mississippi.

Through the years of the annual festival, one of the nation's largest St. Patrick's Day parades, more than \$400,000 has been raised for the state's only children's hospital.

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Rallying around Nolan Williams (second from right) are his family: parents Brent and Ashley Williams of Doddsville holding big brother Hudson; and Brenda and Mike Dean of Cleveland.

## Neighbors in Need

### Deans help heart families in neighboring counties

In his short life, 2-year-old Nolan Williams has withstood four costly open-heart surgeries and multiple heart catheterizations — with just one of the surgeries producing a \$196,000 bill.

Nolan and his parents, Ashley and Brent Williams of Doddsville in Sunflower County, are thankful to live in a community of caring neighbors who pitched in to pay what insurance didn't cover on Nolan's life-saving procedures.

Ashley Williams' aunt and uncle, Mike and Brenda Dean of Cleveland, Mississippi, established an endowment fund dubbed "Nolan's Neighbors" to help pay off balances due on inpatient and outpatient cardiac charges at the University of Mississippi Medical Center's Batson Children's Hospital. The fund is earmarked for families from Bolivar and Sunflower counties.

"We are a very close-knit family. Our kids grew up together, and we all live in the same town," Mike Dean said. "Little Nolan has spent a lot of time at Batson, and we were just so impressed with the hospital's pediatric heart team and the entire facility."

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## In Memory of Toni

### Parents' endowment keeps compassionate doctor's work alive

Dr. Toni Jill Bertolet was an aspiring doctor at age 3, a medical doctor at age 26, and an accomplished doctor long before her death at age 50.

Four years ago, the Natchez, Mississippi, native, an ophthalmologist who earned her M.D. at the Medical Center in 1988, was murdered in her adopted state of Colorado.

Her work, however, will carry on through the Toni J. Bertolet, M.D. Endowment, established in her honor by her parents, Bob and Yvonne Bertolet to benefit the Department of Ophthalmology and, in turn, Mississippians whose eyesight might otherwise suffer.

At Ole Miss, Bertolet was a member of Phi Mu and Phi Beta Kappa. At the Medical Center, Bertolet graduated magna cum laude in 1988 before completing a one-year internship

and a three-year residency in ophthalmology. During her final year, she was chief resident and performed research with Dr. C.J. Chen, who would eventually serve as chair of the department for 15 years.

"Toni was remarkable, the most disciplined resident I ever taught," Chen said. "She made sure that when a patient was seen, everything was taken care of before she reported to the attending. She said ophthalmology was a fascinating specialty. From cataracts to infectious diseases of the eye, she would be able to take care of entire families, three generations of the same family."

After finishing her residency, she remained in Mississippi for about a decade, working briefly in Meridian before returning to Jackson, where she practiced from 1992 until around 2002. She subsequently moved to Denver, Colorado, where she built a loyal following of patients.

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Bob and Yvonne Bertolet of Ridgeland, Mississippi, have established an endowment for the UMMC Department of Ophthalmology in the name of their daughter, Dr. Toni Bertolet, whose portrait is displayed on a wall in the background.

## Shaw Foundation Gives Inaugural Gift to Children's Cancer Center

Jackson (MS) Academy Coach Sherard Shaw inspired young people to overcome adversity, even when he himself was diagnosed with stomach and esophageal cancer. Although he lost his battle to cancer in 1995, the foundation that bears his name continues to inspire others in the fight against pediatric cancer.

The Sherard Shaw Foundation for Pediatric Cancer Research recently made its first gift: to the Children's Cancer Center at Batson Children's Hospital, the state's only center specializing in comprehensive care for children with cancer or blood-related diseases. The Foundation was started by Bubba Shaw, Coach Shaw's son, and his wife Jennifer in 2014.

Guy Giesecke, CEO of Children's of Mississippi, the parent organization over the Medical Center's pediatric services and clinics, called the donation "a wonderful gift to Mississippi families whose youngest members are fighting cancer."

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## A Campaign for Children \$100M Goal Begins with \$10M Sanderson Gift

Joe and Kathy Sanderson of Laurel, Mississippi, are chairing a \$100 million fundraising campaign for Children's of Mississippi, the umbrella organization that includes all pediatric care at UMMC and Batson Children's Hospital.

Leading by doing, the CEO and chairman of the board of Sanderson Farms and his wife are not only heading up the drive, the largest in the history of Children's of Mississippi, but they are also making the campaign's first large gift: \$10 million over the next five years.

The funds will help the Medical Center expand and update its space dedicated for pediatric care including an expanded and renovated neonatal intensive care unit, more rooms for the pediatric intensive care unit, more operating rooms and the creation of an imaging clinic especially for pediatric patients. A new pediatric clinic will make care for outpatients more convenient and comfortable for families.

Expansion of the Children's Heart Center is also on the drawing board. Batson Children's Hospital is the only hospital dedicated exclusively to the needs of children in Mississippi.

"The goal to provide the best health care for children in Mississippi today and tomorrow is one that we must meet and exceed," said Dr. LouAnn Woodward, UMMC vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine. "We consider it an honor and a privilege to take care of Mississippi's children, but we are taking care of those children in areas that are undersized and



Dr. LouAnn Woodward (right) UMMC vice chancellor of health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine cheers at the announcement of a \$10 million gift to Children's of Mississippi by Joe and Kathy Sanderson, looking on. He and wife, Kathy, will be leading a \$100 million capital campaign for Children's of Mississippi.

outdated. A healthy future for our children depends upon the priorities we set now. This investment in the growth of Children's of Mississippi that each of us is called on to make will mean that little ones here will grow up with the best of medical care, right here at home, and it will pay dividends of healthier families and a healthier state."

The Sandersons know Batson Children's Hospital well, not only through their philanthropy but because their granddaughter, Sophie Creath, was a patient at the hospital as a young child, suffering from pancreatitis. "After witnessing the competent, loving care of (pediatric gastroenterologist) Dr. Paul Parker and the team at Batson, we realized the importance of this wonderful hospital," said Kathy Sanderson.

"Sophie was in severe pain, but she was never afraid," she said, "because of the extraordinarily competent and very loving care she received. That all the children of Mississippi can receive this kind of care has got to warm your heart. I know it does mine. We are all here for such a time as this, to give them the most wonderful care."

Though they received the best of care for their granddaughter, the Sandersons realize that growth and expansion are needed.

"We believe that the hospital is at maximum capacity and is lacking in several vital areas," Joe Sanderson said. "The hospital is beyond capacity in the neonatal intensive care unit and is badly in need of additional space. Children have to be transported to the main facility at UMMC because of a lack of equipment at Batson. Children often need sedation because the equipment is not designed for children. And further, there needs to be additional facilities for pediatric surgeries, particularly cardiac surgery."

One of the state's leading businessmen, Joe Sanderson said a state-of-the-art children's hospital would be an economic boost to Mississippi. "Knowing the state has resources to care for children of their employees would certainly be a comfort to any business or family considering Mississippi as a potential home."

