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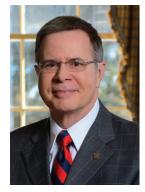
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Message from the Chancellor



UM Chancellor Jeffrey S. Vitter

Thank you for all you're doing as we live out our flagship mission at the University of Mississippi: to transform lives, communities, and the world! Your extraordinary gifts enable life-changing educational opportunities for our students and elevate us among the nation's best universities.

Now is truly an outstanding time in the life of our beloved flagship university — we're Mississippi's oldest public university, we're the 10th fastest growing public doctoral institution in the country over the last 10 years, and our stellar enterprise in research and innova-

tion is thriving. We're recognized for how we support our students, including student-athletes, transfer students, and military students. We're regularly

ranked among the nation's most beautiful and safest college campuses. We're improving healthcare with the new School of Medicine building and the coming expansion of Batson Children's Hospital. And as of this past June 30, we've raised over \$100 million for seven years in a row.

We're committed to build upon these accolades and move our flagship forward to even greater heights of excellence. I encourage you to read our new strategic plan, appropriately named Flagship Forward. It illustrates how it's in our DNA to inspire, discover, and transform. It outlines how we'll forge our future based upon the pillars of academic excellence, building healthy and vibrant communities, athletics excellence, and the key enablers of people, places, and resources.

I look forward to seeing you at university events throughout the year and sharing more about our tremendous accomplishments, aspirational goals, and university-wide transformative initiatives. Thank you for all you do!

Message from the Foundation Board Chair



Foundation Board Chair Joc Carpenter

Thanks to generous private giving, the UM Foundation endowment has reached an all-time high of \$715 million and is well on its way to achieving our longtime goal of \$1 billion in permanently endowed funds, which will provide a steady stream of income to advance our university's mission. With a second consecutive year of double-digit endowment returns, we remain confident our goal is certainly attainable in the near future.

The UM Foundation has strengthened its partnership with the Office of Development to help build a culture of philanthropy utilizing the strengths of each staff member. We recently completed the first phase of additional office space, which will house over 25 new Development positions. Special thanks to our board members and the Joint Committee on University Investments for their leadership, wisdom, and dedication to recognizing the university's crucial need to expand fundraising efforts.

With my term as board chair coming to an end this fall, I feel confident in knowing my successor, Suzan Thames, and all of the loyal and dedicated board members will continue with a strong sense of purpose in further defining the "flagship difference," propelling philanthropic efforts forward on the Oxford, Jackson, and regional campuses.

We are truly grateful to you, our alumni and friends, for continuing to create opportunities and improving lives through your generous private support.



Snapshots of the Year in Review -











KPMG GIFT CREATES ACCOUNTANCY CHAIR Financial Services Company Supports UM with \$1.5M Gift

A \$1.5 million gift and two new master's degree programs are expected to increase both the prestige and enrollment of the highly ranked University of Mississippi's Patterson School of Accountancy by appealing to top students interested in a master's degree incorporating an emphasis in data analytics to their traditional course of study.

Scholarships for the new programs - the Master of Accountancy and Data Analytics and the Master of Taxation and Data Analytics - are being funded by Big Four audit, tax and advisory firm KPMG LLP as well as its Ole Miss alumni partners and professionals.

In 2016, KPMG collaborated with Ohio State University and Villanova University to launch the scholarship program. A year later, KPMG added seven more schools, including Ole Miss.

"We firmly believe that in this era of technology disruption that a core competency of students who come to the accounting profession are going to need a deep skill set in data analytics and other types of cognitive technologies in addition to their technical training in accounting and tax," said Chuck Walker of Nashville, Tennessee, who leads KPMG's asset management practice out of its New York office and is an Ole Miss alumnus.

Walker graduated from Ole Miss in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in business administration with an accounting major.

"One of the things we are particularly proud of is, due to this unique program, the number of world-class students who will now attend the Patterson School from all across the country" he continued.

Data analytics is changing the way that the public accounting profession provides services. Beyond a deep knowledge of accounting, professionals often need to have data analytics expertise and possess the analytical skills and critical thinking to improve procedures and deliver insights that are expected in the data age.

"With the momentum created with the establishment of the dualdegree programs, the KPMG Ole Miss alumni partners and professionals in conjunction with the KPMG Foundation are pleased to endow this KPMG Chair of Accountancy and Data Analytics to provide faculty support to the Patterson School," Walker said.

Dean Mark Wilder is grateful for KPMG's confidence in, and generous support of, the Patterson School.

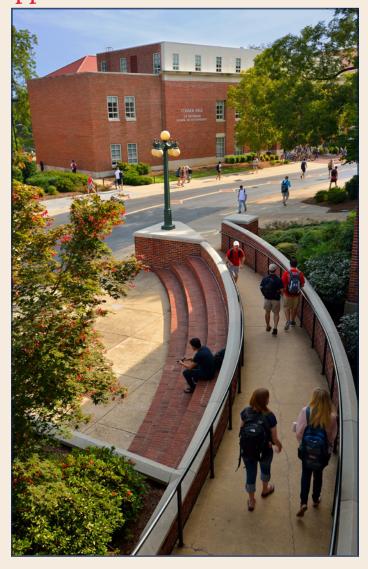
"We appreciate so much all that KPMG is doing for our faculty, students, and program. The Patterson School has enjoyed a tremendous partnership with the firm for many years, and KPMG has made, and continues to make, a profound impact on our program," Wilder said.

"The establishment of a second \$1.5M endowed faculty chair at Ole Miss, the KPMG Chair of Accountancy and Data Analytics, will have a lasting impact on our faculty and the education of our students. We are

"One of the things we are proud of is, due to this unique program, the number of world-class students who will now attend the Patterson School from all across the country."

so grateful to our KPMG alumni and friends, and the KPMG Foundation, for their confidence in our program and for their amazing support" Wilder continued. "In addition, our partnership with KPMG in delivering graduate education in accounting/tax and data analytics will provide outstanding benefits to our program and students. It is a high privilege to work with KPMG to provide innovative graduate programs to help develop future accounting and tax professionals for the data age."

According to the 2017 annual national rankings of accounting programs published by the Public Accounting Report, UM undergraduate, master's and doctoral programs are all ranked No. 8 in the country. The



master's program leads the Southeastern Conference in the rankings and the undergraduate program is second in the SEC. One or more Ole Miss accountancy programs have led the SEC in the rankings in each of the past seven years.

On multiple occasions in the past five years, KPMG has hired more interns nationally from Ole Miss than from any other university in the nation. As such, KPMG has a vested interest in continuing its partnership with Ole Miss in delivering graduate education in data analytics.

'It's good for us and it's good for the university," Walker said. "The value Ole Miss dual-degree graduates will have in the marketplace is much greater than someone who just has a master of accountancy or master of tax degree.

"Our KPMG Ole Miss alumni partners and professionals have a strong desire to give back to the Patterson School so it can continue to be a leader among accounting programs in the US," he continued. "We believe the combination of KPMG's sponsorship of this unique dual degree program and the establishment of this endowed chair by our alumni will continue to strengthen Ole Miss and its commitment to the accounting profession."

In 2014, with a \$1.5 million gift, KPMG's Ole Miss alumni partners and professionals in connection with the KPMG Foundation established the KPMG Chair of Accountancy, a position Wilder holds today.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED Gift Supports SFA, Honors Longtime Director

The University of Mississippi has matched a recent \$1 million pledge from restaurateur Nick Pihakis to the Southern Foodways Alliance (SFA) as a way to demonstrate their mutual appreciation of SFA work and specifically the leadership of longtime director John T Edge.

Pihakis, cofounder of Jim 'n Nick's Bar-B-Q and principal in the Pihakis Investment Group, has been a staunch and generous supporter of the SFA for the past 13 years, believing — like the SFA — that community is built as people cook and share meals together. The SFA has mentored and educated countless students, staged dozens of symposia, published award-winning podcast episodes and journal issues, collected more than 900 oral histories, and produced more than 100 documentary films.

"I wanted the University of

Mississippi to recognize John T's significant work throughout his tenure at the SFA, but I also hope my gift will provide income for the recruitment and retention of outstanding leadership going forward and ensure that quality teaching, research and service will be available for future generations of Southern Studies students," Pihakis said.

The Birmingham, Alabama, native said his gift honors Edge's upcoming 20-year anniversary as director. It also establishes the John T Edge Director of the Southern Foodways Alliance Endowment, which, when vested, will stand at \$2.5 million. The equivalent of \$2 million is already in hand; \$500,000 remains to be raised.

"We happily accept this funding opportunity and greatly appreciate Nick's generous gift, his commitment to the SFA and his continued support," Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter said. "John T and the SFA have worked tirelessly through the years, building a program through the study of food that has made a deeply transformative impact within the UM academic community and within the lives of our students, alumni and friends."

The SFA operates on a \$1.4 million annual budget that will likely reach \$1.8 million in three years, and the major part of the budget is contributed by private donors like Pihakis, a two-time James Beard Award semi-finalist and an entrepreneur who has helped grow the careers of chefs and restaurateurs from Birmingham to New Orleans to Charleston, South Carolina, and throughout the South.

To date, the SFA has endowed two positions that contribute directly

to UM students. The SFA raised the majority of endowment funds for the academic position held by Catarina Passidomo, assistant professor of Southern Studies and Anthropology. Additionally, the SFA attracted all the outside funds (\$1 million from Pihakis) for the filmmaker and

documentary instructor position now held by Ava Lowrey.

Edge earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Southern Studies from Ole Miss in 1996 and 2002 respectively. During his tenure as SFA director, Edge has also served as a contributing editor at Garden & Gun and a columnist for the Oxford American. For three years he wrote the monthly "United Tastes" column for the New York Times. In 2017, Penguin published his latest book, "The Potlikker Papers: A Food



John T. Edge (center) is joined by, from left, Nikki Neely, Sharon Vitter, Nick Pihakis and UM Chancellor Jeff Vitter.

History of the Modern South."

Edge said he is deeply honored by his friend's gift and believes it will help support the future of the organization.

"Until now, the SFA has not raised money to endow a position that directly funds our work and positively impacts our budgets. That was purposeful. We believed it was important that we contribute, first, to the study of food culture on the University of Mississippi campus," said Edge, who had made a career documenting, studying and exploring the diverse food cultures of the American South. "Now that the SFA has made those investments in the academic community and in University of Mississippi students, we turn our attention to SFA leadership."

The endowment ensures that, in the future, when Edge retires or takes a teaching role, the SFA's fully-funded leadership position will be called the John T Edge Director of the Southern Foodways Alliance. If the position vests before Edge retires or takes a teaching role, the endowment will support the salary of the SFA director position now occupied by Edge.

"The impact of this generous gift is significant and important," notes Dean Lee Cohen. "Endowed positions such as this one are critical as we advance as an R1 institution. Specifically, these positions help us attract the strongest possible people to our university and directly contribute to or support the scholarship and teaching of our faculty."

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Jones Creates Scholarships in Wife's Memory



Ann Jones

On the first day of every month for 46 years, Ann McCully Jones and her husband, Frank, repeated their wedding vows. After he lost his partner in life, Jones carried out what the couple had spoken of many times: funding University of Mississippi scholarships.

Jones of Richton, Mississippi, has established the Margaret Ann McCully Payne Jones Memorial Scholarship Endowment with a gift of \$800,000 for School of Business Administration students. First preference for the need-based scholarships will be given to freshman students from the Christian-based French Camp Academy, Baptist Children's Village or Palmer Home for Children.

"Ann was always looking for ways to help individuals who were having difficult times because she experienced a host of life's trials herself," Jones said. "Ann and I had talked many times of helping those needing the most hope. We hoped and prayed that these future recipients would be successful in their chosen endeavors and, as their lives unfolded, they would be able to pass on help to other young men and women. Our desire was that each person helped would in turn help others to reach their destiny. It is our intent that they join us

in caring and carrying forward a legacy of helping others."

Henry Jones of Brandon, Mississippi, the oldest of the couple's three sons, said anyone who knew his mother, who died in August 2017, recognized her priorities. "She loved God, her family and Ole Miss, and she was very happy when any two of those loves could be found together."

Ann and Frank Jones were not Ole Miss students at the same time. Frank graduated in 1959 with a degree in chemistry and biology. Ann pursued a major in business education, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 1965 and as a Taylor medalist and Phi Kappa Phi member, while being involved in Mortar Board, academic honoraries and the Delta Gamma sorority.

"Ann was blessed with great intelligence and typing speed," her husband said. "The business world offered an opportunity for her to earn a much better salary than teaching, which was her mother's profession. She loved traveling with IBM, which was a good company to work for."

McCully left IBM and returned to Mississippi to plan her wedding. Later, she helped her husband with his Standard Oil agency and Chevron jobbing businesses, before the couple, upon the retirement of Frank's father, joined the family business, Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Their sons — Henry, John and Walt — all earned their first degrees at Ole Miss and were Sigma Chi members like their father.

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Endowed Fund Pays Tribute to 50-Year Career

Business visionary Thomas W. Colbert's legacy began as Mississippi's youngest bank CEO in 1968 and led to his founding the state's first-ever bank holding company in 1977. And he keeps leading, now as senior chairman of the board for Community Bancshares of Mississippi Inc.

To mark Colbert's golden anniversary in banking, Community Bank has expanded his legacy with a gift of \$340,000 to the School of Business Administration. New initiatives at his alma mater bearing his name will provide educational opportunities for emerging young entrepreneurs and business students.

"We are so honored to make this contribution to pay tribute to our visionary leader," said Charles W. Nicholson Jr., president and CEO of Community Bank.

Colbert responded to the gift by sharing his family's longtime relationship with UM.

"Our roots go deep at the University of Mississippi and we're just delighted by this gift. I really cannot have asked for a higher honor



Celebrating Thomas Colbert's 50 years of leadership in the banking industry were, from left, Sharon Vitter, University of Mississippi Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter, Colbert, Community Bank's Chairman of the Board Freddie J. Bagley and President/CEO Charles W. Nicholson, Jr.

than this being bestowed on me."

The Thomas W. Colbert Lectureship in Venture Capital and Entrepreneurial Finance Endowment will provide funds to recruit and retain faculty members to the business school's Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Annual income from the endowment can be used for salary supplements, research and creative activity support, and more.

The Thomas W. Colbert-Community Bank Innovation Award Fund will underwrite an annual \$5,000 prize to a student entrepreneur venture team for an outstanding venture driven by innovation in a product, process or service through the application or development of a technological change.

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A Vision for Education



Hazel Brister O'Flaherty

A recent \$300,000 gift from the estate of Hazel Brister O'Flaherty will establish a scholarship to provide financial assistance to nursing students.

"Aunt Hazel knew the value of a good education. When she was a nursing instructor at Contra Costa College in California, she ensured all the nurses who passed through her care were ready to take up their task," said Susan Brister Morrison, of Fairview, Tennessee. "She knew what would be required of her students and she made sure they were prepared for it — whether they liked it or not."

