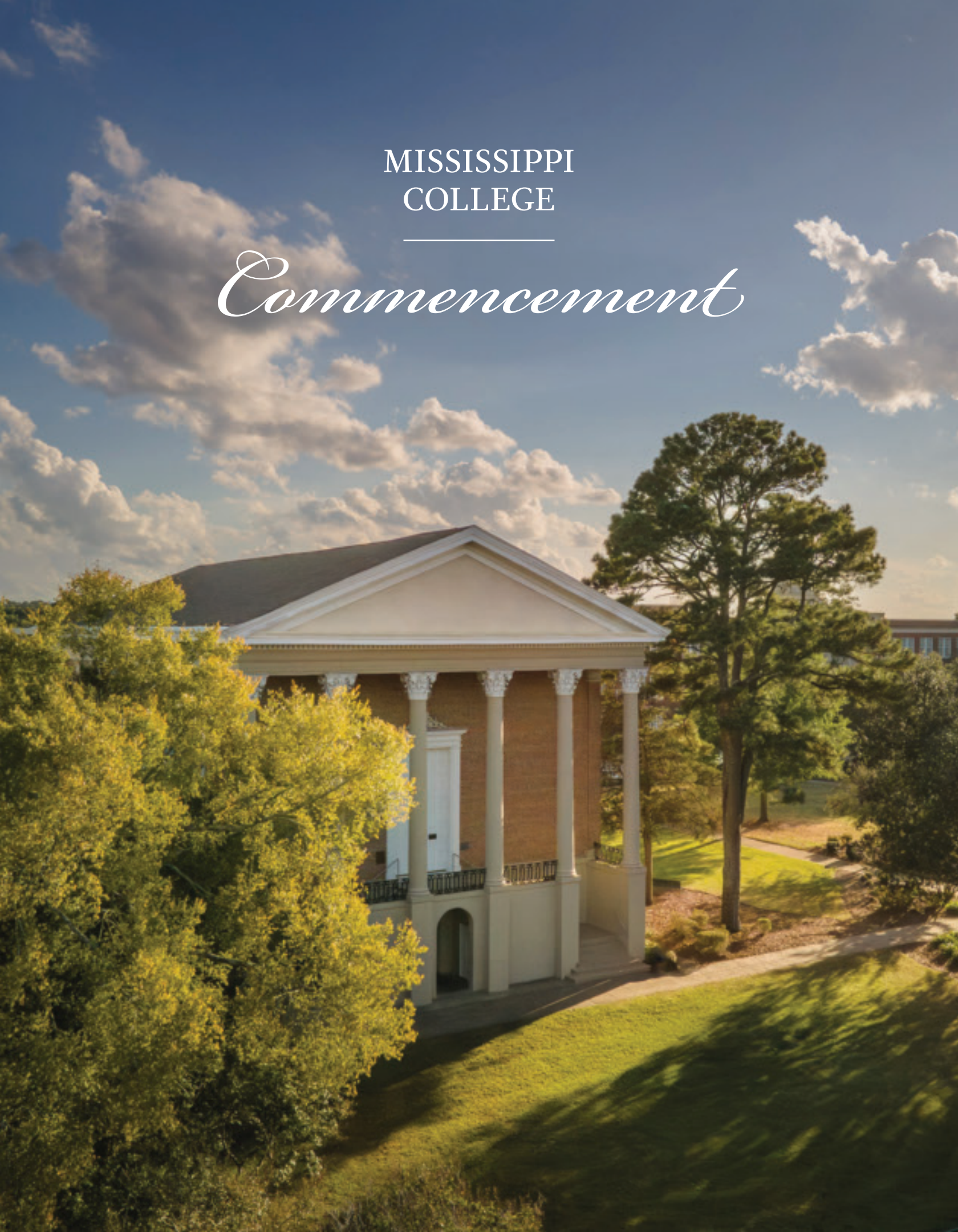


MISSISSIPPI
COLLEGE

Commencement





A CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

2024



The moving sculpture "Servant Savior" depicts Jesus Christ washing the feet of His disciples just prior to The Lord's Supper. Created in 2004 by the late master sculptor Samuel Gore, "Servant Savior" was given to Mississippi College by the children of Robert and Sara Hederman.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE GRADUATION ETIQUETTE