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## A Time to Dance



UM students raised \$112,603 for Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital at RebelTHON, an annual dance marathon and fundraiser for Batson Children's Hospital, which is part of the UM Medical Center in Jackson. Student fundraisers are invited to attend the overnight celebration to enjoy music, food and games. Participants are asked to stand, jump, dance or just keep moving for 12 hours. Make a Gift: (601) 984-2300 or [umc.edu/givenow](http://umc.edu/givenow)

## New Endowment to Attract, Retain Dental Hygiene Students

Established by her family, friends and husband, Mike Barkett, president of the Mississippi Construction Education Foundation of Ridgeland, Mississippi, the Linda S. Barkett, DMD, Endowed Dental Hygiene Scholarship will provide support to deserving dental hygiene students at UMMC.

Barkett, who died on June 1, 2015, earned her DMD from UMMC in 1984 and entered private practice with Dr. Betsy Welch at the Lakeland Dental Clinic.

Throughout her 27-year career practicing dentistry, she provided top-quality care for hundreds of patients. She also influenced generations of dental hygiene students through her skill and dedication to teaching.

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## High Adventure Event Supports Batson Hospital

Staring down a descent of 14 stories is the stuff of nightmares for most, but for the more than 90 volunteers who raised funds, buckled up and rappelled down the Trustmark corporate headquarters in downtown Jackson, Mississippi, it was a day of dreams.

Over the Edge with Friends, an April 15-16 fundraiser for Friends of Children's Hospital, raised more than \$173,000, stories higher than the original goal of \$100,000.

Leading the way was Sara Ray, board president of the group, who made her way down with many VIPs, including college mascots Rebel, Bully and Seymour.

Mary Ellis Cravey, a Madison eighth-grader who signed up to descend the day before, headed down with Tiffany Key, her Child Life specialist at Batson Children's Hospital. Cravey, a leukemia survivor, took that scary first step, but anyone who can beat cancer can't let something like the law of gravity limit them. Before long, she was a pro.

Jennifer Stephen, director of critical care and emergency services at Batson Children's Hospital, exclaimed: "I'm ready to go down the building again! I hope they do this again next year."

Phil Hanberry was the first of Team Maggie to head from the roof to the sidewalk. A team of friends and family of 17-year-old Maggie Hanberry of Hattiesburg, the crew of five raised some \$7,200; they're already talking about recruiting more team members for 2017.



Mississippi National Guard Sgt. Matt Hughes instructs former Batson patient Mary Ellis Cravey on how to rappel off the 14-story Trustmark building during the Over The Edge with Friends fundraiser. Cravey, of Madison, has been cancer-free for about two years.

Hanberry's daughter, Maggie, cancer free since February, came to the Children's Cancer Center at Batson with stage 4 colon cancer.

"I didn't have any hesitation about signing up. None," Phil Hanberry said. "Batson Children's Hospital has been so wonderful to us the past two years. And today's my 53rd birthday. I'm going to remember 53 a long time."

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## All About the Mind

Private gifts to MIND Center fuel expansion of Alzheimer's care

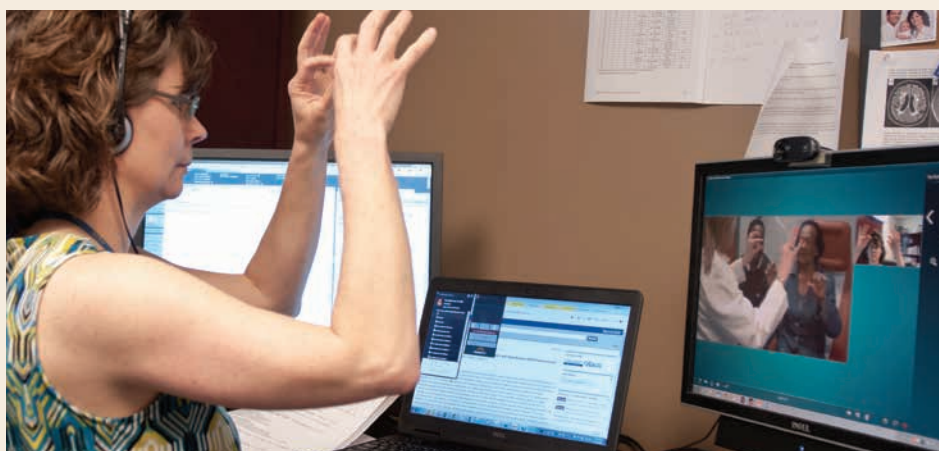
Ruby Patton, better known as Miss Ruby to everyone in her Mississippi Delta community, began showing the symptoms that often come with aging.

After a while, those moments of forgetfulness and confusion increased to a point that Miss Ruby's children started wondering if there was something else causing their mother to forget, for example, that she had started the washing machine — even when it was in mid-cycle.

Miss Ruby's daughter, Vivian Patton, wanted her mother to see a specialist about the potential of Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. Yet the nearly three-hour drive to see a specialist at The Memory Impairment and Neurodegenerative Dementia (MIND) Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson from tiny Mound Bayou was a hindrance.

Just a few miles down the road from Patton's home, the Taborian Urgent Care Clinic offered a solution: TeleMIND — a service that allows patients like Miss Ruby to see a MIND Center specialist at UMMC's Jackson campus via live streaming video.

Funded by private donations and state appropriations, the TeleMIND program is built off the success of UMMC's Center for Telehealth and operates very similarly by allowing patients to visit a clinic in their vicinity where they can be



Dr. Gwen Windham, a provider at The MIND Center Clinic, demonstrates a basic movement from her desk in Jackson that she wants her patient, Ruby Patton, to mimic more than 130 miles away at the Taborian Urgent Care Center in Mound Bayou.

examined via live audio and video by a UMMC physician in Jackson. At the remote location, the patient is in an exam room with a nurse trained to help facilitate the virtual assessment.

For patients and caregivers like Miss Ruby and Vivian Patton, the ability to see a specialist in the familiar setting of their hometown is invaluable.

"It's a facility that (Miss Ruby) was familiar with. She's had children there. She knows those surroundings," Patton said. "This has been a great experience, and it's beneficial for the whole community."

Dr. Gwen Windham, a MIND Center Clinic provider, said doing everything possible to alleviate the burden of extensive travel on the patients, their families and caregivers is a

significant convenience for TeleMIND patients. From her desk 130 miles away, Dr. Windham can observe the movement and speech of patients like Miss Ruby while conducting the same examination she gives patients in Jackson.

"It is a great feeling to be able to serve the residents of Mississippi using this technology," she said. "It's the next best thing to being with them in person."

The TeleMIND program is offered in the Mississippi Delta in Lexington, Grenada and Mound Bayou, with a fourth location opening soon in Greenwood. The MIND Center at UMMC is a national leader in Alzheimer's research and clinical care.