Morrison said her aunt, a native of Lincoln County, Mississippi, designated Ole Miss in her will because "it's a great public university in her home state that produces some of the best nurses in the country."

The Hazel Brister O'Flaherty Scholarship Endowment in Nursing will be awarded to full-time students enrolled in the UM Bachelor of Science nursing program who had a high school GPA of at least 3.5. First preference will be given to students from Lincoln County.

"Aunt Hazel pushed herself to be the best she could be, and she pushed her students as well," Morrison said. "She was a strong, fierce woman who did what she could to make the world better."

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Phil Hardin Foundation Expands Educational Opportunities at Law School



The Phil Hardin Foundation of Meridian presented a \$250,000 gift to the University of Mississippi School of Law in memory of the foundation's longtime board member and treasurer, the late Stephen Moore. The gift at Moore's alma mater will support the school's innovative Business Law Institute. Members of the Moore family were honored on the Oxford campus, including, front row from left, daughter Alison Moore Abney of Madison, widow Joan Moore of Meridian, daughter Melissa Moore Blackburn of Vicksburg and Hardin Foundation board president Robert Ward; back row, foundation board member Kacey Bailey, interim dean of law Debbie Bell, and foundation executive director Lloyd Gray. The foundation's longtime support of UM initiatives totals more than \$3.4 million.

The late Stephen Moore of Meridian, Mississippi, was the epitome of a lifelong learner, always with a book in his hand. That, and his deep commitment to education, are reasons the Phil Hardin Foundation is honoring its board member and treasurer with a gift in his memory to the School of Law.

The Hardin Foundation's gift of \$250,000 will support the Business Law Institute at the school, where Moore earned a Juris Doctor in 1971 and was active on the Mississippi Law Journal staff. The businessman's name will always be linked with education.

"The reason Steve was elected to the Hardin Foundation board was because of his care and concern for education," said Robert Ward, board chair of the foundation, also of Meridian. "This gift was made to order for his interests – perfect for what we wanted to achieve in his memory."

Dedicated to improving educational opportunities for Mississippians, the Hardin Foundation's goal for the gift is to pay tribute to Moore's almost 30-year service. This plan was put in motion weeks before his death in August 2016, when Moore was briefed on the foundation's intentions and asked where he would want the gift directed, said Ward, who described his longtime friend as a man of "quiet dignity" who was respected by many.

"Steve and his wife, Joan, had a very meaningful experience while on the Oxford campus for Steve's law school years, and they came to love Ole Miss more and more through the lives of their daughters and sons-in-laws who all graduated from there," Ward said. "The Moores became immersed in the university community and their enjoyment of the culture increased with each passing year."

Moore, a community leader, also was a former board member for the Meridian Public Schools, where he and Ward co-chaired a bond issue campaign in the early 1980s that resulted in \$4 million for repairs and renovations for the schools.

"Steve would have been very pleased," said his widow, Joan Moore, of the foundation's gift to the law school. "He never planned to practice law but used his legal knowledge as a trust officer in the banking field and later as a financial planner. Steve always said that law school teaches people how to be critical thinkers."

The foundation's support will strengthen the Business Law Institute, an innovative program that places the faculty's top business law experts in office space shared with students. The close proximity of faculty and students facilitates continuous access, collaboration and engagement, an educational model that maximizes active learning.

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UM Chi Omega Chapter Gift to Benefit Women's Health

Fellow students' health and well-being have captured the attention of the University's Chi Omega sorority chapter, which has committed \$250,000 to establish a women's health initiative extending the services of the campus Student Health Center.

"Our chapter is thrilled about our new philanthropy endeavor," said Tracy Buchanan of Oxford, the Tau Chapter philanthropy adviser. "When we discussed it at a chapter meeting, the vote was unanimous to proceed.

"There was even one member who cried because she was so excited about us taking the stand for women's health."

Enrollment on the Ole Miss campus has grown by 62 percent over the past decade, increasing the need for expanded student services of all types.

UM Vice Chancellor of Development Charlotte Parks praised the chapter for making the first major private gift directed to the Student Health Center.

"Chi Omega members have shown exceptional leadership by recognizing a need within our campus community and committing to be part of the solution," the vice chancellor said. "We want our students to embrace a spirit of service and philanthropy as an important part of their lives. The Chi Omega gift will greatly enhance health options for young women.

"In choosing to supporting a women's health initiative as well as the university's new William Magee Center for Wellness Education, the chapter has put its tangible imprint on the Oxford campus and our students' health and well-being. Chi Omega has set an inspiring example for all of us."

Chapter president Anne Watkins Tyson of Columbia, South Carolina, said members are eager to see their private support begin to help fellow students.



The Tau Chapter of Chi Omega has committed a major gift to the University of Mississippi Student Health Center to establish a women's health initiative. Some of the members gathered to mark the creation of extended health services for their fellow students.

"When the idea of making a commitment for a women's health initiative came about, all the members of Chi Omega were really excited and supportive," Tyson said. "I think their interest in this project came from the fact that it will benefit women's health across our campus. We are thankful that we get to play a little part in such a positive addition to our community.

"Sometimes donations are made and you never see where it goes, but with this project, we will be able to see long-term results. We will witness Ole Miss changed for the better for our daughters, friends, sisters, granddaughters and so on."

With the growing enrollment, the university's Student Health Center records almost 22,000 patient visits each year. Physicians, nurses and other staff provide acute care, diagnostic services and physical therapy for students.

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Moore Scholarship to Support Community College Students Enrolling at UM



Guy and Lucy Moore enjoy spending time at their beachfront home in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Students transferring into the Patterson School of Accountancy may want to take advantage of a new scholarship created by Guy and Lucy Moore.

With their recent \$125,000 gift, the Pascagoula, Mississippi, couple established an endowment that will provide tuition support first to transfer students from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Second priority will be given to students transferring into the Patterson School from any of the state's community colleges.

Additionally, the Moores recently included the university in their estate plans, naming UM a beneficiary of two trusts that will support all of the Moores' existing endowments.

"In appreciation of how I was able to attend a community college and transfer to Ole Miss, which made it financially viable for me to attend and graduate from the university, we wanted to help students in similar circumstances," said Guy Moore, who graduated in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in accountancy.

"We hope that the endowed scholarship will contribute to those students graduating from the Patterson School of Accountancy and going on to successful careers in whatever form they may choose."

Moore retired from Deloitte LLP and Deloitte & Touche LLP in 2012 after 40 years, including 30 as an active partner.

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Memorial Endowment to Provide Scholarships to Pharmacy Students



John McKinney (second from left) and Pharmacy Dean David D. Allen hold a plaque commemorating the Wendy and John McKinney Model Pharmacy located in Faser Hall. McKinney's sons are (from left) Chris, Alex and John.

Wendy and John McKinney

Karen Redmond is seated on a swivel stool at the soda-fountain counter of Burnham Drugs in Moss Point, Mississippi, enjoying a plate lunch and a chocolate shake. The local woman and her husband, David, are regular customers of this timeless place.

With cozy red-vinyl booths, a checkered floor, Coke floats made with hand-dipped ice cream and servers who've never met a stranger, it could just as easily be 1950 as 2018.

"I love the hamburgers and my

husband loves the ham sandwiches," Redmond says. "I don't know what it is that makes them so good."

A cook says in passing, "It's the love we put in them."

The cook is Deenora Payton of Moss Point. After 19 years at Burnham, she's a supervisor and she knows most everyone she serves. As if on cue, she exclaims, "Hi Bridgette!" to a woman who just entered the store.

"I automatically know what they want," Payton says, smiling. Just like she always knew that Wendy McKinney would want an unsweet tea with "pink sugar" (Sweet 'n Low) and lemons and sometimes a BLT.

McKinney, who had owned Burnham Drugs with her husband, John, for the past 25 years, died in May 2017, just five weeks after being diagnosed with an aggressive form of lung cancer. In her honor, her husband established the Wendy McKinney Pharmacy Scholarship Endowment with a \$100,000 personal gift to the University of Mississippi along with memorials contributed by many of their friends. The McKinney Scholarship will be available to eligible full-time pharmacy

students with first preference given to Mississippi residents.

"She would be humbled by this gift and she would like the fact that it's going to help students in need," said John McKinney, a 1986 School of Pharmacy graduate. "But she would want it to be in someone else's name because Wendy loved helping people anonymously; she did not want to be put in the limelight. She would help others without expecting anything in return.

"At a meeting at Ole Miss one day, Dr. Marvin Wilson (professor emeritus of pharmacology) was talking about a student who had to drop out of school because she was struggling financially. Wendy wrote a check on the spot to cover that student's finances and her only criteria was that he couldn't tell her where it came from. Wendy just loved to do things for other people. She was a very caring, giving person."

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The University's Buddy: Shaw's Gift to Assist Entering Freshmen

All his life, Buddy Shaw has been a giver. He has given of his time, his possessions, his money and his talents. His giving spirit even extended to being a match-maker for his college roommate.

"Buddy Shaw is responsible for the wonderful life I've had," said Betty Dunn of Nashville, Tennessee. "I met Buddy the first day I was on campus. I walked to the dormitory on move-in day and he was there meeting all the girls. He said, 'Betty, you sure are cute but I've already got a girl, so I want you to meet my roommate. I think you all are made for each other."

One blind date later and the then Betty Prichard had met the man of her dreams, Winfield Dunn, to whom she's been married for 66 years.

"So how about that? Do I owe my life to Buddy or not?!" Betty Dunn exclaimed. "It's been fantastic!"



As Ole Miss yearbook editor, Buddy Shaw (left) and Jimmy Parkin, yearbook business manager, review the layout for the 1950 edition.

Shaw hopes his recent gift to establish a scholarship at Ole Miss will similarly create fantastic lives for generations of UM students. The Norman E. Shaw Scholarship Endowment is available to full-time entering freshmen from Mississippi, selected on the combination of high merit and financial need.

"I hope it will give people who really want to go to college and are bright students the chance to have a good education like Ole Miss gave me," said Shaw, a 1950 UM graduate from Jackson, Mississippi, who has lived in Corsicana, Texas, since 1968.

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Planned Gift to Award Math, Science Departments Over \$2M

Having served as a university president among other high-level positions in the state of Oklahoma, University of Mississippi alumnus Ken Lackey of Tulsa knows first-hand the importance of private support to public institutions of higher learning.

"I'm at a point in my life where I needed to make decisions about my estate, so after a thorough review of my plan and provisions for my wife and daughter, I thought of Ole Miss," said Lackey, who

with his wife, Carol, recently designated UM as the beneficiary of a planned gift estimated at more than \$2 million. The gift will support the departments of mathematics and science within the College of Liberal Arts.

"Science and mathematics have played an important role in my life, and today science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) are both the current underpinning and future of our society," said Lackey, who earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Ole Miss in 1965 followed by a master's degree in business administration from the University of Texas in Austin.

"Ole Miss is lucky to have a chancellor who is grounded in and committed to STEM. I wanted to make a commitment which would place my goals in parallel with his vision for the university," he continued.

Ole Miss Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter says the feeling is mutual: "We are fortunate to have esteemed alumni like Ken Lackey who know how private support strengthens our academic programs as well as our standing among our peer institutions nationwide. We greatly appreciate the Lackeys' passion in designating this generous gift to our great university."

The Lackeys hope their gift will encourage more individuals to select Ole Miss for the quality of STEM offerings.

"A gift of this magnitude will help transform our math and science departments by making them more competitive. Specifically, we will be able to better attract outstanding faculty members. Growing the strength of our faculty will help both our research and teaching missions," College of Liberal Arts Dean Lee



Ken and Carol Lackey at home with Hunter

Cohen said. "We are extremely grateful to Ken and Carol for their generosity and support."

A Jackson, Mississippi, native, Lackey enrolled at Ole Miss in 1962 and moved into Barr Hall (B).

"Barr B was a subculture within the university and we had lots of fun. Even though I joined a fraternity, some of my best personal relationships were made at Barr B," said Lackey, whose dorm buddies include Netscape founder Jim Barksdale of Jackson and Palm Beach, Florida, attorney John Gary.

At Ole Miss, Lackey received a U.S. Army commission through the Ole Miss ROTC and, after graduate school, served two years on active duty from 1967 to 1969. For his service, the first lieutenant was awarded the Army Commendation Medal.

Now, Lackey is chairman of the board and the former CEO and president of the Tulsabased NORDAM Group, which provides a range of aerospace components, manufacturing and repair services for private, commercial and military aircraft.

Previously, Lackey served as president of the University of Oklahoma in Tulsa and senior vice president of the OU System from 1999 to 2001. He was a member of Gov. Frank Keating's administration, serving as his chief of staff from 1997 to 1999. From 1995 to 1997, he served as the Oklahoma Cabinet Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Before his service in state government, Lackey held the position of president of Flint Industries, a privately-owned, international company with interests in oil and gas services, manufacturing and commercial construction. Earlier, he held management positions with Skelly Oil (NYSE) and Kin-Ark Corp. (ASE). He continues to serve on a number of business and community boards in Tulsa.

Carol Lackey, a native of Columbus, Nebraska, graduated from the University of Nebraska and has enjoyed a successful computer career, working for Apple and subsequently Sun Microsystems.

In their spare time, the couple enjoys easy weekends at their lake home in northeastern Oklahoma as well as traveling extensively. A fifth trip to Africa is next on the calendar.

Planned gifts award donors membership in the 1848 Society, named for the year the university welcomed its first students. The society recognizes those who thoughtfully provide for the university through bequests and deferred gifts.

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STRENGTHENING HEALTHCARE Major Gifts to Support Pharmacy Scholars, Manning Fund

A mortar and pestle; a balance; a graduated cylinder; species jars; faience or majolica drug jars; eye-wash cups; Bowls of Hygeia fashioned into ornate candelabra; pill bottles labeled opium, poison and heroin; and various show globes that once contained elixirs, tonics, powders and other medicines.

These pharmaceutical artifacts line the shelves at the entrance to Pharmacy Dean David Allen's office. They were a gift from alumnus Anthony S. Vazzana of Leland, Mississippi, and are now on permanent display as treasures of an era past.

Meanwhile, an additional gift points to the future: Vazzana has recently designated to the university two Charitable Remainder Annuity Trusts. Given by Vazzana as a memorial in honor of his parents, Sam and Mary G. Vazzana, the gifts will provide scholarships for pharmacy students and support the Manning Family Fund for a Healthier Mississippi at the University of Mississippi Medical Center — a fund that underwrites disease treatment and prevention in the areas of childhood obesity, caregiver training, African-American men's health and Alzheimer's and other dementias.

Vazzana was unavailable for comment, but his cousin Gayton C. Cascio of Greenville, Mississippi, said, "He wants to help prepare students for the field of pharmacy. That was always the love of his life — pharmacy and the study of pharmaceutical chemistry. He really wants to see future generations benefit from his generosity."