OUT OF RESPECT FOR
OTHER FAMILIES PRESENT:



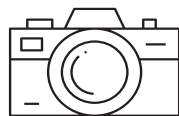
SILENCE ALL DEVICES



HOLD YOUR APPLAUSE
UNTIL PROMPTED



NO AIR HORNS
OR NOISEMAKERS



PLEASE TAKE ALL PICTURES
WITH YOUR GRADUATE
BEFORE THE CEREMONY



MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE SCHEDULE OF COMMENCEMENT EVENTS

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

CENTRAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
Mississippi College, Quad, 5:30 P.M.

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ACADEMIC RECEPTIONS
Mississippi College, Various Locations, 7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

DEGREE CEREMONIES

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES AND THE ARTS
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Mississippi College, A.E. Wood Coliseum, 10:00 A.M.

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INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
SCHOOL OF NURSING
SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS
Mississippi College, A.E. Wood Coliseum, 1:00 P.M.

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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
Mississippi College, A.E. Wood Coliseum, 4:00 P.M.

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There is only one official graduation date each semester, no matter when the commencement exercise is held. University policy has set the date which coincides with the undergraduate commencement as the official date, and it is considered the date degrees were awarded. This date appears on all diplomas. For Spring 2024, the official date is May 3, 2024.

The inclusion of student names in this commencement program is not an indicator that the student completed degree requirements and earned a degree from Mississippi College.



MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

THE QUAD
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024
5:30 P.M.

PRE-CEREMONY MUSIC

Tyler Kemp '07
*Technology Instructor and Faculty Accompanist
Department of Music*

CALL TO ORDER

Gracelyn Noss '24
Hall of Fame 2024
Coulter Clement '24
Hall of Fame 2024

*RINGING OF THE BELL

David Torrent '24
Hall of Fame 2024

*PROCESSIONAL

Tyler Kemp

*INVOCATION

Jameson Cook '24
President, Student Government Association, 2024

WELCOME

Dr. Blake Thompson, *President*

*MC PRAYER HYMN

"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"
1836
by William B. Brabury & Dorothy Ann Thrupp
Tyler Kemp
Coulter Clement, *vocalist*

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Dr. Blake Thompson

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Gayle Wicker Long '72, '74
Distinguished Community Leader

HONORARY DEGREE PRESENTATION

Dr. Blake Thompson
Dr. Mike Highfield
Provost, Executive Vice President, and Graduate Dean

Honorary Doctor of Public Service

Gayle Long Wicker

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS

Distinguished Professor of the Year Award
Dr. David Magers, *Professor, Department of
Chemistry and Biochemistry*

Pittman Young Faculty Award

Dr. Mary Ellen Stewart
*President, Faculty Senate
and Assistant Professor, School of Nursing*

Nelson Cup, Sadler Award, and Perry Awards

Dr. Mike Highfield

Honors College Scholars

Dr. Blake Thompson
Dr. Christopher Weeks
*Director, Honors College and Associate Professor
Department of Biology*

ALUMNI CHARGE

Jake Donald
Director of Alumni and Family Engagement

*The Mississippi College Alma Mater

Dr. Beth Everett
*Director of Choral Activities
and Assistant Professor
Department of Music*
Tyler Kemp

*BENEDICTION

Nick Carraway '24
School of Christian Studies and the Arts

CLOSING REMARKS

Mallory Burnside '24
Hall of Fame 2024
Mason Kennedy '24
Founders Award 2024

*RECESSIONAL

*The audience will please stand.

**School receptions to follow.



MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
SPRING COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES AND THE ARTS
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

A. E. WOOD COLISEUM, CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI
FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024
10:00 A.M.