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## OLE MISS ATHLETICS RECEIVES LARGEST GIFT TO DATE

Funds will support the *Forward Together* campaign and future scholarships

Doc Hollingsworth, a native of Centreville, Miss. and current resident of Niceville, Florida, contributed the equivalent of \$25 million to Ole Miss Athletics—the single largest gift ever donated to Ole Miss Athletics.

Of the donation, \$10 million is a cash gift to be used through the *Forward Together* campaign; the remainder is in the form of a charitable remainder trust that will establish the Gerald M. Hollingsworth, M.D., Athletic Scholarship Endowment.

A portion of Hollingsworth's donation will be used to support the north end zone expansion of Vaught-Hemingway Stadium, where the playing field already bears his name.

"Transformational is the only adequate word I can summon when I think about Dr. Hollingsworth and the impact he has had on our entire university. 'Doc' continues to give to academic and athletic programs of the University, and his impact will be felt for eternity," said Ole Miss Athletics Director Ross Bjork.

Hollingsworth received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Ole Miss in 1953 and then attended two years of medical school at the university before earning his medical degree from Harvard University.

"There've been just a lot of great memories and most have been associated with football games," he said. In fact, most of the people whom Hollingsworth counts among his best friends are Ole Miss football legends: Johnny Vaught, Johnny Cain, Wobble Davidson, Eddie Crawford, Warner Alford, Robert Khayat, Charlie Conerly and Archie Manning to name a few.

"Doc is one of the most genuine, humble and caring individuals I know," said Keith Carter, former basketball standout and now senior associate athletics director for development and executive director of the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation. "He has a real desire to see our student-athletes succeed and his spirit of giving unconditionally toward that goal

is one we should all strive for."

The Ole Miss chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame honored the physician with the Amateur Football Award for contributions to the collegiate athletic world.

Hollingsworth is most proud that his gift will be used to provide scholarships for student-athletes who may not otherwise be able to afford UM tuition.



Doc Hollingsworth (left) enjoys a round of golf with Ole Miss football coach Hugh Freeze.

"I hope it will motivate and stimulate other people to donate to the university because I think it's a great school and the money will be put to good use to provide scholarship aid to students who would not be able to attend the university otherwise as well as provide for needs they might have," he said. "I'm just hoping that young people will have the great experience and the great benefit I derived from going to Ole Miss."

After graduating from Harvard Medical School, Hollingsworth completed his surgical residency at Duval Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida. From 1957-59, he was a U.S. Navy flight surgeon and then started his private medical practice in 1959 in Ft. Walton Beach.

He was the team doctor for Choctawhatchee and Ft. Walton Beach high schools for almost 35 years and helped found the All-Sports Association of Northwest Florida, which honored him with its Community Service Award for helping youth in athletics.

"I'm fortunate to have this money available and it just seemed like a need the university had," Hollingsworth said. "I've benefited tremendously from the university and from my relationships and friendships with the people there in the Athletic Department over the years and I just wanted to show my appreciation and possibly stimulate others to dig deep and also give aid to the university."

**MAKE A GIFT:** (662) 915-7159 or [givetootathletics.com](http://givetootathletics.com)

## Fans Behind the Funds for Athletics



John and Donna McCommon at home.

John and Donna McCommon, who recently made a \$250,000 gift to the *Forward Together* campaign for Ole Miss Athletics, may not be UM graduates but they definitely share a passion for the university.

“When Donna was in high school, she attended several cheerleading camps and fell in love with Ole Miss and the campus,” John McCommon said. “When I lived in Clarksdale, Bobby Franklin (the 1959 Sugar Bowl winning Rebel quarterback) lived on the same street. His younger brother, Larry, was a friend. I became a Rebel fan because of that and because I marched in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium as an eighth grader in the Clarksdale band. I fell in love with Oxford and Ole Miss early in life.”

The McCommons of Ridgeland, Mississippi, have supported Ole Miss Athletics in many ways; their most recent gift will help support future capital projects.

The Ole Miss Athletics Foundation recently announced a \$50 million stretch goal for its next phase of projects that will include renovating the Oxford-University Baseball Stadium and building an indoor baseball performance center, as well as upgrades to the FedEx Student-Athlete Success Center, Gillom Sports Center, Ole Miss Track and Field Complex, Starnes Athletic Training Center, football practice fields and a new indoor tennis facility.

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## FedEx, Anonymous Donor Deliver Major Gifts



The FedEx Student-Athlete Success Center is a 24,500-square-foot building, which houses all aspects of student-athlete development in the athletics department.

A gift from FedEx Corporation will help University of Mississippi student-athletes succeed in the classroom and beyond.

The company recently donated \$2.5 million to Ole Miss Athletics to enhance the existing FedEx Student-Athlete Success Center. In addition to the FedEx gift, an anonymous donor has contributed \$2.5 million for a total of \$5 million to support the center.

The FedEx Student-Athlete Success Center houses all aspects of student-athlete development in the athletics department. The facility includes academic counselors, learning specialists and life skills offices, a large conference room, 12 large and small group tutoring rooms, two large Apple and Dell computer labs and a micro study lab area, a math and writing lab, and a 150-seat multimedia classroom called the FedEx Auditorium.

“Our student-athletes are expected to put in the hours and hours of practice it takes to be successful on their respective teams while also keeping their grades high, so they can be successful in life after collegiate sports,” said Ross Bjork, director of athletics. “The center gives them a home base where they can study and receive any academic and life skills support they may need.”

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## Jordan Increases Campaign Support

Bill Jordan, the creator and CEO of the nation's leading line of camouflage patterns, RealTree is recognized as a major supporter of Ole Miss Athletics, and his name will soon be directly linked with the most respected name in Rebel football history.

The Columbus, Georgia, native, who caught Archie Manning's passes as wide receiver from 1969-71, recently pledged \$1 million to the *Forward Together* campaign. The pledge, which will be paid over the next five years, increases Jordan's total Vaught Society giving to \$2 million since 2013.

The practice field at the Olivia and Archie Manning Athletics Performance Center will bear Jordan's name.



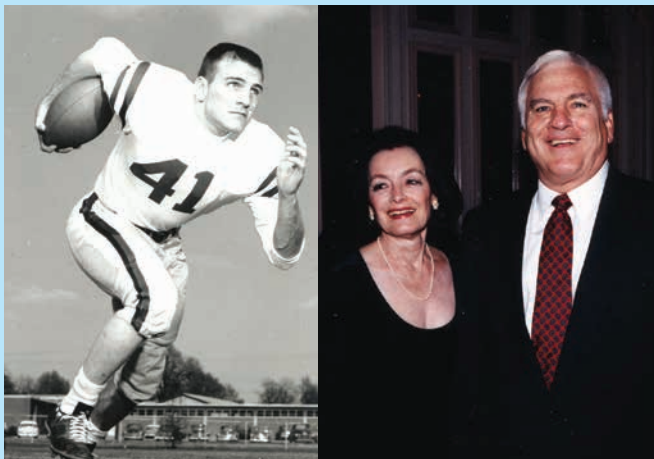
Bill Jordan and family in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium.