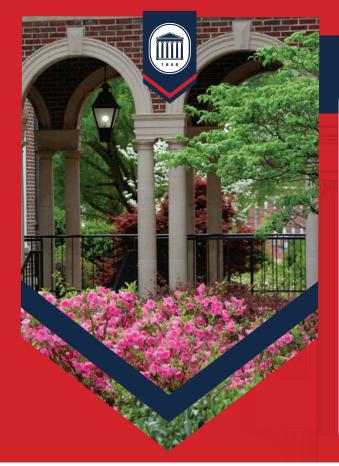
Vazzana received a bachelor's degree in pharmaceutical chemistry



Anthony S. Vazzana (seated) enjoys a recent visit with (from left) David Allen, dean of the UM School of Pharmacy; Port Kaigler, development director for the School of Pharmacy; and his cousins Gayton C. Cascio and Michael Casavechia.

from Ole Miss in 1956 and soon after had an opportunity to buy into Turner's Pharmacy, the largest drugstore by volume in Greenville, where he worked until his retirement in 1982. He also served as a pharmacist in the U.S. Air Force Reserve at the Greenville Air Force Base and was briefly stationed in Colorado.

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> — Sandra Guest, vice president of the UM Foundation

BAND AID Gift to Support Band Recruitment



UM College of Liberal Arts Dean Lee Cohen (left) and Ole Miss band director David Willson (right) thank Ed Pegues for his recent major gift in support of band scholarships. Pegues' gift was announced at the spring concert of the Ole Miss Wind Ensemble in May.

Recruitment efforts for the "Pride of the South" gained support with a major gift for band scholarships.

Former Ole Miss drum major Ed Pegues of Tupelo, Mississippi, designated UM as the beneficiary of a planned gift that will establish the William E. Pegues III University Band Programs Endowment.

"We greatly appreciate Ed's generous gift, which will impact the lives of our student musicians for generations to come while also enabling us to make significant improvements to our program," said Ole Miss band director David Willson.

Pegues, who earned a bachelor's degree in music education in 1977 and a master's degree in 1983, said he hopes his gift will give the university an edge over other Southeastern Conference schools that are able to recruit band members easier due to their proximity to larger metropolitan areas.

"Unfortunately, Ole Miss is located in a less populated area with fewer band students to recruit," Pegues said. "It is my hope that my gift will allow Ole Miss to offer larger scholarships and recruit more talented band students from a wider area and increase both talent and numbers to match or surpass the other SEC school bands."

Pegues started playing clarinet in sixth grade band. As his love for band grew stronger, his talent increased, allowing him to be named to the Mississippi Lions All-State Band for three consecutive years in high school. He then auditioned for and won a full-tuition band scholarship to Ole Miss.

"I was the first in my family to enroll at Ole Miss. My three younger siblings followed me to Ole Miss, as well as three of my nieces," Pegues said, adding that his fondest college memories include his semester as drum major in 1976 and playing in the University Orchestra, "especially my experience playing in the orchestra for Ole Miss production of the musical 'Fiddler on the Roof' and in the orchestra for the performance of Mozart's opera 'The Marriage of Figaro.'"

After college, Pegues worked as high school band director for four years in Carthage, Mississippi, before returning to Ole Miss in 1981 to work on his master's degree. He then taught high school band in Philadelphia, Mississippi, until 1986 when he returned to Tupelo and joined his family's funeral business. He and his brother, Greg, became the fourth generation to lead W. E. Pegues Funeral Directors, founded by their great-grandfather, Walter E. Pegues, in 1891.

"When I left band directing in 1986, my enjoyment for playing ended but my love for listening to a good band never diminished. To this day, I continue to buy season tickets to Ole Miss football games just to see and hear the Pride of the South perform every fall," said Pegues, adding that he also tries to attend the Ole Miss Wind Ensemble's spring concerts.

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A Tribute with a Twist

Discovering that a friend has purchased an insurance policy on your life would, for many people, be unsettling.

"I am watching my back a little more carefully now," said Andre Liebenberg, playing along with the suggestion that such a situation might cause him to shudder. "As a risk and insurance professor, I think about these things a lot — more than other people. So it didn't really have that effect. It was a real honor, actually, that Van and Mary (Hedges) would think about doing something like this, something that would serve the program."

Liebenberg is the Gwenette and Jack W. Robertson Chair of Insurance and associate professor of finance. He also happens to be named as the insured on a \$250,000 life insurance policy endowed by his friend and fellow Insurance Advisory Board member Van Hedges of Nashville, Tennessee.

Hedges says the two have a history of good-natured ribbing and he means Liebenberg no ill will. In fact, the policy serves more as a tribute to someone who greatly influenced Hedges' life.

"My wife, Mary, and I wanted to do something for Ole Miss and our insurance program and also to honor our friend and my mentor, Tom Quaka," said Hedges, a 1975 graduate of the School of Business Administration and president of Southern Insurance Consulting. "I thought it would be fun and interesting to build in a key-man life component. No prudent, successful business, through their risk management program, would fail to have a key-man policy on someone as important to that business as Andre is to our program."

The Thomas G. Quaka Faculty Support Endowment, which is named as beneficiary at the time of Liebenberg's death, is designed to provide income for the recruitment and retention of faculty members in the School of Business Administration's Risk Management and Insurance Program. Therefore, should Liebenberg — 43 years old and the picture of health — suffer an untimely death while serving as chair, some of the proceeds could be used by the board to find and incentivize a replacement.

Quaka senior vice president of FCCI Insurance Group in Jackson, Mississippi, said he is greatly honored by the tribute.

"Well, you can imagine, I'm overwhelmed," he said. "We set up a very small endowment years ago and this will add considerable amounts to it for the future. But there really isn't anything more important to us than the welfare of this chair and its long-term continuance."

"Tom has been the anchor to this board from day one and I think Andre would tell you that the board has been key to the success of the Risk Management and Insurance program, which is one of only 12 programs in the U.S., and 20 worldwide to be designated as Global Centers of Insurance Excellence," Hedges said. "So we did this really to honor Tom's service."



Van Hedges, third from left, purchased a life insurance policy that will ultimately provide support for the UM School of Business Administration's insurance program and its faculty. With Hedges are, from left, Tom Quaka, senior vice president of FCCI Insurance Group in Jackson, Mississippi; Andre Liebenberg, the Gwenette and Jack W. Robertson Chair of Insurance and associate professor of finance; and Dean Ken Cyree.

A Gift for UM's 'Seat of Knowledge'

Even today, despite smart phones and ear buds, Ole Miss retains its reputation as a place where professors know students by name and strangers are friends



Bill Davenport

who haven't yet become acquainted.

That personable atmosphere goes a long way. In fact, for at least one alumnus, it was the catalyst that inspired a \$200,000 gift to the J.D. Williams Library.

Bill Davenport, associate dean of the University of Nevada at Las Vegas School of Dentistry, said he began to consider a legacy gift to the library when he received a personal letter with a special request for financial support.

"A number of factors went into this decision," said Davenport, a Corinth, Mississippi, native. "First and foremost, I loved Ole Miss. It opened up a whole new vista to a small-town country boy. I loved the school and the students, and the majority of the professors were truly motivating and inspiring. I always wanted to give something back. As everyone says, you can't really describe your attachment to Ole Miss after going to school there."

Davenport, who's active in the Ole Miss Alumni Association and has made other contributions to the university, said he began to consider a major gift after he received a personal letter from the late Charles Noyes, then chair of English, when the Friends of the Library philanthropy was being organized.

Davenport said he designated his planned gift for the library because it is the center of knowledge, for the entering student and for the lifelong learner.

"The library is the seat of intellectualism. I hope my gift will provide funds to contribute to the ever-changing technology and methodology that will attract and benefit the students that will be tomorrow's leaders."

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A Valued Education

Dwight Tays of Nashville, Tennessee, says the University gave him the knowledge base he's needed to be successful throughout his more than four-decade career as a political science educator. Now, he wants to give back.



Dr. Dwight Tays

"The Department of Political Science at Ole Miss provided me with a sound education and inspired me to make societal contributions beyond the classroom," said Tays, who hopes his recent \$100,000 planned gift will be used to help the department "reach greater heights."

Tays earned a doctorate degree from Ole Miss in 1982, saying he was drawn to the campus the hospitality of its people, specifically the personable encouragement of John Winkle, professor emeritus of political science.

"I want to help show my deep appreciation to the university through a planned gift for what I had received and for opening doors of opportunity for me," said Tays, retired professor of political science at Lipscomb University, where he spent 29 of his 40-plus years of teaching and also served as chair of the Department of History, Politics and Philosophy. Prior to Lipscomb, Tays was on the faculties of East Central Oklahoma State University in Ada and Lambuth College in Jackson, Tennessee.

"One of the best things about being a political science professor is there is always something current," Tays said. "That has been rewarding to me to look at some of those needs and think about how to solve them in policy-making and with students — to get them thinking about solutions as well. To teach how to think, not what to think, but to look analytically at a problem and try to come up with solutions."

Tays worked for former Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen for a semester, helping with the alternative licensure of teachers and expansion of home and community health care. He also took a sabbatical to work with Rep. Jim Cooper (D-TN), conducting research on how to keep children in school. Additionally, he worked with the late Tennessee Gov. Ned McWherter.

"These experiences provided me the opportunity to have input concerning public policy, which was very gratifying," said Tays, whose areas of specialization include American government, public law and public administration.

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Supporting the University's Future

Friends and family members of the late Richard E. "Dick" Atkins of Corinth, Mississippi, describe the alumnus as "uncommonly gracious and generous." These character traits are substantiated by Atkins' desire to bequeath financial support to his alma



Dick Atkins (center) enjoys an Ole Miss pre-game party with sister-in-law Mary Jo Morgan and good friend Lee Thurner of Corinth, Mississippi.

The UM Foundation recently announced a gift of \$100,000 from Atkins' estate — portions of which are designated to support scholarships within the School of Business Administration, the School of Education and Ole Miss Athletics.

"It's in his personality that he would want to give scholarships because that would help change lives for students and helping people was always his heart's desire," said Atkins' nephew, Jeff Brawner of Corinth. "He acknowledged that God had blessed him in his life and he felt it was his responsibility to try to bless others."

Atkins, who played bass drum in the Pride

of the South marching band, graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration from Ole Miss in 1965.

"Mr. Atkins' gracious gift has enabled us to establish an endowment in his name. The Richard E. Atkins Memorial Scholarship will honor him in perpetuity while ensuring that generations of our students receive financial assistance to support their education," said Ken Cyree, dean of the School of Business Administration.

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A Vision for Engineering Education



Vassar Hemphill, his mother Adele Barnwell Hemphill and brother Simpson Hemphill enjoy a festive evening together.

A recent major gift bequeathed to the School of Engineering will honor an esteemed graduate while providing financial assistance to students transferring to Ole Miss.

The School of Engineering established the Vassar D. Hemphill, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Endowment with a gift of \$138,400 from Hemphill's estate. Recipients will be full-time transfer students majoring in engineering at Ole Miss.

Hemphill died at age 91 in July 2016 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

"We are extremely grateful to Mr. Hemphill for his foresight in planning a gift that will benefit students within the School of Engineering," said Alex Cheng, former dean of engineering. "When our alumni want to give back in return for the education they've received here, it speaks volumes about the Ole Miss experience."

A native of Greenwood, Mississippi, Hemphill was a member of Sigma Chi fraterni-

in 1949 with a bachelor's degree in engineering administration. His career path includes employment at B.F. Goodrich, Dixie Steel and Leopards Interiors.

ty and graduated from the university

Prior to college, Hemphill served in the Philippines under Gen. Douglas McArthur during World War II.

In this article published in the Tuscaloosa News, Hemphill's friends say he possessed encyclopedic knowledge about antique cars, old silver and camellias. His passion for car racing, golf, books, dancing and music remained prominent throughout his life. Hemphill and his wife, Adele, attended Christ Episcopal Church in Tuscaloosa.

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UM Alumna Establishes Scholarship Endowment in Sister's Memory



A planned gift from sisters ZonaDale Taylor (left) and the late Bonita Lyons will help support the School of Applied Sciences.

Dr. Bonita Lyons' giving spirit is evident in the sentiments shared on her Facebook page.

"Hers was a life of purpose disguised as work," posted Cory Major, who worked with Lyons in her capacity as director of Academic Status and Retention Services for the University of Memphis — a position the University of Mississippi graduate held for 16 years until she retired in 2008.

"She drew people to her and they left all the better for having known her. Some may forget what she said and what she did. But she will never be forgotten because of how she made us feel."

Her student, Nyrone Hawkins, wrote: "Doc, you are truly a special lady. Your spirit will always live within me. As I think back over our history together, I am truly blessed. You were the embodiment of Christ's love. You took young people full of potential and showed them unconditional love ... you were the picture of His love to so many of your children."

Lyons of Memphis, Tennessee, received both a bachelor's and master's degree in education in 1969 from Ole Miss and a doctorate in education from the University of Memphis in 1977. She had no biological children, yet when she died in May 2017, she left a legacy among the young people she mentored and treated as her own, many of whom called her "Mom."

Now, her legacy continues at Ole Miss, where generations of students

will benefit from a scholarship endowment established in her memory.

With a \$100,000 planned gift, Lyons' sister, ZonaDale Taylor of Collierville, Tennessee, recently established the Dr. Bonita Lyons and ZonaDale L. Taylor Legacy Endowment. Half of the gift creates a scholarship for transfer students pursuing a degree in the UM School of Applied Sciences; the remainder is available as an emergency fund for students facing unforeseen financial crises.

"We always said we would do something together for Ole Miss," said Taylor who earned a bachelor's degree with an emphasis in home economics at UM in 1961. "You always think you have a lot of time and, although we had never signed an agreement, we had often discussed what we wanted to do. After her unexpected death, I wanted to fulfill the actions that we had discussed because our time at Ole Miss was a very important phase in our lives."

Like her sister, Taylor spent part of her professional career as an educator, teaching at Mississippi State University and later at McNeese State University. Over time, both educators witnessed financial crises among their students.

"My sister often worked with students with limited means who were struggling academically. As a result, she started a program early on, where she would pass the hat in the office when somebody couldn't get a book or needed to pay a fee or had other unexpected expenses," Taylor said.

"Using that example, I've requested that Ole Miss use these funds to help those in similar situations who don't necessarily have the higher grade-point averages. While advising students, we both worked with people who really wanted a degree and whose grades were average because they were either working one or more jobs or they had children to support and they just couldn't meet basic needs. They had ability but they just didn't have much time to study. We discussed this need many times."

The sisters, who grew up in New Albany, just 30 miles from the Oxford campus, would attribute their philosophy of giving to their parents. For example, their mother always emphasized helping others and preparing for life by obtaining a college degree. Their father set an example of generosity by planting a larger garden to share with others.

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Arnolds' Unique Giving Provides Retirement Plan for Valued Employee

David and Barbara Arnold of Yazoo City, Mississippi, have made a gift that doubles as a retirement plan for their faithful household employee of the past 15 years.

"We got to thinking, 'You know, she has a lot of years to work before retirement, and we will be gone way before she retires," David Arnold said. "I wondered, 'How can an individual employer set up a retirement fund for a single employee?'"

Arnold researched a number of investment- and tax-related options before discovering the UM Foundation's Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA).

"I found, in reviewing it, that you could designate another person to receive the annuity and you could defer it, so those were the two key features that made it work," he said, adding that the annuity will start



Among his many UM contributions, David Arnold served as president of the Ole Miss Alumni Association in 1989-1990.

paying his employee quarterly upon her retirement 17 years from now. With a simple contract, individuals can transfer to the UM Foundation a minimum of \$50,000 cash or securities to purchase a CGA that will provide a fixed income to one or two beneficiaries, and the donor receives a charitable tax deduction for the gift. The CGA then provides a steady stream of income during the beneficiaries' lifetime and the remaining principal passes to the UM program of the donor's choice.

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For the Pursuit of Knowledge: Corsale Gift Helps Law Students



Ask Joe Corsale the secret to a successful life and he'd say it's knowledge.

The Saratoga Springs, New York, native sought knowledge whenever and wherever he could.

"He had a passion

for learning anything and everything from playing a guitar, to using a computer, to attending a three-week course in Maine where he learned the trade of building houses," said Barbara Corsale, the late Joe Corsale's wife.

He even learned the law, earning a juris doctorate from the University in 1964, but he used his degree only for a short time. There was too much to learn, too much to see, too much to do.

"You'd ask Joe, 'Joe, what are you doing?' and he'd say, 'A little bit of this and a little bit of that," said Ken Reynolds, who became friends with Corsale when they were freshmen together at Western Kentucky University.

Among his many occupations and pastimes,

Corsale was the owner of J.N. Corsale, Jr. Real Estate Company, an insurance salesman, a licensed auctioneer, a school teacher, a gun broker, a city commissioner for Saratoga Springs and periodic seller of pari-mutuel tickets at the local horse track. And there was, of course, the railroad — Corsale's first and longest love. Years before law school, he worked on the railroad and when he retired after 55 years, he was the nation's oldest freight conductor.

In addition to Corsale's undergraduate and law degrees, the lifelong learner had diplomas from the State University of New York (SUNY) and the World Wide College of Auctioneering. It was perhaps his great love of knowledge that inspired Corsale to include the UM School of Law in his estate plans, leaving the university a \$100,000 gift to establish the Joseph N. Corsale Family Scholarship Endowment. The scholarship is available to first-year law students with an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 and with first preference given to students from New York.

"He wanted to give it to somebody who needed the money, people who are struggling, but not just to students who are there only for the sake of being a lawyer," Barbara Corsale said.

"He wanted it to go to students who want to work with people and who are interested in their community. You know, 'What are you going to do when you get out? How are you going to put your talents to good use?' He was very giving in his lifetime and he wanted to help someone in law school who would profit from a little bit of assistance."

Throughout his lifetime, Corsale made frequent financial contributions to the Ole Miss Law School and was a member of the Lamar Order, a designation given to those who make a minimum \$10,000 commitment to the school, payable within 10 years.

"I think he chose the school for several reasons," said Corsale's classmate Robert Khayat, UM chancellor emeritus. "I suspect that among well-respected law schools, Ole Miss would've been the right size and the right price with the right admissions standards. I think it was the overall appeal of Ole Miss and Oxford, in the sparse population, in the way things move so slowly and in classes that were fun and teachers who were terrific."

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A Well-Rounded Gift

Three reasons inspired Jim and Cindy McGinnis of Meridian, Mississippi, to make a major gift to Ole Miss: the desire to support the university that influenced many of their family members, to honor loved ones who served as mentors and to help offset college expenses for graduates of their high school alma mater.

The James M. McGinnis, Jr. and Virginia D. McGinnis Scholarship Endowment is available to full-time students from Lauderdale County, with first preference given to graduates of Meridian High School.

"Designating the endowment to honor my parents was an acknowledgement of the important role they played in my life and that of my two older sisters, and to our extended family," said Jim McGinnis, a 1980 UM graduate and president of McGinnis Lumber Co. in Meridian.



James and Virginia McGinnis

"A secondary, but significant, personal consideration was that my Dad and I worked together for 35 years in our family business, founded by my grandfather in 1922," he said. "The endowment was a way to honor him, in particular, for his role as not only my father but also my mentor in our business."

McGinnis said the gift also serves as a tribute to his family's strong ties to Ole Miss — the many relatives who attended, including his father, mother and sister; his wife's parents and family members; two nephews and some cousins.

Two McGinnis children, Davis and Caroline, are also part of the UM family. Davis McGinnis graduated in 2014 with an exercise science degree from the School of Applied Sciences; Caroline McGinnis is a senior in the same program. Their oldest child, Menton M. Deweese, PhD, works for MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

All three McGinnis children, as well as Jim and Cindy McGinnis and his parents, also share the distinction of being Meridian High School

"Cindy and I have been deeply involved in public school issues since the early 1990s. So, it was a natural and logical choice to have this scholarship benefit three generations of our family's high school alma mater," McGinnis said. "Our hope is that the endowment will benefit students from Meridian High, and ultimately Ole Miss, indefinitely."

Scholarships Created to Recruit Students from Texas

There are more than 3,700 public and private high schools in Texas, and one couple is working to encourage students enrolled there to choose the University of Mississippi for their college home.

The husband and wife, who wish to remain anonymous, have made a \$100,000 gift to establish the Texas Rebel Scholarship Endowment and assist full-time entering freshmen from their home state. The private support comes after the couple's daughter, now a young alumna, pursued her undergraduate degree at Ole Miss.

"Having been inspired by others who helped us achieve our college dreams, we, too, want to help similarly situated students through a scholar-ship program," one of the donors said. "During a recent dinner meeting with two Ole Miss leaders, we learned of the rising costs of tuition at Mississippi's public universities. Valuing education as a way to compete in the world economy, we felt compelled to give."



Campbell Hillard of Ft. Worth, Texas, left, and Sophia Cantu of San Antonio, Texas, chose the University of Mississippi for their college home.

Brandi Hephner LaBanc, UM's vice chancellor for student affairs, expressed gratitude for the scholarship gift, adding that Texas has become second to Mississippi — a position previously held by Tennessee — in the number of residents who enroll at Ole Miss.

"With Texas being such an important recruitment territory for us, we could not be more thrilled that this generous family wants to further our efforts in their home state," LaBanc said. "Their gift will impact students in perpetuity and make it financially possible for some Texans to attend Ole Miss. They say everything is bigger in Texas and this is a story that proves there are some great big hearts in the Lone Star State."

The donors' scholarship gives first preference to students from North Texas, with second preference to all Texans. Recipients must have a minimum high school grade-point average of 3.0. The award will be based on merit, but financial need may be considered by UM's scholarship committee.

"Even several years after our daughter has graduated, we continue to make annual trips back to Oxford to get our fix for the experience of Ole Miss," the donor said. "Oxford is in the quintessential college town."

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McMullans Support FASTrack Program

The legacy of late alumnus James McMullan expands every day at his alma mater as his family foundation supports students in the Foundations of Academic Success Track (FASTrack) program, now boasting an 85.3 percent student retention rate.

Maura Scully Murry, who recently joined the university as the new FASTrack director, has not only led similar programs at Purdue University and New College of Florida, but she also has walked the path these students are traveling.

"FASTrack helps students develop their own support system," she said. "They come to a major university — an unfamiliar world; we help them build a foundation to ground themselves. With a cohort of peers, professors and staff members who know them by name, FASTrack participants gain the confidence and motivation that will carry them through their college years and into their professional careers."

For more than eight years FASTrack has recorded strong results helping first-year students at Ole Miss transition to college, inspiring



Maura Scully Murry, left, the new FASTrack director, will work with peer leader and rising sophomore Mister Clemons and others in the FASTrack program.

the James and Madeleine McMullan Family Foundation to commit \$300,000 in support of the program. While the support FASTack offers can benefit all types of students, many of the participants are first-generation college students.

The late James McMullan, a 1956 Ole Miss finance graduate, became a highly successful partner and executive committee member of the securities firm William Blair & Co. in Chicago,

Illinois. But for students whose lives are being transformed by his family's foundation, his most important role may be "education champion."

Daughter Margaret McMullan of Pass Christian, Mississippi, said investing in the FASTrack program was a natural step for the McMullan Family Foundation, which provides 10 scholarships each year to graduating seniors in Pass Christian and in Newton, Mississippi, where her father grew up. The McMullans interview applicants at these high schools, make their selections and then keep in touch with recipients throughout their college pursuits.

FASTrack helps McMullan Scholars and other Ole Miss students persevere and succeed. The past academic year saw 406 students benefit from FASTrack's system of support, which includes small classes, a dedicated advisor, academic mentors, peer leaders and outstanding faculty.

FASTrack's peer leader program of 24 trained sophomores, juniors and seniors provides guidance to first-year students, enabling the peer leaders to serve as mentors while gaining leadership experience and stipends.

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Duff Gift Honors Late Father Contribution Supports UM's Inaugural Flagship Constellations



The late Ernest Duff, center, is being remembered by his sons Jim Duff, left, and Thomas Duff with a major gift to the University of Mississippi's Flagship Constellations. Similar to this new initiative that uses a multidisciplinary approach to challenges, attorney Ernest Duff had an entrepreneurial spirit and was known to respond to opportunities with solutions.

The youngest of five children and the first in his family to pursue higher education, Ernest Duff left his small home town of Columbia, Mississippi, to attend the University of Mississippi, where "his eyes were opened and his mind enlarged."

Duff became a widely respected attorney, visionary, entrepreneur and community leader who always gave credit to his educational foundation built at Ole Miss.

Now sons Thomas and Jim Duff, of Hattiesburg, have made a \$1 million gift to pay tribute to their father's life and to support the university's new Flagship Constellations initiative - multidisciplinary teams composed of faculty, staff and students from the university's Oxford and Medical Center campuses seeking significant, innovative solutions to complex issues.

"Each of us stands on the shoulders of those who came before us, and our father certainly did that," businessman Thomas Duff said. "The education he received, the opportunities that were given to him, he utilized those throughout all of his life. The power of an education enriched his life, his family, his grandchildren and his great-grandchild. We are very grateful for that legacy and what Ole Miss has meant in each of our lives.

"My father loved the University of Mississippi. He was elected student body president and inducted into the student Hall of Fame. He enjoyed college so much that he spent the next three years in the School of Law, where he was active on the Mississippi Law Journal staff and graduated No. 1 in his class."

Education was an important part of his father's life, as well as the mentors and friends who came with it, Jim Duff said.

"I remember as a kid hearing all these wonderful stories about different individuals, professors and students at Ole Miss who had a big influence on his life - who helped mold him into the person that he became," Jim Duff said. "And he became the type person who changed many, many lives.

"Ole Miss is such a special place to our family because of him. It's such a unique institution, and he would be extremely proud and pleased with this gift. He would want to give back to Ole Miss."

Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter thanked the Duffs for their strong support of the Flagship Constellations, an initiative that brings together the brightest minds across all areas of the university to inspire and accelerate meaningful solutions to some of our greatest challenges.

"Ernest Duff was a leader and a visionary - what a tremendous way for them to honor their father."

Similar to the Flagship Constellations initiative, Ernest Duffhad an entrepreneurial spirit and was known to respond to opportunities with solutions. As a successful corporate attorney, he worked with many major businesses, and while serving as an attorney for Georgia Pacific in Columbia, he saw a need, filled it and, as they say, the rest is history.

The company needed someone to haul wood chips, so Duff founded Forest Products Transports. The trucks needed tires, so he established Southern Tire Mart, which has become the largest commercial tire dealer in North America.

Southern Tire Mart led to the formation of Duff Capital Investors, which is composed of 19 various businesses employing more than 11,000 people with total revenues exceeding \$2.2 billion. Duff Capital Investors is one of the largest private companies in Mississippi and includes KLLM Transport Services of Jackson.

Duff, who passed away in May 2016, served as city attorney in Columbia for 32 years, Marion County attorney for 36 years and Pearl River Valley Electric Power Association attorney for 53 years; he was a director of Trustmark Bank for 28 years.

His sons, Thomas and Jim Duff, both University of Southern Mississippi alumni, lead Duff Capital Investors as co-owners. In 2012, in recognition of their significant contributions, USM named its athletics center the Iim and Tom Duff Athletic Center.

The family also includes their mother, Bobbie Baggett Duff, brother Stephen Duff and sister Jane Duff Thomley, all of Hattiesburg.

Thomas Duff serves on the board of trustees of the state Institutions of Higher Learning. He also serves on the Mississippi Power Board

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Providing Equity Above Access Supplemented Scholarships Help Grove Scholars Stay in School

An afternoon spent visiting schools in the Mississippi Delta inspired a University of Mississippi alumna to make a series of gifts totaling nearly \$1 million over the past six years, helping to build a program that improves students' chances of graduating.

Renvy Pittman's most recent \$350,000 gift further bolsters the Grove Scholars program, which facilitates academic success and job placement among Mississippi residents seeking degrees related to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and who have also received the Ole Miss Opportunity (OMO) Scholarship.

The Grove Scholars program is the brainchild of Stephen Monroe, chair and assistant professor of writing and rhetoric and former assistant dean of the UM College of Liberal Arts.

"Stephen is an amazing person; he is brimming with ideas about how to help more students from all types of backgrounds be successful at Ole Miss," said Pittman, who grew up in Jackson, Mississippi, and now lives in Los Angeles, California. "After talking extensively with him it became clear to me that I wanted to help ensure that more Mississippi residents come to the University of Mississippi and graduate with a STEM degree."

Monroe and Pittman realized OMO recipients interested in STEM would benefit from a bridge program that would help orient them to the university and college-level work. With Pittman's support, 12 OMO scholars were selected for the program in the summer of 2014. Since then, the program has grown to serve over 70 students and consists of classes in math and sciences for academic credit as well as tutoring, social events and exposure to labs and lectures on campus — all occurring in the summer before the students' freshman year.

Because the OMO scholarship does not cover summer tuition, the Grove Scholars program also provides students with opportunities to take summer classes throughout their undergraduate career. The newest initiative of the program provides financial support for Grove Scholars seeking a career-relevant internship during the summer term.

Students find that being introduced to college life prior to their freshman year gives them a chance to bond with each other and with the program's director, Gray Flora.



Renvy Pittman (right) chats with Grove Scholars Jontae Warren (left), a May graduate from Booneville, Mississippi, and Devante Yates, a senior from West Point, Mississippi.