“It's a great honor for my family and me. I feel especially good about being able to tie this gift to the Manning Center, having played football with Archie,” said Jordan, who graduated from Ole Miss in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

“We're building a program that must continually improve in order to be competitive. Bill's gift will certainly go a long way toward helping us do that,” said Keith Carter, senior associate athletics director for development and executive director of the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation. “Bill's contribution is significant, but every gift to this campaign is important.”

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## Scholarship Honors Ole Miss Football Great



Flowers in his football days and later with wife, Sharon.

A scholarship fund will honor one of UM's all-time football greats: Charlie Flowers.

"Charlie gave credit to the university for much of his success," said his wife, Sharon Flowers. "Now, through this fund, he can help others succeed and that would make him very happy."

Flowers was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame, Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, Ole Miss Sports Hall of Fame and Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame. He played professionally for the Los Angeles/San Diego Chargers and New York Titans.

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## M-Club Gives Major Gift to Athletics



Aerial view of UM sports arenas.

The M-Club Alumni Chapter of the Ole Miss Alumni Association has committed \$1.5 million to the *Forward Together* campaign in support of baseball and football initiatives.

Among planned projects, the gift will support the Jake Gibbs Letterwinner Walk, which will honor every Ole Miss athlete who earned a letter and will connect the Walk of Champions to the new entrance to Vaught-Hemingway Stadium's north end zone.

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## Upgrades Set for OU Stadium/Swayze Field

Ole Miss Athletics has announced that Oxford-University Stadium/Swayze Field, the home of Ole Miss Baseball, will undergo renovations and stadium upgrades that will enhance the student-athlete experience as well as the gameday atmosphere for Rebel fans.

The \$13 million project, part of the \$200 million *Forward Together* campaign, will include a new baseball performance center, a field level club, additional box seating, a rooftop plaza down the first base line and an expansion/re-alignment of the left field terrace.

The entire project is expected to be completely finished by the start of the 2018 season.

"Ole Miss Athletics is always looking out for the welfare of our student-athletes, and the upgrading of facilities is one way to improve their entire collegiate experience," said Ole Miss Director of Athletics Ross Bjork. "As one of our most popular and successful sports at Ole Miss, the baseball program brings so much excitement to our fans. It is only fitting that the highlight of this project is a new performance center for the baseball team."



Rebels greet fans at Swayze Field, soon to undergo renovations.

"To have an all-inclusive performance center at the stadium is a major game changer for our guys, and it is exciting to be able to give our fans more upgraded seating options for our games," said Ole Miss head coach Mike Bianco. "This is another great day for our program, and it would not be possible without the support of our past letterwinners, the Ole Miss Athletics administration and, of course, Rebel Nation."

The performance center will feature an

all-new clubhouse, training room, weight room and players' lounge to provide baseball student-athletes everything they need in one location. It will also house a team meeting room, indoor hitting cages and the indoor pitching tunnel. The field level club and rooftop plaza will give fans unique views on gamedays, while the additional box seating will increase the stadium's overall capacity.

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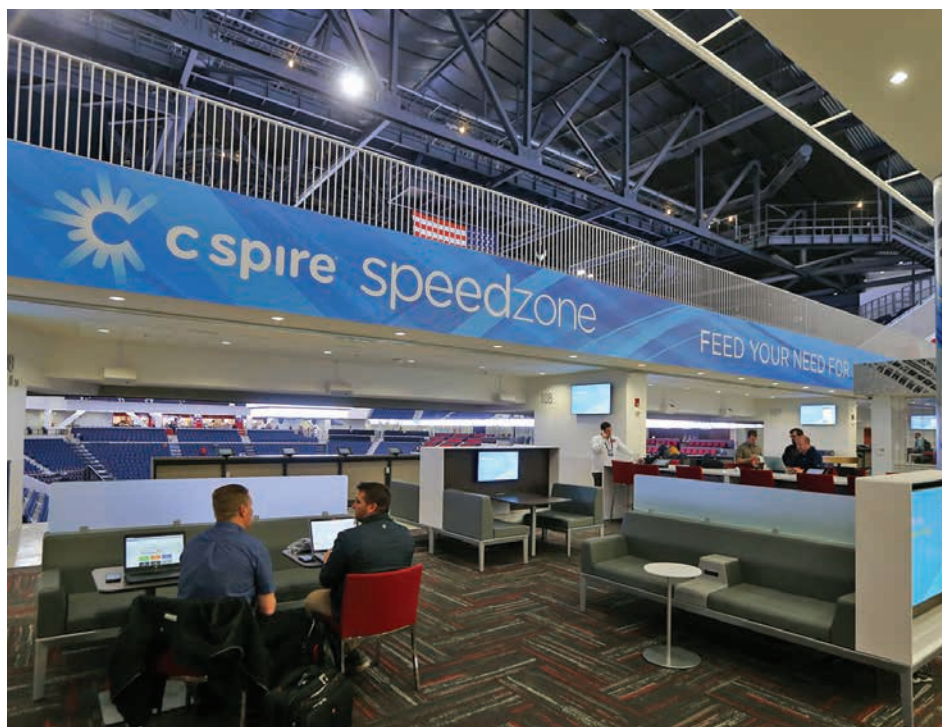
## C Spire Brings Speedzone to Pavilion

*Ultra-fast internet welcomes UM community, Rebel fans to new arena*

Wi-Fi access is no longer simply a convenience if available; it's a necessity for the nearly 25,000 students, faculty and staff, along with hundreds of thousands of visitors to the 840-acre campus. When students need to access information and communicate with their academic community, instant connectivity is expected.

In response to the university's growing need for high-speed access, C Spire is partnering with the Ole Miss Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and IMG, the university's multimedia rights partner, to establish the C Spire Speedzone — a 1 gigabit-per-second fiber optic-enabled Wi-Fi network in the mezzanine and lobby area of The Pavilion at Ole Miss, the school's new basketball arena.

"The C Spire Speedzone offers students unparalleled connectivity speeds while they hang out, study, stream music and movies, enjoy gaming and more," said Michael Thompson,



Students enjoy Speedzone atmosphere.

UM senior associate athletics director for communications and marketing.

"The Speedzone delivers tomorrow's technology today to an area that is quickly becoming

a very busy part of campus," said Hu Meena, president and CEO for C Spire.

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## Young Alumnus Supports Campaign for Athletic Excellence

Aircraft manufacturer Cirrus published a tagline to describe its SR22-model personal prop plane: "Make your life possible."

At only 29 years old, Will Stroud has done just that.

The University of Mississippi alumnus, a former restaurant owner and now CEO of a Dallas-based investment firm, is a self-made millionaire who recently contributed \$125,000 to the *Forward Together* campaign for Ole Miss Athletics.

By the way, he also flies the SR22.

"I was bitten by the aviation bug very, very early. My grandfather was a major general in the Marine Corps, an aviator, and I got pretty used to being around airplanes and really fell in love with them," said Stroud, who flies the plane to watch the Rebels, for business or to simply get out of the city for a weekend of hunting, camping, fishing and hiking with friends.

More importantly, though, he often uses the Cirrus to fly cancer patients across the country for specialized treatment or to transport others in need.

That's just the way he is. Friends and family say Stroud genuinely cares

for people. With an easy smile, he's instantly engaging, and they credit that quality for the financial success he realized at an age when other recent college graduates are still only a few rungs up the corporate ladder.

"I have been very blessed and very fortunate to do really well early in life," he said. "I may not have that ability later, so I want to make a lasting impression on the university that made a lasting impression on me."

Keith Carter, senior associate athletics director for development and executive director of the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation, said Stroud's gift will be used to improve facilities and programs for Rebel teams.

"We're building a program that must continually improve to be competitive and Will's gift will help us continue on that path," Carter said. "I am always impressed to see young alumni like Will who want to

get involved in shaping the future of Ole Miss Athletics. Our student-athletes will receive the return on this particular investment. Will should feel very proud of that."

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Will Stroud (in cap) is greeted at the Pavilion by, from left, Keith Carter, executive director of the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation; Wendell Weakley, president of the UM Foundation; and Matt Mossberg, associate athletics director for development and major gifts.

## Croft Institute Equips Students to Succeed at a Global Level

The record number of high-ability students seeking degrees from the University of Mississippi's Croft Institute for International Studies prompted the Joseph C. Bancroft Charitable & Educational Fund — which has invested more than \$44 million into the program — to provide a new \$5 million commitment, ensuring students are equipped to embrace opportunities on the world stage.

The support from the Bancroft Fund — established as a nonprofit organization by the estate of Croft Metals founder Joseph C. Bancroft — will span the next five years, with the university matching the gift. The Bancroft Fund agreement also stipulates the prospect of another \$5 million being granted at the end of that period.

This fall, the Croft Institute will enroll its largest cohort to date, with students' average overall ACT increasing to 31.2. Forty-five percent will be Mississippians and 55 percent are from 20 different states, Australia and Japan. Besides the institute's faculty, staff and alumni

being heavily involved in student recruitment, Croft Ambassadors meet with prospective students, give them campus tours and write letters urging them to choose the program.

UM Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter notes how crucial it is to prepare

graduates to understand the relationships between politics, economics and culture at the international level.

"We have an important mission to advance international understanding and appreciation as a key component of our learning environment," Vitter said. "We are deeply grateful for the Bancroft Fund's continued commitment to expanding

exceptional educational opportunities that ultimately have a powerful impact on our state and nation.

"Croft Institute alumni and current students are proving their mettle, making tremendous contributions in an array of fields. This exceptional program has strengthened the global presence and outreach of our university, which, in turn, benefits all of our students."

Kees Gispén, the institute's executive director and a professor emeritus of modern European history, agrees.

"The Croft Institute, together with the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, the Chinese Flagship Program, Lott Leadership Institute

and other strong programs, have served as a catalyst to transform the university's culture, bringing strong, diverse student scholars to our campus," said Gispén, who has led the institute since 2007 and retired this summer.

For more information, visit [www.croft.olemiss.edu](http://www.croft.olemiss.edu)



Croft Institute Executive Director Kees Gispén (third from left) visits with Croft students (from left) James DeMarshall of Mantua, New Jersey; Miller Richmond of Madison, Mississippi; Katherine Livingston of Clarksdale, Mississippi; Henry Stonnington of Perkinston, Mississippi; Erica McGraw of Franklin, Tennessee; and Amber Malone of Madison.

## Family Council Supports Campus Improvements

Four University of Mississippi departments are better equipped to help students stay safe on campus, thanks to the generosity of the Ole Miss Family Leadership Council.

The council this year donated \$45,500 to the following student affairs areas:

- The University Police Department, \$20,762, for portable radios and in-car video systems
- The Office of Conflict Resolution and Student Conduct, \$6,120, for a mock house party designed to teach students how to make responsible choices and for student facilitators' wages
- Student Disability Services, \$5,883, for wheelchair-accessible furniture in four rooms
- Campus Recreation, \$12,735, for Alcohol and Drug Marketing materials, health promotion, and facility support



2016 Family Leadership Council members gather at Memory House.

In 2012, 24 families from eight states founded the Ole Miss Parents Council; the name was changed to the Ole Miss Family Leadership Council in 2014. To be council members, parents of Ole Miss students donate \$2,500 annually and are invited to

meet in the fall and spring semesters to review requests submitted by the Division of Student Affairs and determine which projects to support.

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## Couple Chosen for Inaugural Mullins Scholarship in Education



Andy Mullins (right) greets Derek and Kelly King.

Derek and Kelly King, teachers in the North Panola County School District in Sardis, Mississippi, are the inaugural recipients of the Andrew P. Mullins, Jr. MTC Alumni Scholarship, which supports Mississippi Teacher Corps alumni who want to attend graduate school.

The scholarship is for Teacher Corps alumni with at least three years' of teaching experience in K-12 education and may be awarded twice to individuals. Recipients may pursue an advanced degree in any field on the Oxford campus.

The Kings will each receive \$1,500 per semester toward tuition throughout the next academic year.

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## AT&T Begins Support for Barbour Endowment



Former Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour (left) visits with Mayo Flynt, president of AT&T Mississippi, and UM Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter (right).

With a \$100,000 gift, AT&T became one of the first major corporations to contribute to the Governor Haley Barbour Endowment for the Study of American Politics.

The UM Department of Political Science and the UM Foundation established the endowment to honor Barbour in perpetuity; for recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty; and to ensure quality teaching, research and service. While \$1.5 million is the standard goal to endow a chaired faculty position, the UM Foundation has set a goal of \$2.5 million.

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## Shaping American Politics Initiative to honor Barbour



Former Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, (second from right), receives the 2015 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Mississippi Department of Political Science. Congratulating him are, from left, Lanny Griffith of Washington, D.C., chair of the Ole Miss Political Science Alumni Advisory Board; Lee Cohen, dean of the College of Liberal Arts; and John Bruce, chair of the Department of Political Science.

An initiative is underway to honor two-term Mississippi governor and national political leader Haley Barbour at the University of Mississippi, with a goal of attracting \$1.5 million for a faculty chair in the Department of Political Science.

Initial gifts, already totaling more than \$300,000, are an indication of the interest in building a study reflecting on Barbour's role in shaping American politics over 50 years.

"From his start working in the 1968 presidential election up through his two terms as governor of Mississippi, Gov. Barbour has been an example of what people can do in the political arena," said John Bruce, UM chair of political science. "Whether a student leans to the left or leans to the right, there are lessons to be learned by considering the arc of Gov. Barbour's career."