"What's so great about what Renvy's done is she's enabled a lot of students to have what they need over and above their scholarships," Flora said. "It's one thing to say, 'Yes, you can come to the University of Mississippi,' but it's another thing to give them the tools and the equity to really be able to thrive at a major public university.

"It's more than just being able to come. You have to know how to navigate this place," he continued. "There are all these extracurricular needs that you don't think about and Renvy has enabled us to provide those for the students. That's the difference between access and true equity."

Jontae Warren, of Booneville, is a Grove Scholar who graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in pharmaceutical sciences and has already transitioned into the School of Pharmacy's Pharm.D. degree program. After completing that, he plans to pursue a residency and ultimately specialize in pediatric pharmacy related to oncology.

"The Grove Scholars program allowed me to meet other students who had the same aspirations as I, and we were able to become a support system for each other," Warren said. "I am still great friends with many in my cohort today."

"It's a community," Pittman says. "Students need community to be successful in college. So Grove Scholars identifies these young people, brings them in and empowers them to unlock their potential and encourage each other."

Warren says being a Grove Scholar helped him financially, academically and emotionally.

"Both (former program coordinator) Ben Pinion and Gray Flora have been great mentors and any time I needed advice on what to do next, their doors were always open," he said. "I am very thankful to have been a part of this program and hope that it continues to grow."

Pittman hopes so too.

"I would like to look back after 10 years and see these kids, who are not children anymore at all, using their degrees in science, technology, engineering or math to make their communities in Mississippi a better place," she said.

Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter said he greatly appreciates the support of alumni like Pittman who want to play an active role in the university's vision to have a transformative influence in communities throughout the state.

"Our hope is that as students from disadvantaged areas graduate from Ole Miss, their lives and those of generations to come will be significantly enhanced, which will help advance their communities and make great improvements for our state and ultimately our nation," he said.

"The Grove Scholars program is a key component of the big picture — to truly make a significant impact upon the world around us. Renvy has set an example of generosity that I hope others will want to follow."

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An Answered Prayer Child's Request Leads to \$1.5M Children's of Mississippi Gift

The simple prayer of a child for the patients of Batson Children's Hospital brought about a \$1.5 million gift from the Van Devender Family Foundation to expand pediatric care at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Laura Van Devender Stansell prays each day with her daughters, including Clara Cate, or Cece, 7.

Cece became fascinated with the rainbow logo atop Batson Children's Hospital.

"She loves the story of the rainbow in the Bible. When we would pass by the children's hospital on the way to school, we'd talk about the hospital, and she wanted to pray for the children who are patients there, so we have ever since," Stansell said.

Cece's grandfather, Billy Van Devender Sr., learned of her prayers.

"It really touched my heart," he said, "and I started thinking about how we could help."

When the Van Devender family talked about causes their family foundation will fund, the Campaign for Children's of Mississippi, the philanthropic drive to help fund construction of the \$180 million children's tower adjacent to Batson Children's Hospital, was at the top, he said.

"Children and family are important to us," he said. "They are our

Van Devender and his wife, Mollie, have four children, Laura Stansell, William, Anne Stanton and Clinton, and six grandchildren with two on the way.

"Cece's prayer, 'Please help all the children,' was not only evidence of her caring heart, it was an expression of what we value as a family," Stansell said. "We want to help the children, and what better way to give than as a family."

The expansion includes a seven-story facility that will house state-of-

Cece became fascinated with the rainbow logo atop Batson Children's Hospital.

the-art private neonatal intensive care unit rooms, additional pediatric intensive care rooms and surgical suites, and an imaging center designed for children. The Children's Heart Center, representing the Medical Center's pediatric cardiovascular program, will also call the new building home.

The tower's opening is planned for August 2020. Children's of Mississippi leaders anticipate recruiting 30-40 new physicians in the next five years as the facility is built and after it is opened, since it will



The Van Devender family includes, from left, William Van Devender and wife Meredith; Magee Van Devender, held by grandfather Billy Van Devender with wife Mollie; and Laura and Tommy Stansell. In front are sisters CeCe, Emery and Mollie Stansell.

provide additional capacity. At a minimum, about 50-75 staff positions, not including physicians, would be added after construction.

Ground was broken Dec. 1, 2017, on the 340,000-square-foot tower. Van Devender's close friend and former football teammate, Archie Manning, is a strong supporter of UMMC's mission, having launched the Manning Family Fund for a Healthier Mississippi in 2014.

"Billy and I have been teammates before, so I am happy we are on the same team again, this time with the goal of creating a healthier Mississippi," Manning said.

Joe Sanderson, co-chair of the campaign with his wife, Kathy, is also a friend of the Van Devenders and encouraged the family to participate.

Dr. Mary Taylor, Suzan B. Thames Chair, professor and chair of Pediatrics at UMMC, thanked the Van Devender family.

"The children's tower project will change how Mississippi cares for the health of its children, especially those facing critical illness or injury," said Dr. Taylor, a Natchez native and mother of three. "It will mean that we can offer our children the very best, and isn't that what we as parents want and what we know they deserve?"

Dr. LouAnn Woodward, vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine, said the gift represents the best of the state.

"Mississippians are giving people," she said, "and the generosity of the Van Devender family demonstrates how the desire to help others can also serve as an investment in our state's future."

Benefiting Children's Health Century Club Charities Sets Record with Gift to Batson



Celebrating the first check presented from the North Mississippi Classic to Friends of Children's Hospital are, from left, John Fassinger, Country Club of Oxford general manager; Becki Huelse; Mark Huelse; Nikki Paine; Steve Jent; Larry Britt; Jeff Hubbard, Century Club Charities president; Sidney Allen, Century Club Charities board chairman; Natalie Hutto, UMMC chief development officer; Emily Lewis, Children's of Mississippi finance director; Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter; and Keith Parker, Children's of Mississippi director of ambulatory operations.

Century Club Charities has announced a \$1.2 million donation to Friends of Children's Hospital from the 2017 Sanderson Farms Championship, breaking their own philanthropic record for the fourth consecutive year.

"We strive to excel," said Century Club Charities President Jeff Hubbard, "but our metric is different from other tournaments on the PGA TOUR. We measure excellence by the total funds raised for Friends of Children's Hospital each year."

At a news conference, Century Club Charities presented a check to Friends, the fundraising organization dedicated to supporting the University of Mississippi Medical Center's pediatric health care operation including Batson Children's Hospital.

This year's donation exceeded the \$1.125 million raised in 2016, the \$1.109 million in 2015 and the \$1.102 million in 2014. The 2013 tournament, the first year in which Sanderson Farms was the title sponsor, attracted more than \$500,000 for Friends.

Since tournament host Century Club Charities announced Sanderson Farms as the tournament's title sponsor, more than \$5.5 million has been donated to support Mississippi's only children's hospital. This is the fourth consecutive year Century Club Charities has donated more than \$1 million to Friends.

During the news conference, Hubbard read remarks from Sanderson Farms CEO and board chairman Joe Sanderson. The championship "is a

means to an end. It is a vehicle by which we raise money for Batson Children's Hospital," Hubbard read. "Not only is it the state's only children's hospital, but also the sheer number of patients the hospital and Children's of Mississippi cares for is amazing."

Sidney Allen, board chairman of Friends of Children's Hospital, expressed gratitude for the record-setting gift.

"'Wow' is all I can say," Allen said. "Joe Sanderson told us the amount donated from the tournament would grow every year."

Friends of Children's Hospital, in 2016, pledged \$20 million to the Campaign for Children's of Mississippi, the philanthropic drive to help fund construction of a new, seven-story children's tower adjacent to Batson Children's Hospital.

The tower will be home to 88 private neonatal intensive care rooms, 10 additional operating rooms, more pediatric intensive care space, a pediatric imaging center, a specialty clinic and a new lobby. The Children's Heart Center, representing the Medical Center's pediatric cardiovascular program, will also call the new building home.

Ground has been broken on the 340,000-squarefoot tower, which is set to open August 2020.

"You can feel the passion, can't you?" Dr. LouAnn Woodward, vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine, asked after hearing the words of Hubbard, Sanderson and Allen regarding children's health.

Century Club Charities, Sanderson Farms, the Sanderson Farms Championship and Friends of Children's Hospital, Woodward said, "have been key partners with us in helping see a dream come true."

Steve Jent, executive director of the Sanderson Farms Championship, said the donation is the culmination of a year of efforts by thousands, including more than 800 volunteers, who work behind the scenes to make the event a success.

The tournament, the state's only PGA TOUR event, brings with it an economic impact of more than \$26 million to the region each year, Hubbard said. It is broadcast, over its four days, to a potential worldwide audience of more than 330 million, he said.

Century Club Charities' efforts to highlight golfing excellence and the state's hospitality while raising funds for philanthropy are expanding. The organization also hosted the North Mississippi Classic, a tournament on the Web.com tour, April 16-22 at the Country Club of Oxford.

The 2018 Sanderson Farms Championship will be held Oct. 25-28 at the Country Club of Jackson.

Supporting Two Specialties Critzes' Gift, Professorships Honor Millers' Legacy of Care

Drs. Frank and Ann Critz have doubled an initial \$1 million gift made this summer, establishing chairs in honor of groundbreaking pediatric specialists Drs. Richard and Suzanne Miller.

Inspired by their work with the Millers while they were residents, the Critzes, based in Atlanta, Georgia, established the Dr. Richard C. Miller Pediatric Surgery Chair and the Suzanne T. Miller Pediatric Pulmonology Chair. Both endowments will support educational opportunities for faculty, residents and students in these areas, as well as research in pediatric surgical techniques and pediatric pulmonary diseases, plus recruitment and training of physicians and faculty members.

Dr. Marc Majure, division chief of pediatric pulmonology, has been selected to hold the pulmonary chair, and pediatric surgeon Dr. Chris Blewett will hold the surgical chair.

Coming to Mississippi from Ohio in 1969, Dr. Richard Miller was the first pediatric surgeon in the state. His wife, Dr. Suzanne Miller, was the first pediatric pulmonologist in the state.

"When Dr. Richard Miller came, care for newborns absolutely changed," said Ann Critz, who recently retired from her position as an associate professor of pediatrics at Emory University. "And back in those days, there was not a lot to offer patients with cystic fibrosis. ... Dr. Suzanne Miller was very involved with those patients and families."

The Critzes, who married during their second year of medical school, earned their medical degrees at UMMC in 1969. Frank Critz, a radiation oncologist, is known for establishing Radiotherapy Clinics of Georgia in the Atlanta area.

Richard Miller was instrumental in caring for his patients and was crucial to the administrative part of the hospital. He served as the interim chair of anesthesiology twice, the interim chair of surgery, the associate dean for clinical affairs and the medical director of University Hospital, all while still seeing patients.

Suzanne Miller dramatically changed the way cystic fibrosis patients were treated. Prior to her arrival, a monthly clinic was available to CF patients, but no one on staff was fully devoted to their care.

"We intensified home care for our CF patients and saw patients more frequently," she said. In 1969, there were about 30 cystic fibrosis patients. By 2013, there were at least 200.

"Sue and I worked hard for long hours and seven days a week," Richard Miller said. "I enjoyed caring for our patients as well as our four children at home."

"They each had an extreme devotion to their patients," Ann Critz said. "They each had a steadfast determination to give each child the best care possible."

Nearly 20 years later, Dan McInnis, manager of printing at UMMC, still recalls Richard Miller's dedication to his fourth child, Zachary. At the first ultrasound, Zachary was diagnosed with a diaphragmatic hernia and they were told to go to UMMC for the best care.

"I immediately called Dr. Miller," McInnis said. "He was such an icon



Drs. Frank and Ann Critz, from left, with Drs. Richard and Suzanne Miller, whom they honored with a \$2 million gift used to establish chairs in the Millers' areas of specialty: surgery and pulmonology.

here. He had the reputation of being the go-to guy. He returned my first call within an hour and met with me that same day."

Richard Miller was on standby for Zachary's birth and said they would operate as soon as Zachary was stable enough. He had a black-tie event that night, but returned afterward, still wearing his tuxedo, to check on his patient.

Around 9 a.m. the next day, the doctor decided Zachary was ready. The surgery was successful, but because of the severity of his condition, Zachary remained in the neonatal intensive care unit for two months.

"I truly believe that had we waited until Zachary was fully stable, he wouldn't have survived," McInnis said. "To me, he's one of the best doctors ever in the children's hospital, as far as surgeons go. He was awesome."

McInnis is not the only one who holds the Millers in such high regard. Dr. Mary Taylor, interim chair of pediatrics at UMMC, recently spoke of Suzanne Miller's legacy.

"Dr. Miller's legacy is one of sincere compassion for her patients and a relentless drive to improve the quality of care and treatment," she said. "The Suzanne T. Miller Chair in Pediatric Pulmonology is a testament to Dr. Miller's incredible legacy in pediatric medicine."

One of the Millers' former students is Majure, who holds the chair named for Suzanne Miller.

"As medical students, we were all amazed at the dedication that both of the Millers had to their patients. They were always there when anyone needed them," he said. "It was not until after I left Mississippi and got to know pediatric pulmonologists and pediatric surgeons around the country that I realized that these two physicians were held in high esteem not just by us who knew them in their everyday practice, but also by their colleagues all across the country. I am a better physician for having known and worked with them."

Ann Critz hopes this gift will help UMMC recruit and retain faculty who are devoted to patient care and to finding innovative directions for their specialties.

Committed to the Children O'Donnell's \$1M Gift to Benefit New PICU Cardiac Wing



Priscilla and Dave O'Donnell show where their gift to the Campaign for Children's of Mississippi is going: to help fund construction of a new children's tower, shown here in model form.

Dave and Priscilla O'Donnell are committed to the construction of a new seven-story children's tower adjacent to Batson Children's Hospital and have expressed this commitment with a \$1 million gift to the Campaign for Children's of Mississippi. With this gift they are funding the Priscilla and David O'Donnell Pediatric Intensive Care Unit Cardiac Wing.

The new PICU unit, to be located on the west side of the new Children's of Mississippi tower, will provide 12

Dr. Brian Kogon

cardiac beds dedicated to the medical and surgical (including pre and post-operative) care for children with congenital heart defects.

"This gift will make an enormous difference in the health of our sickest cardiac patients," said Dr. Brian Kogon, chief of pediatric cardiothoracic surgery for Children's of Mississippi. "We are so grateful for this gift and for the O'Donnells' concern for our patients' care."

Dave's project management background and his career as executive vice president of the Bowers Group, a mechanical contracting firm in Washington, D.C., might make one think the building process would pique the couple's interest.

Instead, it was their tour of Batson, the state's only children's hospital, that captured their thoughts.

"We took a look around," said Dave, "and that did it."

The couple, who together have five daughters ages 20 to 29, divide their time between Mississippi and Baltimore, Maryland. The importance of children and family are values the two share.

A Mississippian by way of Florida, Priscilla has long known of Batson Children's Hospital, which reached its 20th anniversary this year.

"Because I remember when it opened," Priscilla said of the Batson tower, "I continue to think of it as new."

Seeing the neonatal intensive care unit, where, frequently, three times the number of babies for which it was designed are cared for, and other pediatric care areas was eye-opening.

"More space is needed for those babies," she said, "and I feel for those families and their need

to be with their children."

The new children's tower will include 88 private NICU rooms in addition to increased pediatric intensive care unit space; 10 more operating rooms; an imaging center designed for children and a pediatric outpatient specialty clinic. The Children's Heart Center, the only pediatric cardiology program in the state, will also have its own space as part of the project.

"We have always thought about doing some sort of charitable giving," Dave O'Donnell said, "and seeing the conditions at the current Batson Children's Hospital was really a heart-wrenching experience. The doctors and nurses there are excellent, but they need a facility that matches their skill.

Construction of the tower began in December 2017.

"We felt like we should do something for others," he continued, "and it's a good feeling to have the ability to do this. We're just ordinary people who have been blessed with good luck and success."

Priscilla said their commitment, as well as the groundbreaking event for the new facility, which occurred during the holiday season makes it more meaningful.

"We both feel really, really good about this."

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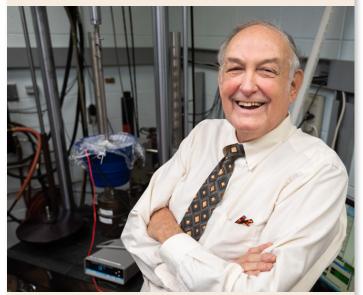








In Support of Smiles



Dr. Lyle Zardiackas

Despite living nearly 400 miles away from the lab and department Dr. Lyle Zardiackas founded, the UMMC Department of Biomedical Materials Sciences is still on his mind and in his heart. This year, Zardiackas established an endowment and included a bequest of up to \$545,000 to ensure it becomes a fully endowed professorship.

The Lyle Zardiackas, PhD, FADM, FASTM Professorship in Biomedical Materials Science will be awarded by the dean of the dental school to a faculty member within the department responsible for education and research in metallurgy for the use of metals for biological applications. The planned gift exceeds the minimum required to create a professorship so that the endowment will provide sufficient compensation for a student research assistant.

"I set this up to support a graduate student in the field of metals for biomaterials," Zardiackas said, "not only to support students but also to free up other money for dental students to attend research meetings. I am hoping that other people will contribute to the endowment and/or do the same kind of thing for the School of Dentistry."

In 1979, Stephen Bayne, who was then in charge of dental materials at UMMC wooed Zardiackas and his Texan wife to the warmer climate and closer-to-home location offered by the UM School of Dentistry. At the time, dental materials was a division within the Department of Restorative Dentistry and remained so until the creation of the biomedical materials department by Dean Hupp.

While at UMMC, Zardiackas also was given a faculty appointment in orthopaedic surgery. He was also appointed as adjunct professor in biological engineering at Mississippi State University.

In 2004, he founded the Department of Biomedical Materials Science at UMMC. He then began the work to establish a graduate program within the department.

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A Passion for Nursing: Fuqua Plans for Nurses of the Future

Dr. Sonja Fuqua spent the better part of her career in clinical nursing, but her passion for the field didn't end when she left the hospital for the Jackson Heart Study almost two decades ago.

In September 2017, she brought her devotion full circle by establishing the Sonja R. Fuqua, PhD, RN Sigma Theta Tau Endowed Scholarship in Nursing.

"I saw this as an opportunity to leave a legacy at the School of Nursing," said Fuqua.

Her initial \$25,000 gift established the endowment, and an estimated \$221,534 planned gift will fund the scholarship that will be awarded to School of Nursing students who are members of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society, Theta Beta Chapter, at UMMC. Fuqua also requested that the scholarship give preference to students who are from diverse and historically underrepresented communities and who have an interest in clinical practice.

Fuqua is still an active member in Sigma Theta Tau, and as a UM School of Nursing student, she was a charter member of the honor society when it was founded here in 1982.

After she graduated from nursing school, Fuqua worked in the obstetrics department at UMMC as a registered nurse in labor and delivery and as a clinical nurse educator for almost 20 years.



Dr. Sonya Fuqua

"I always enjoyed labor and delivery. Obstetrics is about family and community, not just the mother and baby," she said.

Her community experience served her well when Fuqua left clinical practice for the Jackson Heart Study where she was manager of research and recruitment. The JHS investigates genetic and environmental risk factors associated with the disproportionate burden of cardiovascular disease in African-Americans. While there, she and her team amassed more than 5,300 participants in the Jackson area.

Though Fuqua has since retired from her position with JHS, she still serves as a community advisor and is no less passionate about nursing.

"The SON established my roots in nursing. It's not what I do; it's who I am," she said. "I'm not actively practicing, but still involved with the clinical aspect."

Sanderson Farms Championship Scores for Children's Hospital



PGA golfers, from left, Ryan Armour, Austin Cook and Shawn Stefani fall victim to Batson Children's Hospital patient Keydarius Taylor's UNO skills during a recent visit.

Ryan Armour may have been at the top of the Sanderson Farms Championship leaderboard when play ended, but he wasn't the only one leading the way.

Allen Exploration CEO Carl Allen and wife Gigi were leaders in philanthropy, announcing a surprise \$500,000 donation to the Campaign for Children's of Mississippi.

"My wife and I went to Batson and were blown away by what we saw," Carl Allen said. "So I am making three commitments. First, to spread awareness about the hospital itself. Second, to restate my 10-year sponsorship alongside Sanderson Farms. And finally, to put my money where my mouth is, and donate a half million dollars to Batson Children's Hospital, which is just the beginning."

The gift was among the highlights of this year's tournament, the state's only PGA TOUR event and a major supporter of Friends of Children's Hospital.

Dr. Mary Taylor, interim chair of pediatrics, knows how much these gifts can help improve the health of sick and injured children.

Tournament host Century Club Charities donated \$1.125 million to Friends from the 2016 tournament. The nonprofit dedicated to raising funds for Batson Children's Hospital has pledged \$20 million to the Campaign, a \$100 million fund drive for expansion of pediatric facilities at UMMC.

Plans for the expansion include a new children's tower with more space for neonatal and pediatric intensive care units, additional surgical suites and an imaging center designed for children. An outpatient clinic offering specialty care is planned to be built nearby.

Joe Sanderson, CEO and board chair of tournament sponsor Sanderson Farms, and his wife Kathy have led the way for other philanthropists in the state by chairing the Campaign for Children's of Mississippi and making a personal pledge of \$10 million.

The Campaign, launched in April 2016, has raised more than \$58 million so far.

The Championship's competitors support its connection to Children's of Mississippi both financially and by making time outside of competition to visit the hospital's young patients.

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Annual Mississippi Miracles Radiothon Nets Hospital \$500,000

One by one, patients at Batson Children's Hospital turned their poster board signs, revealing the sum of \$502,470 raised during the annual Mississippi Miracles Radiothon, which generates funds for Children's of Mississippi through pledges to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Since 2002, more than \$5.8 million has been raised through the Radiothon and its donors, with more than \$1 million of that raised since 2017.

Children's of Mississippi is the umbrella organization that includes Batson Children's Hospital and all UMMC pediatric care.

During the Mississippi Miracles Radiothon, The Radio People stations US 96.3, Mix 98.7, Y101.7 and 93.5 The Legend, and Blues 93.1 from Jackson; River 101.3, K Hits 104.5 and 92.7 The Touch of Vicksburg; and 97 OKK, Q 101, 95.1 The Beat and Kiss 104.1 of Meridian broadcast from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day from the lobby of the state's only children's hospital.

"This is the best work we do all year," said John Anthony, program director for Mix 98.7. "The radio stations help the community all year, for storm recovery and all sorts of community needs, but the



Children's of Mississippi patients revealing the \$502,470 pledged during the 2018 Mississippi Miracles Radiothon are, from left, sisters Kalaina McElroy and Zeniah McElroy of Jackson, Josh Sexton of Florence, Hannah Dunaway of Vicksburg, and Madalyn Davenport and her brother Derrick James of Byram.

Radiothon is special. You can look at Batson Children's Hospital and see the donations at work and helping Mississippi's children."

Donations came in at all levels, from the Miracle Giving Club commitment of \$20 a month to thousands donated by Mississippi businesses.

"Each year, thousands of Mississippians from all walks of life come together to help children," said Jen Hospodor, director of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and Community Based Fundraising at UMMC. "We are so thankful for the generosity and caring of so many."

FORWARD TOGETHER

Holloway Gift Kicks Off Gate Naming Initiative

Fans entering the south entrance of Vaught-Hemingway Stadium at the University of Mississippi may have noticed new signage, displaying the names of Diane and J.L. Holloway and serving as a lasting tribute to the Ridgeland, Mississippi, couple's recent major gift in support of Ole Miss Athletics.

The Holloways' \$1 million gift to the university's Forward Together campaign will help strengthen programs and fund facilities and equipment.

"This gracious gift will ultimately make significant improvements for the benefit of our student-athletes," said Ross Bjork, vice chancellor for intercollegiate athletics. "The Holloways have a real desire to see not just our program achieve success but also our individual student-athletes, both on and off the field. We are extremely grateful for their generosity."



J.L. and Diane Holloway's \$1 million gift to the Forward Together campaign will help strengthen programs and fund facilities and equipment.

The Holloway gift kicks off the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation's drive to honor donors with naming opportunities for each of the entrance gates at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium and the Pavilion at Ole Miss, the Rebels' basketball arena.

"The Gate Naming Initiative is the first of its kind and will play an integral role in completing the \$200 million *Forward Together* campaign," said Keith Carter, Deputy Athletics Director for Development and Resource Acquisition. "With \$173 million raised toward a multitude of capital projects, the final phase of the campaign experienced the opening of an indoor tennis facility in December and completed renovations at Oxford-University Stadium (baseball program)."

Gate naming opportunities start at \$250,000 and are payable over five years.

J.L. Holloway is founder and CEO of Tenax Aerospace in Madison, Mississippi, a company that leases aircraft to the U.S. government, including one used by FBI Director Christopher Wray for executive travel and other aircraft used by the Department of Defense for geographic mapping. While much of Holloway's work is classified and cannot be discussed, he's always eager to talk about Ole Miss.

"Our teams are not doing exactly what we would like for them to do these days. There've been a few problems along the way, so we just thought this was an opportune time to be a giver in maybe an inopportune situation. We want our teams to know we are supporting them," he said, adding that he hopes his gift will encourage similar contributions as a show of camaraderie. "You know most of us don't need much support when everything is going perfect for us; we need that support when we feel like we're not at the top of our game."

The Holloways' gift to name a gate is the most recent in a two-decade history of giving to the university, totaling nearly \$2 million.

"J.L. has the biggest heart of anybody I've ever known. And not just in giving financially but giving of his thought, giving of his time and truly caring about what's happening in people's lives from very, very young people to old people," said Diane Holloway, who earned a degree in education

from Ole Miss in 1985 and is the daughter of Jackie Triplett and the late Dr. R. Faser Triplett of Jackson, Mississippi, longtime dedicated supporters of Ole Miss. "He does have a passion for helping young people.

"In the business sense, I think God has given J.L. an unusual gift for seeing things differently, building great teams and building businesses, and J.L. has been faithful to follow that," Diane Holloway continued. "I feel that God has given us tremendous success because he knows that J.L. is a faithful giver and has believed forever that to whom much is given, much is expected. He lives that life and I admire that a lot."

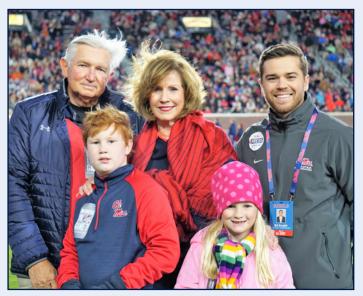
As a young man, Holloway served a six-month stint in the U.S. Army before taking his first job: selling sewing machines and vacuum cleaners. At 24, he started a small construction rental business that he built into a multistate organization and ultimately sold about six years later. Then, employing six people, he began HAM Marine, which became the foundation of Friede Goldman International with Holloway serving as its CEO. The company, a leading international provider of offshore drilling services, was publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange and had 8,000 employees and operations in eight countries when Holloway retired to be able to play more tennis.

"That lasted about three weeks and Diane told me to go find something to do!" Holloway said, laughing!

Now, 12 years later, Tenax Aerospace is thriving — good for the Holloways and good for Ole Miss. Tenax also operates companies and invests in land development, real estate, construction, general equipment sales and leasing, and health-care software, as well as construction and retrofit drilling and production vessels.

Among his many honors, Holloway was named to the Mississippi Business Hall of Fame in 1999, and he received the Mississippi Governor's Citizen of the Year award in 2009. The J.L. Holloway Business & Technology Center at Mississippi College was named in his honor in 2007.

A Gate Naming: New Signage a Tribute to Simmons



Doug and Jane Simmons enjoy the Ole Miss-Texas A&M football game with their grandchildren, Oliver and Jane Baldwin Cook. With the family is Athletics Foundation development officer Matt McLaughlin (right).

Rebel fans who've enjoyed game day on campus are likely familiar with the arched gateway that begins the Walk of Champions — the football team's brick-paved passage to the stadium. Lesser known is where the Walk of Champions ends.

UM alumni Doug and Jane Simmons, however, know it ends at Gate 4 of Vaught-Hemingway Stadium, just beyond Letterwinner's Walk. That's where new signage, displaying the Simmons name, will serve as a lasting tribute to the Hollandale, Mississippi, couple's recent major gift.

"I just wanted to give back to Ole Miss," said Doug Simmons, himself a letter winner, having played halfback for the Rebels during college and graduating with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1971; Jane Simmons graduated the same year with a bachelor's degree in education.

The gift is part of the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation's drive to honor donors with naming opportunities for each of the entrance gates at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium and the Pavilion at Ole Miss, the Rebels' basketball arena.

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Gate naming recognition starts with commitments of \$250,000, payable over five years.

Matt McLaughlin, a development officer with the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation, said he hopes the Simmons couple's gift will inspire similar support for the campaign.

"Now, more than ever, it's critical for Rebel fans to give back," McLaughlin said.

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Athletics Announces Year-End Report

The Ole Miss Athletics Foundation added to another strong year for the Rebels by announcing \$33 million in cash donations for the fiscal year. This marks the fourth consecutive year that the foundation exceeded \$30 million in cash donations.

"On behalf of the Athletics Foundation, I would like to thank those who have contributed financially," said Keith Carter, Deputy Athletics Director for Development and Resource Acquisition. "This ongoing support allows us to enhance our facilities to help our student-athletes compete at the highest level, while also providing a high-quality gameday experience for our fans."

In competition, the Rebels competed against the best, and a couple ended up being the nation's best. Arianne Hartono (women's tennis) and Janeah Stewart (women's track and field) captured the national championship in their respective sports.