Plans call for the holder of the Barbour faculty position to study political institutions and processes that characterized Barbour's far-reaching career. Among his achievements are building a state party organization, working in four successful presidential campaigns, serving as the political director in the Reagan White House, chairing the Republican National Committee, leading Mississippi as governor during Hurricane Katrina and building a lobbying firm in Washington, D.C.

Ultimately, the endowed chair will attract a prominent scholar in the study of American politics, as the university remains focused on building faculty support as its student enrollment continues to soar. With the largest enrollment in the state, UM needs to add 215 new faculty members over the next three years.

**MAKE A GIFT:** [www.umfoundation.com/haleybarbour](http://www.umfoundation.com/haleybarbour)



May Davis Owen (left); artist rendering of new terrace at Paris - Yates Chapel.

## Leaving a Legacy of Beauty

When the University of Mississippi seniors of 1928 named May Davis among their top 10 fairest ladies, they likely never imagined that her legacy of beauty would become a fixture to be enjoyed by generations.

In the shade of the bell tower at Paris-Yates Chapel, a bench-lined terrace welcomes anyone seeking a quiet place to think, to pray, to meditate or study. Soon, the area will be enhanced with new brick-work patterns, additional seating, and a tiered fountain that will invite passersby into an ambiance of serenity and grace.

This quiet place, designed for reflection, honors the life of the late Mary Davis Owen of Como, Miss., whose friends called her May and who graduated from the university with a bachelor's degree in 1928. A \$100,000 gift derived from the sale of a 40-acre portion of Mary Owen's Panola

County land will fund the terrace renovation as designated by her son, the now late Penn Owen.

"The gift is really from my mother," said Penn Owen, who passed away recently. "That land had been in her family for 150 years or more. It was significant to me because it came from my mother and she inherited it from her mother. We knew it was valuable and we just held onto it.... It had beautiful cedar trees on it."

But when Owen received an offer on the land in 2015, he discussed it with family members and they decided to sell, agreeing that the income would be spent in a way that would honor his mother.

"The first call I made was to Henry Paris," Owen said. "I've always thought Paris-Yates Chapel is really something special and the Paris family members were my mother's great friends,

going way back to Henry's parents. So I asked Henry if there was something I could do with this money around the chapel."

Paris contacted Ole Miss Chancellor Emeritus Robert Khayat who proposed a beautification of the existing terrace on the grounds of the nondenominational chapel, which is used for various events, including weddings and memorial services on the Oxford campus.

"The fountain terrace will be a beautiful addition to Paris-Yates Chapel. It's an enhancement that we've wanted to bring to fruition for some time now," Khayat said. "The Owens' gift makes it possible and, for that, we are grateful as will be the countless generations of students and others who enjoy this peaceful space."

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## Lott Institute Nurtures Future Leaders



Former U.S. Sen. Trent Lott and his wife, Patricia Lott, both University of Mississippi alumni, recently visited with public policy majors in the Lott Leadership Institute on the Oxford campus. Pictured are the Lott Scholars who each receive \$4,000 per year from the scholarship endowment, which was created to honor the Lotts. Senior scholars receive \$10,000 scholarships each per year.

## Southern Foodways Alliance Nourished by Gifts

While food nourishes the body, art nourishes the soul.

The Southern Foodways Alliance (SFA) at the University of Mississippi expertly blends both into programming, and supporters believe the two will continue to pair well together for years to come.

Impressed by the SFA's use of art to enhance the presentation of Southern food culture, two donors recently committed to major gifts in support of performing and visual arts at the Southern Foodways Alliance's annual symposium.

The 21c Museum Hotel group first participated in the SFA symposium in 2007.

"After a weekend of enlightening discussion, food and drink we left feeling a renewed kinship to the South," said Sarah Robbins, chief hospitality officer. "We've returned each year with our growing family of chefs. We always depart with a full belly and a better understanding of the responsibility and fortune of being a part of the region."

The brainchild of contemporary art collectors and preservationists Laura Lee Brown and Steve Wilson, 21c was founded in Louisville, KY with the mission of making contemporary art accessible to the public. The result was a boutique hotel combined with a contemporary art museum that is open to the public at no charge. The group's gift will



Lyon Hill and Kimi Maeda present Barbecue Puppet Theater at an SFA Symposium.

sustain annual art installations exhibited during the SFA's symposium.

In addition to the annual art installations, the SFA has staged Sunday morning performances at its symposium for the past seven years. From ballet to street theatre, from a puppet show to an oratorio, such performances will now be supported by a major gift to the SFA's performing arts fund.

The additional contribution from a donor

who wishes to remain anonymous will ensure that artists are paid well and programming reaches a larger audience through the restaging and distribution of interpretive materials. Additionally, the funding will drive new creative relationships with artists, amplify existing relationships, and facilitate SFA-led collaborations across disciplines.

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## Generous Gift Adds More Goodness to Gravy

The nation's leading manufacturer of cast iron cookware has committed \$150,000 to the University of Mississippi-based Southern Foodways Alliance, giving the SFA an ingredient that will make its Gravy a little bit richer.

Lodge Manufacturing of South Pittsburg, Tennessee, will donate \$50,000 per year for the next three years in support of the SFA's innovative publication, Gravy — a combined quarterly print and bi-weekly podcast storytelling platform.

"Gravy shares stories of the changing American South through the foods we eat," said SFA Director John T Edge. "Gravy showcases a South that is constantly evolving. These media use food as a means to complicate stereotypes, document new dynamics, and give voice to the often unsung folk who grow, cook, and serve our daily meals."

In May, Gravy was named Publication of the Year by the James Beard Foundation during the foundation's Journalism Awards.

The SFA — a member-supported non-profit institute of the university's Center for the Study of Southern Culture — sponsors



scholarships, mentors students, stages symposia, collects and shares oral histories, and produces and publishes books and films.

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## A Gift for Graduates



Provost Morris Stocks (left) greets Faye and Bob Weatherly at the Patterson School of Accountancy.

Bob and Faye Weatherly know struggle.

During graduate school, Bob juggled his master's-level classes and homework with teaching a sophomore-level accounting class for which he would have to prepare lessons, grade papers, advise students, and write out tests. Meanwhile, to support the family, Faye often worked double shifts — day and night — as an x-ray technician at Oxford's hospital.

"We were busy and stressed and we never really had time for outside activities," Faye recalls.

"We were on a mission when we came here: to get the master's degree," Bob said. "Thank goodness for Faye. She hung in there and got us through."

The struggle was real. But it's not a sob story, say the Weatherlys, who were high school sweethearts and were married after their sophomore year in college. Their story is simply evidence that they can relate to the difficulties many young, married families face in trying to make a better life for themselves.

"We have decided that if there is any help we can give someone who is now in the situation we were in, then that would be meaningful to us," Bob said.

So, with a pledge of \$250,000, the two established the Bobby and Faye Weatherly Accountancy Scholarship Endowment.