On the team side, Ole Miss Baseball made a memorable run to win the SEC Tournament Championship. Ole Miss Volleyball protected its home court to win the National Invitational Volleyball Championship; both tennis teams advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16; the softball and soccer teams made the NCAA Tournament again; and the women's golf team advanced to the NCAA National Championships for the first time in program history.

Regarding facilities, private giving contributed to the Gillom Center renovation, the debut of the indoor tennis center, and the Lloyd Bell Tower construction. Additionally, Oxford-University Stadium and Swayze Field are undergoing a \$20 million renovation. The new Dugout Club opened for fans during the 2018 campaign, while the team's new performance center is near completion. The Ole Miss Golf Course will see a new driving range, a short-game practice area and a short course that features several holes, giving both teams one of the nation's best practice facilities.

The upcoming year will be an exciting one as a new era of Ole Miss Basketball begins with the hiring of head coaches Kermit Davis and Yolett McPhee-McCuin. The men's team will travel to Canada for a foreign tour in August, and later host Iowa State (SEC/Big 12 Challenge), Kentucky and other NCAA Tournament teams at the Pavilion, while the women's schedule features a trip to the Paradise Jam in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Ole Miss Football will kick off the 2018 campaign against Texas Tech in Houston on Sept. 1. After the Rebels face the Red Raiders, they return to Vaught-Hemingway Stadium for the home opener on Sept. 8.

Momentum continues as the Athletics Foundation closes in on its \$200 million *Forward Together* campaign goal. The campaign currently sits at \$175.6 million.

"For our friends, donors and alumni to give close to \$200 million over the last six years is nothing short of remarkable," said Vice Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics Ross Bjork. "Our great fan base along with hard work by Keith Carter and his staff have allowed us to build facilities that will enable us to continue our positive momentum."

Forbes Family Makes Major Gift to Ole Miss Athletics



Avery and Neil Forbes enjoy a Rebel football game in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium with their children (from left) Madeline, Hannah and Sawyer.

Avery and Neil Forbes of Madison, Mississippi, attended colleges other than Ole Miss, but the couple caught Rebel fever nonetheless.

"When I came to Mississippi in 2003 to run a political campaign, I happened to work for a candidate who was a UM grad and his love for Ole Miss was contagious," said Neil Forbes, a Chesapeake, Virginia, native who's now a partner specializing in government services with the accounting firm Horne LLC of Jackson, Mississippi.

"Additionally, my roommate was a former team mascot and, considering it was Eli Manning's last year as quarterback, there was a lot of excitement about the football team," Forbes continued. "It was a great year to get engaged and excited about Ole Miss football. It didn't take long for me to get hooked."

The Forbes family has steadily increased its involvement with Ole Miss Athletics since 2005 and most recently made a major gift to the *Forward*

Together campaign, which supports facility improvements and scholarships for student-athletes.

"We just want our gift to help the athletics department continue to provide world-class facilities for our athletes and the fans," Neil Forbes said, adding that the infectious Ole Miss spirit is quickly spreading to his children.

Hannah, 11, Sawyer, 7, and Madeline, 5, flashed wide grins on the "smile cam" during a baseball game and enjoyed a sideline pass for football. Sawyer even wanted to celebrate his birthday at the Pavilion at Ole Miss, the university's basketball arena.

"We were also thrilled to have the opportunity to lead the team through the Walk of Champions prior to a game last season," Neil Forbes said. "Coach (Matt) Luke and (Rebel wide receiver) AJ Brown both stopped for a picture with our family, and that is a memory none of us will ever forget!"

The Forbes family looks forward to creating many more such memories.

"Supporting Ole Miss Athletics has become a natural part of what we do as a family on weekends," said Avery Forbes. "Our goal is that when our kids are older and out of the house, they will always look back and think of all the fun we had and the memories we created going to games."

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Hester's Gift to Help Give Ole Miss Tennis a Competitive Edge

A major gift from attorney Bill Hester of New Orleans, Louisiana, is helping give the Ole Miss tennis teams a competitive edge.

Hester, who started playing tennis at 6 years old and lettered at Ole Miss from 1967 through 1969, recently made a gift of \$100,000 to the Forward Together campaign. The gift helped offset construction costs associated with the new \$11 million indoor tennis facility.

An earlier \$300,000 gift from Louis and Lucia Brandt of Houston, Texas, helped jump-start construction on the 52,000-square-foot, two-story building. Located southeast of the Olivia and Archie Manning Athletic Performance Center on Manning Way, the facility features six indoor tennis courts for practice and competition, grandstand bleacher seating for 300 spectators, fan amenities and a spacious lobby.

Hall of Fame UM men's head tennis coach Billy Chadwick and long-time friend of Hester said, "The sport has grown.... The SEC is recognized as the premiere tennis league in the nation. This new building will put us now in a position where we are competitive with the top teams in the nation from the facilities standpoint. It's an absolutely fantastic facility."

Hester grew up in Jackson, Mississippi, where he won the state high school championship two years in a row. After high school, he enrolled at Ole Miss (also his mother Rosa's and sister Katie's alma mater), where he played freshman and varsity tennis for four years — the last two in the No. 1 position — and graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1969. He then served in the U.S. Army for almost three years before returning to Ole Miss for law school, receiving his juris doctorate degree in 1974. After law school, he joined The Kullman Firm in New Orleans, where he has

practiced labor and employment law for more than 40 years.

Hester continues to play tennis regularly and competes annually in southern and national tournaments. In fact, he and his late father, International Tennis Hall of Fame inductee W.E. "Slew" Hester, are four-time USTA National Finalists in father-son doubles.

"By getting the new indoor, we can practice regardless of the weather conditions," said senior men's tennis player Zvonimir



Lorraine and Bill Hester

Babic. "Help from supporters of the Ole Miss Tennis program, like Bill Hester, has a tremendous impact on our tennis and actually our lives. The whole team is very grateful for the donations, and we hope to cheer our donors with some big wins."

Chadwick said Hester simply has a giving spirit.

"I'm so glad he's getting this recognition because it's really well-deserved — not only for the fact that he gave us a nice gift, but through the years he has been one of those forces that just elevates the program and the entire university."

REMEMBERING A LEGEND

Scholarship Fund Honors Eddie Crawford

The late Eddie Crawford of Oxford, Mississippi, is being memorialized with a scholarship fund in his name.

The legendary Ole Miss player, coach and administrator was touted as one of the University's greatest ambassadors.

"Eddie epitomized everything good about Ole Miss and wore many hats during his 55-plus years of service to help our great university become what it is today," said Keith Carter, Deputy Athletics Director for Development and Resource Acquisition. "He was responsible for much of the groundwork that built the high level of success our athletics department now enjoys."

The Eddie Crawford Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund will provide student-athletes financial assistance to help them achieve success on the fields and courts of play as well as in the classroom.

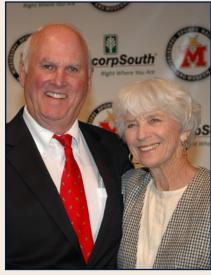
Crawford, a native of Jackson, Tennessee, most recently served in a part-time role as Special Assistant to the Athletics Director. Prior to his "official" retirement in 2004-05, he was the senior associate athletics director the previous 12 years, after serving eight years as the associate athletics director for development and director of the Loyalty Foundation (now the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation). He also provided leadership as interim athletics director at Ole Miss from April to June 1998.

Carter said Ole Miss Athletics is calling on alumni and friends to help continue Eddie Crawford's legacy by making a gift to the endowment.

"Eddie, with Shirley alongside, made improving Ole Miss Athletics their life's work," Carter said. "Now it's time for us to give back to permanently cement Eddie's legacy while helping current student-athletes achieve the goals that Eddie worked for his entire career."

The Crawfords' longtime friend and early contributor Bob Seibels of Montgomery, Alabama, said the honor is well deserved.

"Eddie spent his life making Ole Miss better and now we have an opportunity to continue his work," Seibels said. "I can-



Eddie and Shirley Crawford

not think of a more appropriate way to honor his memory than to give to this worthy cause."

Crawford joined the athletics department in 1962 as head basketball coach, freshman football assistant coach and varsity scout. He was head basketball coach from 1963 to 1968. He coached the offensive backfield and receivers before taking on full-time recruiting responsibilities in 1977.

Crawford was a star performer for the Rebels and UM's last three-sport letterman, excelling in football, basketball and baseball from 1954 to 1956, and also participating in track for one season.



Storey Supports Scholars



James and Sarah Powell, from left, share a moment with their daughter, Beth Powell Storey, and son-in-law, Barry Storey.

Alumna Beth Powell Storey, along with her husband Barry Storey, both of Augusta, Georgia, hope a scholarship they established will honor her parents and inspire others to give back to Ole Miss.

With a recent \$250,000 gift, the Storeys established the Sarah and James Powell Ole Miss Women's Council (OMWC) Scholarship Endowment. The scholarship honors in perpetuity Beth Storey's late father, James Powell, a longtime production control manager for Rockwell International in Grenada, Mississippi, and her mother, Sarah Powell, a homemaker.

Beth Storey and her siblings — Ole Miss alumni Sharon Powell Boler, Belinda Powell Levy and James H. Powell III — were raised in Duck Hill, Mississippi.

"My parents worked hard. We were raised in a very loving home, but we did not enjoy the luxury of having lots of money. All four of us were able to attend Ole Miss. It just seemed appropriate to honor my parents in a meaningful way for the many sacrifices they made for us along the way," she said. "My husband, Barry, and I feel very strongly about supporting our respective alma maters and hope our gift will encourage other families to do the same. There are so many opportunities to support Ole Miss through giving of one's talents, time or monetary resources."

The endowment is designated for full-time entering firstyear students from Mississippi, seeking a degree in the School of Education. In addition to students' academic pursuits, they will be expected to participate in leadership development and a mentoring program sponsored by the council.

"I'm excited that this gift will provide an opportunity for young people to realize their dreams of attending college," said Beth Storey, who graduated from Ole Miss in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in education. "It is my hope that the recipients will have a passion for education and a love of learning they can instill in others."

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Special thanks...

The University of Mississippi is grateful to the following generous alumni and friends who have chosen to double the amount of their Ole Miss Women's Council scholarships:

- FedEx Corporation
 - Mary and Sam Haskell
 - Mary Sharp and Dr. Jim Rayner

Gift is Tribute to Shelton's Parents, Honoring a Legacy of Generosity

A major gift to the Ole Miss Women's Council (OMWC) will benefit young scholars while honoring the legacy of the late Prescott and Betty Sherman of McComb, Mississippi, both 1938 University of Mississippi graduates.

Betsy Sherman Shelton of Covington, Louisiana, made a \$125,000 gift to establish the Betty West Sherman Ole Miss Women's Council Leadership Scholarship Endowment. The endowment, given to commemorate the anniversary of her mother's 100th birthday, also serves as a memorial to her life.

"When asked throughout the years what has meant the most to me, I have come to realize that it was my mother's life as seen through my 21 years of experiencing it as her daughter and the impact it has had on my 43 years since she passed away," said Shelton, a McComb native who graduated in 1977 from the UM School of Business Administration. "The journey of life as experienced through seeing the love of Christ lived out through my mother gave me the deepest desire for helping others find their way, which in turn brings forth a deep sense of contentment."

The endowment will be combined with the Prescott Alden Sherman Leadership Council Scholarship Endowment, established by Shelton with a \$100,000 gift in 2004 to honor her father and



University of Mississippi alumna Betsy Sherman Shelton of Covington, Louisiana, has made gifts to the university in honor of her mother, Merle Elizabeth "Betty" West Sherman (right) and father, Prescott Alden "Peck" Sherman of McComb, Mississippi, both UM graduates.

commemorate his retirement.

"My hope is to honor my parents' legacy of valuing education and cultivating the ideas that God brought forth in their hearts that they so willingly shared with others," she said. "May God deeply bless the recipients of the scholarship and help them find their way for Him."

First preference will be given to students from Pike County, Mississippi, and may be received for eight semesters, as long as the student maintains at least a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average.

OMWC scholarships are awarded to both male and female students based on academic achievement, leadership and a desire to give back to society through community service. Two OMWC staff mentors meet weekly with each scholarship recipient.

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Gift Creates OMWC Scholarship Memorializing Donor's Mother



The Ducker Family (from left) Cheryl, Rachel and Michael

Mike and Cheryl Ducker established the Phyllis Shane Ole Miss Women's Council Scholarship Endowment in memory of Cheryl's late mother with a gift of \$125,000.

While attending the University of Tennessee Nursing School, Phyllis Shane of Kingsport, Tennessee, met her future husband, James. Soon after, she put her dream of becoming a nurse on hold.

Once her children grew up, Shane decided to finish her degree. In 1994, at 60 years old, Shane graduated with a bachelor's degree in nursing from Gulf Coast Community College and received a standing ovation from her peers.

Shane put an emphasis on education for herself and her children.

"Education was very important for my mother because it empowered women," Cheryl Ducker said. "So giving to the Ole Miss Women's Council was an obvious choice."

Mike Ducker, a 1972 graduate of the UM College of Liberal Arts, is retiring in August after a 43-year career at FedEx. At retirement, he was the chief operating officer and president, international, for FedEx Express. He and Cheryl met in Memphis in 1989, and have a daughter, Rachel, an Ole Miss sophomore.

"The University of Mississippi is very close to our hearts. A gift like this honoring Cheryl's mother through the Ole Miss Women's Council is a cause that Phyllis held very dear and is very meaningful to our family."

Now in its 18th year, the OMWC has built a scholarship endowment totaling almost \$14.5 million.

Mike Ducker credits his UM education for much of the success he has realized in his life and believes it will have similar results for others. For this reason, he keeps a book of resumes from rising Ole Miss seniors who would be excellent candidates for open positions at FedEX corporate.

"After all, the brightest and best people should be FedEx purple employees," Ducker quipped.

Ducker, who played football for the Rebels, and his wife continue to be engaged in the life of his alma mater. They attend all the Ole Miss football games on the Oxford campus and try to travel to as many away games as possible.

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IMPACTING STUDENTS

Barker Honors Roots with Scholarship

Margaret Barker, of Nashville, Tennessee — a 1990 graduate of the School of Business Administration — has made a generous gift to establish an Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy (OMWC) scholarship in her name in hopes of giving students the support needed to help them realize their career goals.

"It is so much more than just a university to me. It is family, friends, traditions, fond memories and love," said Barker, a native of Tupelo, Mississippi.

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During Barker's time at Ole Miss, she was engaged in many campus organizations, and she continued her involvement with her alma mater after moving to Nashville with her husband, John Barker, also a 1990 School of Business Administration graduate, whom she met during their freshman year.

"John and I decided we both wanted to give back to a school that gave so much to us. I am honored and humbled to have joined the Ole Miss Women's Council this year and look forward to being part of such a strong and wonderful group of women who make a positive impact on the Ole Miss community and its students."