Mark Wilder, dean of the Patterson School of Accountancy, said the Weatherlys' investment will be felt for generations to come.

"The Weatherlys' gift truly is a reflection of their desire to help others enjoy greater opportunities through graduate accountancy education," Wilder said. "The Weatherly Scholarship Endowment will help generation upon generation of married students earn master's degrees in the Patterson School. We are so appreciative to Bob and Faye for their generosity."

The Weatherly Scholarship will be awarded to full-time graduate students in the Patterson School of Accountancy's master's degree program with first preference going to married students.

"At the core of our reason for doing this was that I always felt that if we hadn't had financial help from my teaching fellowship and if Faye hadn't shouldered a big part of the financial burden so I could go ahead and get my degree, then we wouldn't have wound up at the same place we are now," said Bob, who worked until he retirement in 2015 for Callon Petroleum Company in Natchez, Mississippi, as the company's chief financial officer and a director.

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## UM Department of Art Receives Largest Private Gift

William Hollingsworth had an innate love for art and a volume of work that belies his brief life.

"Hollingsworth is a fixture in the pantheon of Southern art," said Hunter Cole, author of "William Hollingsworth: An Artist of Joy and Sadness."

Inspired by French impressionist painters Paul Cézanne (1839-1906) and Henri Matisse (1869-1954), many of Hollingsworth's paintings depicted the lives of African-

Americans in Jackson, Mississippi, during segregation. He also painted the Mississippi landscape, sunsets and sunrises and won prizes from the Chicago Arts Club, Southern States Art League and the National Watercolor Society.

"William Hollingsworth just had a capacity to render life in Mississippi — people and places in urban and domestic scenes — with great sensitivity. He also influenced many artists in his day and is still revered among collectors nationwide," said Betsy Bradley, director of the Mississippi Museum of Art.

Tormented by life-long depression, the artist killed himself at 34 before realizing his dream of becoming a recognized original. Upon her own death, his wife, Jane Oakley Hollingsworth, ensured his legacy of talent will continue as generations of UM students receive scholarships bearing his name.

With a \$238,000 bequest from her estate, Jane Hollingsworth established the William Robert Hollingsworth Jr. Art Scholarship Endowment, which will provide financial support to full-time students in the UM Department of Art and Art History. This is the department's largest private gift to date.

"It's rare that specific departments within the College of Liberal Arts receive private support, much less a contribution of this magnitude," said Liberal Arts Dean Lee Cohen. "We believe it will be game changing with respect to our ability to recruit the best and brightest art students. And that's so important to our mission to be a great public university."

Interestingly, an if-then stipulation in Jane Hollingsworth's will might have kept Ole Miss from receiving the endowment at all.

Jane and William Hollingsworth's son, the late Billy Hollingsworth, grew up in Jackson and inherited his parents' talent for art. At 27, he entered Saint Joseph Abbey in Louisiana and became a monk.

In her will, Jane Hollingsworth stated that all trust funds were to be paid to Billy if he ever decided to leave the monastic life. If not, the funds were to be used to establish art scholarships in her husband's name. Billy Hollingsworth remained a monk until his death, leaving the door open for a Mississippi institution of higher learning to become one of the beneficiaries of his mother's estate.

When UM graduate Kathryn Simmons, vice president and trust officer with Trustmark Wealth Management, realized that Jane Hollingsworth's wishes were not specific to one institution, she contacted the university to determine how Ole Miss could benefit from the bequest.

"The art department at Ole Miss seemed most appropriate since William Hollingsworth attended the university and also because Mrs. Hollingsworth specifically wanted to provide scholarships for art students," Simmons said, adding that a portion of the bequest is also shared by the Mississippi Museum of Art, where it is being used to support a fellowship.

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Self-portrait sketch of William Hollingsworth, namesake of an endowment recently awarded to the UM Department of Art.

## UM Croft Institute Awards Scholarships to Exceptional Students

*Incoming, returning students come with impressive pre-college pedigrees*

The Croft Institute for International Studies at the University of Mississippi has awarded full scholarships to 10 exceptional students, eight of whom are members of its largest freshman class ever.

Freshman Croft Scholarship recipients include Caroline Bass of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Jarvis Benson of Grenada; John Chappell of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Wes Colbert of Amory; Jacob Gambrell of Ringgold, Georgia; Zac Herring of Olive Branch; Delaney Holton of Plano, Texas; and Marguerite Marquez of Gulfport. All are also members of the university's Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College.

In addition, sophomores Abby Bruce of Saltillo received the Rose Bui Memorial Scholarship and Alexis Smith of Picayune is the Michael Aune Memorial Scholarship recipient.

As part of the Bui scholarship, Bruce will receive \$8,000 per year for three years. The Michael Aune Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a rising sophomore concentrating on Latin America.

Freshman Croft Scholarship recipients receive \$8,000 per year for four years, a total of \$32,000, which may be combined with other scholarship support. Between 15 and 20 applicants are interviewed annually by a five-member, Croft-affiliated panel. Interviewees are asked the same round of questions that range from current global political issues to students' personal interest in the international studies major. Winners are chosen based upon their answers.

"This cohort is unique in a lot of ways, but the fact that we enrolled our largest Croft cohort to date, as well as increasing our average overall ACT to 30.845, was exciting," said Will Schenck, Croft Institute associate director. "Previously, we have had 60 students, but now we have an incoming class of 71 total students, which is an increase of 18 percent. Also, 55 percent are in-state and 45 percent are from 16 different states."



The 2015-2016 Croft Scholars are (front, from left) Zac Herring, Abby Bruce, Alexis Smith; (middle, from left) Marguerite Marquez, Caroline Bass, Jarvis Benson; (top, from left) Jacob Gambrell, John Chappell and Wes Colbert. Not pictured: Delaney Holton.

All the students selected were extremely involved in several different high school organizations. Each one held at least one type of leadership role in some capacity — whether it was a sports team, an academic club or a school student council.

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## A Shared Affinity

### Reckling scholarships support business, liberal arts students

An affinity for the University of Mississippi can spread through a family, even when some members have other alma maters.

That's the case for Tommy Reckling, a Rice University graduate from Houston, Texas, and his wife, Isla, a University of Texas alumna. Three of their eight children attended Ole Miss. Now they want other students to enjoy the same college experience.

With a \$150,000 gift to Ole Miss, the Recklings worked with the University of Mississippi Foundation to establish the James Sterling Reckling Scholarship Endowment to benefit students in the School of Business Administration and the Thomas Kelly and Michelle Hodges Reckling Scholarship Endowment to help support students in the College of Liberal Arts.

"I hope these will give young people a chance to see what it's like to go to college," Tommy Reckling said. "It's been a long time since we've done anything and we thought it would be a good time to step up to the plate and help out some other people."

A retired stock broker, Reckling and his wife will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary next year. They have raised eight children and have 28 grandchildren.

James Reckling, for whom one of the scholarships is named, is a 1988 UM graduate with a bachelor's degree in business administration. Now, he's head of business development for a Houston-based insurance agency. His daughter, Lauren, attends Ole Miss in the School of Applied Sciences.

"My parents are very giving people and they know how much we enjoyed our time at Ole Miss. They too enjoyed their visits to Ole Miss. I believe they wanted to help other deserving students have a great collegiate experience," said James Reckling, who decided to attend the University of Mississippi after a campus visit. "I'm honored by the naming of this scholarship and it's nice that it will help fund an education for deserving students who may otherwise not be able to attend Ole Miss."

Thomas Reckling studied business at Ole Miss in the late '80s and transferred to the University of St. Thomas in Houston to finish his degree. His wife, Michelle Hodges, received a UM degree in home economics in 1991.



Denson Hollis (center), senior director of development for the UM College of Liberal Arts, congratulates School of Business Dean Ken Cyree (left) and Liberal Arts Dean Lee Cohen.

"We both feel so very honored to have this wonderful scholarship in our name and we were so touched when Thomas' dad called us and asked our thoughts," Michelle Reckling said. "Ole Miss has such a special place in our hearts, and I have loved bringing my family to this incredible campus and showing it off!"

A self-employed investor, Thomas Reckling chose to attend Ole Miss because of James' experience at the university. He and Michelle met on campus, though they were both originally from Houston, and now have six children.

"I believe my dad wanted to establish this scholarship because he also shares amazing memories of coming up to visit us and enjoying all of his time spent on this campus," James Reckling said. "I can't express to you how grateful we feel to be a part of it forever. Ole Miss will always have a special place in all of our hearts, and we can't wait to make more memories there."

In addition to James, Thomas and Michelle, the Recklings' eighth child, John, attended Ole Miss for a semester and then joined the U.S. Marine Corps.

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## In Support of Mentors: Peddle Gift Supports OMWC Scholarships

Marjorie Peddle's daughters describe their mother as a woman of grace whose intense love for the University of Mississippi was matched by her interest in the success of young people.

Peddle, who died in November 2015, left the university \$125,000 to create an endowment that will support scholarships awarded by the Ole Miss Women's Council. Helmed by an accomplished cadre of female leaders and philanthropists, the OMWC both mentors students and provides scholarships.

"I would think, knowing mom had such a big giving heart, that she would just feel blessed by giving to young men and women who will be leaders of the country someday and by knowing she had a part in that," says Ginny Peddle Moss of Germantown, Tennessee.

Laura Peddle Sale of Oxford, Mississippi, says it's fitting that her mother's bequest supports Women's Council scholarships because of the opportunities they will give the recipients — new beginnings similar to

those received by Marge when Frank moved her to Oxford.

"There's sort of a parallel there for these students receiving a scholarship in our mother's name," said Sale, explaining, "Daddy gave Mother the opportunity to come to Oxford and do something with her life other than what might have been."

While not an OMWC member, Marge Peddle was a mentor in her own right. She was an active member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Oxford, an advisor to the Pi Beta Phi sorority at Ole Miss and very involved with the Daughters of the American Revolution.

"She was a great role model to young people in just the way she lived her life," Moss said. "She always cared about seeing young men and women succeed.

What more can you give to somebody than to help them grow and graduate and become leaders? That's a really great thing to give."

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Marge and Frank Peddle

## Game Produces Big Opportunities

Sylvia and Bob Ferguson of Iuka, Mississippi, are using Bingo to help people earn college degrees. To date, proceeds from the numbers game have provided \$1.6 million for scholarships awarded to UM students.

The Fergusons point out that they didn't choose Bingo; Bingo chose them.

Iuka has two state-regulated Bingo halls, and its northeast Mississippi location attracts regular players from a three-state area. With the facilities owned elsewhere, Iuka residents watched as earnings left their community for years. Urged by their neighbors, the Fergusons bought one of the halls.

"We thought about it and prayed about it, and we could definitely see a tremendous need for the profits to expand educational opportunities," said Bob Ferguson, a retired school superintendent. "I personally had to have a lot of help to attend college, so I am so happy to have this opportunity to give back."

With more than 2,600 scholarships funded, the Fergusons' Tri State Educational Foundation is making its mark at Ole Miss and many schools. To apply, applicants must be residents in one of seven



Sylvia and Bob Ferguson

Mississippi counties, five Alabama counties, or six Tennessee counties covered by the foundation.

The Fergusons' Foundation also recently created the James Robert Haines Memorial

Scholarship in the UM School of Pharmacy.

For more information on establishing UM scholarships, contact the Office of University Development at (662) 915-3937.

## Serving Students with Disabilities

Tana Graham believes the more successful students are in their college studies the more successful they can be in their professional careers. That's one thought behind her new gift to support the UM Office of Student Disability Services (SDS).

The Oxford, Mississippi, resident also hopes the gift helps erase the stigma that may exist regarding student disabilities as well as recognizes the impact SDS had in her children's lives when they were Ole Miss students.

The Graham-Person Endowment is the first established through the UM Foundation to provide support to SDS. The gift memorializes Graham's father-in-law and parents, and honors her mother-in-law and the families of her son and daughter.

The Graham-Person Endowment is designated for awareness, mentoring, orientation, campus programming and funding needs that arise with SDS. Seventy percent of the endowment is directed to SDS, while the other 30 percent of the gift will support Ole Miss tennis.

Among students who are served by SDS are those with learning disabilities, ADD/ADHA, mobility limitations or other physical limitations,



Tana Graham (left) has paid tribute to family members, including son O'Keefe Graham and sister-in-law Jane Kerr Nance with a new endowment for Student Disability Services and Ole Miss Tennis at the University of Mississippi.

who are blind, low vision, deaf or hard of hearing, or who have psychological or neurological conditions, and/or chronic illnesses.

"There are so many avenues for help and assistance through the Student Disability Services," said Graham, who earned an

undergraduate degree in elementary education from Ole Miss. "Private support given to Student Disability Services can make a tremendous difference in the lives of students."

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The university's master plan is currently undergoing its five-year update. If adopted by the administration, campus improvements could include the addition of five new green spaces; eight bike lanes; three multi-use pathways; the upward expansion of many existing facilities; three four-level parking garages, containing a total of 2,822 spaces; and 27 proposed development sites that include two new residence halls.

Interestingly, the plan also divides the campus into eight districts organized by function or purpose as follows: academic core (central campus), residential, mixed use, athletics, recreation, cultural gateway, preserve area, and research and facilities support.

Current projects include renovations and/or additions to the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College; the Ole Miss Student Union; the Manning Center; Vaught-Hemingway Stadium's turf and end zones; the Gillom Women's Sports Center; the track facility; the University Avenue bridge and more.

Future projects include the construction of a 207,000-square-foot building dedicated to science, technology, engineering and math as well as a new recreation facility and transportation hub. Longer-term plans include renovations to Oxford-University Stadium (Swayze Field); several residence halls, Johnson Commons and the Lyceum.

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