Barker said she is excited to see who will benefit from the new



Karen Moore of Nashville, OMWC member and former chair, from left; Matthew, Margaret, John and Anna Caroline Barker of Nashville; and Mary Haskell of Oxford, OMWC member and former chair, visit on campus.

scholarship endowment and stands ready to be an influential mentor in those recipients' lives during their undergraduate years.

"Because of our love, passion and gratitude to Ole Miss, John and I wanted to give young people an opportunity to fulfill their hopes and dreams at the University of Mississippi," she said. Ole Miss has played a large role throughout the Barker family, and their tradition continues as their son Matthew and daughter Anna Caroline are currently attending the university.

The Barkers own and operate Two Rivers Ford dealership in Nashville. In addition, Margaret Barker contributed her time and talents to formerly serve on a variety of community organizations.

"I am very proud that Margaret chose to pursue this opportunity to give back to her roots," said John Barker.

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Matching Gift to Benefit Medgar Evers Scholarship in Law

John Robin Bradley, a native of Inverness, Mississippi, is challenging the University of Mississippi Office of Development to raise \$100,000 for the Medgar Evers Scholarship in Law Endowment. In turn, he has agreed to match up to the total goal amount himself.

Bradley, law professor emeritus, wants the scholarship endowment to grow and he hopes this unique approach to fundraising will make that happen.

Bradley established the endowment in 2008 with gifts over \$100,000 to provide financial assistance to law students, with special consideration going to graduates of Tougaloo College, Jackson State University and Alcorn State University — all historically black institutions of higher learning.

"The law school has a history of more than 50 years of offering legal education to all people, this after a much longer history of excluding African-Americans from this opportunity," Bradley said. "When I joined the law faculty in 1966, I took pride in being part of this thennew role. The results have been gratifying and valuable to students of all backgrounds, and I am glad to have had the opportunity to join others in being part of that.

"The law school is better for the change as are our profession and state. A signal of the school's continuing commitment to inclusiveness remains important even these many years later," he said.

Suzette Matthews, development officer for the law school, said fundraising efforts are underway with \$10,000 already raised toward the campaign goal. Balch and Bingham law firm of Jackson, Mississippi,



Tara Ellis (left), managing partner of Balch and Bingham, and UM Law Dean Susan Duncan congratulate Kye Handy, the first recipient of the Evers scholarship

was first to respond with a \$2,500 gift.

"Once the generous support of alumni and friends of the law school help us meet our \$100,000 goal, Professor Bradley will then provide a match, resulting in a \$200,000 gift for the school," Matthews said. "We are very grateful to Professor Bradley for his great interest in the perpetuity of the Medgar Evers scholarship."

Bradley, a graduate of Mississippi College and the UM School of Law, was in private law practice for four years before joining the faculty at Ole Miss in 1966. He has been a visiting professor at Florida State University and the University of Richmond, and he taught in a Cambridge Summer Session.

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Gift from Mississippi Scottish Rite Helps Fund Literacy Program



Brad Crowe (left), co-director of the UM Speech and Hearing Center; Gloria Kellum, CSD professor emeritus; Teresa Carithers, interim dean of the School of Applied Sciences; Lisa Ivy, clinical instructor and speechlanguage pathologist; Pam Michael, former interim CSD chair; and Bill Sloan, deputy of the Supreme Council for the Mississippi Scottish Rite, celebrate the establishment of the Mississippi Scottish Rite Literacy Program.

A recent gift established the Mississippi Scottish Rite Literacy Program, a fund to provide literacy programming for area children with the potential for statewide outreach.

All literacy programming, provided by certified speech-language pathologists and graduate student clinicians from the UM Speech and Hearing Center, is designed to improve children's reading skills and provide interventions for children with reading disabilities. This program provides quality services for children diagnosed with a reading disability, those at risk for learning to read and clinical training for graduate students in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

This program will expand the Mississippi Scottish Rite's support of children with language and literacy problems through direct service as well as through educating graduate students who will continue this work in their professional practice.

"On behalf of the approximately 2,400 Scottish Rite Masons of Mississippi, it is with great pleasure that we partner with the University of Mississippi Foundation to establish a literacy program for children, while enabling student practitioners to hone their skills," said Bill Sloan of the Mississippi Scottish Rite.

"The Scottish Rite Masons work hard in supporting the identification of dyslexia and literacy issues with children to improve their learning abilities at the earliest stage as possible. This leads to a more positive learning environment, enhances their perspective and comprehension, and results in better-prepared young adults and more productive citizens. We look forward to many years of supporting Mississippi's youth and teachers in this field through this partnership with the University of Mississippi," Sloan continued.

"We are incredibly grateful for this gift from the Mississippi Scottish Rite, because it allows us to provide a critical service to children and a clinical opportunity for our graduate students to expand their practical experience and research," said Teresa Carithers, interim dean for the School of Applied Sciences.

'Hickman Girls' Honor Parents' Lives, Examples with Scholarships



Known in Oxford as the "Hickman Girls" — Jenny Hickman Poole, from left, Debbie Hickman Little and Lisa Hickman Tollison — have created two scholarships to pay tribute to the lives of their parents, Dewey and Will Hickman (portraits).

The late Dewey and Will Hickman were known for their deeply committed service to the University of Mississippi and the state's other universities, the Oxford-Lafayette County community and its economic development, local schools, their church and — most of all — their three daughters.

Now those daughters — known around Oxford, Mississippi, as the "Hickman Girls" — are expressing that affection and devotion by establishing two scholarships at Ole Miss to pay tribute to their parents. Jenny Hickman Poole of Batesville, Mississippi, and sisters Debbie Hickman Little and Lisa Hickman Tollison, both of Oxford, have funded the Will A. and Dewey C. Hickman Memorial Law Scholarship Endowment for

full-time students in the School of Law.

The second scholarship they have endowed is the Will A. and Dewey C. Hickman Memorial Scholarship Endowment designated for full-time students who are community college transfers and Mississippi residents with financial need; first preference will be given to students in the School of Business Administration.

"When we lost our parents, we knew we wanted to do something for these special people who did so much for others," Poole said. "Their love for Ole Miss was so strong and such an important part of their lives that establishing something at the university in their names seemed appropriate."

UM alumnus Will Hickman, a World War II veteran and senior law partner with Hickman, Goza and Spragins, served on the board of trustees of state Institutions of Higher Learning for 13 years, one term as president. The IHL is the governing body responsible for policy and financial oversight of the eight public universities of Mississippi.

Will Hickman also served Oxford in many capacities and as mayor pro tempore and as an alderman for two terms. Appreciation for his contributions were recognized in 1986 when he was honored as Oxford's Citizen of the Year. Hinds Community College named him Alumnus of the Year in 1988. He was inducted into the Ole Miss Alumni Hall of Fame and received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the university in 1996. The Ole Miss School of Law selected him as its 1998 Alumnus of the Year.

UM alumna Dewey Hickman was named Woman of the Year by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Oxford. She taught business communication at Ole Miss and was active in her community and church.

Anderson Hopes Gift Will Help Develop Future State Leaders

Continuing his legacy of support to the University, retired state Supreme Court justice Reuben Anderson's most recent gift will provide scholarships for full-time law students.

Since becoming the first African-American graduate of the UM Law School in 1967, Anderson of Jackson, Mississippi, and his wife Phyllis have committed more than \$200,000 to the law school, to the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation and to the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

"The law school gave me so much. If it wasn't for the law school, I probably wouldn't be a lawyer. The people I had contact with when I was there played a major role in my life and I want them to be remembered," said Anderson, specifically naming Josh Morse, former law dean.

"But probably more than anything else, I think it's important that the law school stay strong, attract Mississippians and develop our leaders for the future," Anderson continued. "They've always done that and a little help on the scholarship end can be beneficial. I think it's important that we continue to attract people to stay in Mississippi and not leave."

Anderson is a senior partner at the law firm of Phelps Dunbar LLP. He attended Jackson Public Schools and received a bachelor's degree in history from Tougaloo College in 1964 before enrolling in law school. In 1967, he was admitted to the Mississippi State Bar. His professional experience includes Mississippi Associate Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., 1967-75; a partner with Anderson, Banks, Nichols & Stewart, 1968-77; municipal judge for the City of Jackson, 1975-77; county court judge for Hinds



Reuben and Phyllis Anderson

County, Mississippi, 1977-82; Circuit Court judge for the 7th Circuit Court District of Mississippi, 1982-85; Mississippi Supreme Court Justice, 1985-90; and Jamie L. Whitten Chair of Law and Government at UM, fall 1995.

"All of it can be attributed to the fact that I got a solid legal education at the Ole Miss law school," Anderson said, adding, "I've always thought the law school was a great institution. I think it's world-class. It has a great faculty and leadership and a great new dean."

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Honoring a Leader

A recent gift to the University establishes a travel fund for students while honoring the late Carolyn Ellis Staton, a higher education trailblazer who became the university's first female provost.

The Carolyn Ellis Staton Travel Fund will cover expenses incurred by students who travel for learning opportunities within their field of interest.



Marvin King, senior faculty fellow for Residential College South, admires a portrait of late provost Carolyn Ellis Staton.

"There would be no better way to honor Carolyn. She would be thrilled to know that an effort like this is being made to ensure that students have enriching, extracurricular opportunities to broaden their knowledge base," said Staton's husband, Bill Staton of Oxford, Mississippi.

"Her love for travelling began at a young age and continued throughout her life."

Bill Staton; Marvin King, senior faculty fellow for Residential College South; Lionel Maten, assistant vice chancellor and director of student housing; Laura Antonow, director of college programs; and other friends of Carolyn Staton established the fund as a tribute to the longtime educator.

Carolyn Staton joined the Ole Miss faculty in August 1977. During her 32-year tenure, she served as a professor and interim dean in the School of Law, associate provost and provost before her retirement in 2009. As provost, she facilitated the creation of the university's residential colleges and Croft Institute for International Studies. She expanded on the ideas of others in building the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College.

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Family members gather around Gloria Kellum (fourth from right) at a recent reception hosted in her honor by the University of Mississippi Department of Political Science Advisory Board. The board acknowledged Kellum's long-term service to the university by establishing a scholarship endowment in her name.



A new scholarship within the University of Mississippi School of Applied Sciences will honor the late Lennette Johnson Ivy, professor and chair emerita of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. During her retirement reception in 2016, Lennette Ivy and her husband, James Ivy, smile as UM Provost Noel Wilkin discusses her longtime service to the university.



The Patterson School of Accountancy recently named Kendall Bowlin as the inaugural holder of the Ed Krei Chair of Accountancy. In 2009, Barbara and Ed Krei of Edmond, Oklahoma, established the Edward Krei Lectureship in Accountancy. In 2015, they generously elevated their endowment to the chair level.

Whitwells Support Ole Miss Students

Oxford Couple Makes Major Commitment to Magee Center



Ginger and Quentin Whitwell

Ginger and Quentin Whitwell have found that living in Oxford gives them the opportunity to see the needs of college students "up close and personal," inspiring their major support of the William Magee Center for Wellness Education.

"It's personal," Ginger Whitwell said of helping students at their alma mater. "The University of Mississippi is part of who we are."

The Whitwells' \$100,000 gift will build on the endowment for the new William Magee Center for Wellness Education, which is intended to heighten the focus on drug and alcohol education and prevention. Opening in early 2019, the center will be located in the university's new South Campus Recreation Facility.

The two donors join other alumni, student organizations, friends, faculty, staff, a foundation, a corporation and a church congregation that have collectively given almost \$1.3 million in an 18-month period to establish the Magee Center, with the hopes of making a difference in the lives of young people who struggle with substance misuse.

Reaching and exceeding a \$1.5 million minimum endowment goal will undergird the center's programming and operations for years to come.

The Magee Center is named for William Magee, a 23-year-old Ole Miss alumnus and former Honors College student who lost his life to an overdose in 2013. His parents, Kent and David Magee of Oxford, are devoting efforts toward sharing their family's experiences

in order to help others and attract support for the center.

"Kent and David are longtime friends, and we think the world of them," said Quentin Whitwell. "When we reconnected with them after several years, we were touched by William's story and how they are working to make sure other individuals don't end up faced with the same circumstances.

"The development of the Magee Center makes me proud of our university — that leadership would take a stand and address issues head on."

"We admire the Magees because they have found a powerful purpose despite their tragedy. Ginger and I are in the position to help support the Magee Center and efforts to provide more support to Ole Miss students, and we are pleased to do so."

College students across the nation are using substances to fit in, manage anxiety, manage stress and help with sleep. Among the goals of the Magee Center is increasing students' knowledge and skills related to responsible consumption of alcohol and medicines using

harm-reduction approaches.

"Kent and I expected that sharing our son's story would be received with empathy because almost everyone knows or loves someone who faces the challenge of addiction," said David Magee. "However, we have been overwhelmed by the positive responses to the Magee Center and are grateful to Quentin and Ginger for this very generous gift. The Whitwells are deeply committed to seeing the Oxford-University community thrive and thus have embraced this center as a means of helping students."

The center also will seek to engage students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni and the Oxford community in alcohol- and drug-related issues and concerns — a goal the Whitwells embrace.

"The development of the Magee Center makes me proud of our university — that leadership would take a stand and address issues head on," said Quentin Whitwell, a founding partner of the law firm Harper Whitwell, PLLC and a government affairs operative. He and a partner formed The Talon Group, a lobbying firm, and Whitwell also served on the Jackson City Council, representing northeast Jackson as Ward I councilman, before moving his family to Oxford, which is also Quentin's hometown.

The Whitwells each enjoyed their undergraduate experience at Ole Miss, where Ginger Whitwell, a native of Forest, Mississippi, was an Ole Miss Ambassador, active on the Student Alumni Council and a member of Phi Mu sorority. Quentin Whitwell was the Associated Student Body president, Student Hall of Fame inductee and Sigma Nu fraternity member — like William and David Magee. Upon graduation Ginger went on to earn a master's degree in education from the University of Southern Mississippi, and Quentin earned a juris doctorate from the UM School of Law.

To honor their generous support, a large wellness classroom in the new South Campus Recreation Facility will be named for the Whitwells.

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UM Endowment Builds to \$715 Million

Strong investment returns, generosity of alumni and friends spur growth

The University of Mississippi's fiscal year ended with its permanent endowment standing at \$715 million, soaring from \$675 million over the past year, while 30,332 alumni and friends committed in excess of \$100 million in new gifts for the seventh consecutive year.

increase in permanently held funds invested and managed for the university. The endowment, which benefited from a return of 10 percent and management by an investment committee is well on its way to realizing a long-range goal of a \$1 billion.

Success also was found during FY 2018 on playing fields and courts as well as in investments made by alumni and friends in Ole Miss Athletics. Cash gifts exceeded \$30 million for the fourth consecutive year. The Forward Together campaign stands at \$175.6 million, with plans to complete this \$200 million campaign in FY 2019.