*PROCESSIONAL

“Veritas March”

By Ben Williams

Dr. Michael Rushing

Director of the Taylor School and Professor

Department of Music

*INVOCATION

Professor Albert Smathers

Professor, Department of Art

WELCOME and

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

Dr. Blake Thompson

President, Mississippi College

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

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Dr. Wayne VanHorn

Interim Dean, School of

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Dr. Jonathan Randle

Dean, School of Humanities

and Social Sciences

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*CLOSING STATEMENT

Dr. Mike Highfield

*BENEDICTION

Professor Susan Lassister

Assistant Professor,

Department of English

*RECESSIONAL

“Stately Processional”

by James S. Sclater

Dr. Michael Rushing

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SPRING 2024 COMMENCEMENT

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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Jacob Connor Creel, *Grenada, MS*
Katie Grace Easterling, *Pelahatchie, MS*
Ethan Dupree Estis, *Ocean Springs, MS*
Lakelynn Brooke Fancher, *Kosciusko, MS*
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Hayden Douglas Hill, *Flowood, MS*
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Jeffrey Lebeau, *Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada*
Maeghan Grace Lee, *Bude, MS*
Sierra Nicole Lee, *Dyer, TN*
Wonderful Lin, *Madison, MS*
Austin Gray Lincoln, *Brandon, MS*

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Charles Austin McKinley, *Taylorsville, MS*
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Hope Joy Xiaoke Owens, *Olive Branch, MS*
Connor William Reed, *Oxford, MS*
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Daniel Weston Smith, *Richardson, TX*
Sarah A. Tinsley, *Bolton, MS*
Nakedra T. Weathersby, *Clinton, MS*
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Major: Master of Accountancy
Jared Scott Robinson, *Jackson, MS*
Major: Master of Accountancy
Jarred Terrell Wade, *Madison, MS*
Major: Master of Accountancy

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Ke'Shawn Brinkley, *Roxie, MS*
Major: Business Administration
Maximilian Wilhelm Buesch, *Odenthal North
Rhine-Westphalia, Germany*
Major: Finance Concentration
Matthew Austin Byrd, *Brandon, MS*
Major: Business Administration



Jasmine Marcita Guyton, *Brandon, MS*
Major: Accounting Concentration

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Major: Business Administration

Cameron Holladay Hall, *Greensboro, GA*
Major: Business Administration

Caila Grace Hankins, *Raymond, MS*
Major: Business Administration

Caleb Clayton Hewitt, *Madison, MS*
Major: Business Administration

Luke Daniel Horst, *Pinson, AL*
Major: Accounting Concentration

Jacob Lynn McCrory, *Terry, MS*
Major: Business Administration

Pradip Maheshbhai Patel, *Gandhinagar Gujarat, India*
Major: Accounting Concentration

Jennifer Grace Phillips, *Clinton, MS*
Major: Business Administration

Kelly Jeanine White, *Clinton, MS*
Major: Business Administration

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Sienna Raye Smathers, *Raymond, MS*
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HONORS COLLEGE SCHOLAR

Addison Grace Alexander, *Summit, MS*

WITH HIGH HONORS

Mary Margaret Freeman
For the Heart is Hard Though the Body
Be Soft: "On Fairy-stories and Allegorical
Interpretation of Smith of Wootton Major"
Dr. Jonathan Randle

Maria Noelle Guay
The Stars are Black and Cold: A Literacy
Analysis of Religion and Identity in the Stage
Adaptation of *Les Miserables*
Dr. Daniel White

Colburn Wyatt Jones
Disco Elysium's Insulindian Phasmid: The End
of Harry Du Bois
Dr. David Miller

Avery Raye Wolfe
Isn't That Romantic: An Exploration of
Lore Olympus and Dark Romance Through
a Comprehensive Analysis of Hades as an
Anti-Hero
Dr. David Miller

MASTER OF ARTS

Owen Francis Connelly, *Clinton, MS*
Major: History

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Major: English

Richard Carmichael Pollard, *Clarksdale, MS*
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MASTER OF SCIENCE

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Major: Homeland Security



MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
SPRING COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
SCHOOL OF NURSING
SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

A. E. WOOD COLISEUM, CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

1:00 P.M.

*PROCESSIONAL

“Veritas March”

by Ben Williams

Dr. Robert Knupp

Professor

Department of Music

*INVOCATION

Dr. Jacob Crouch

Instructor, School of Nursing

WELCOME and
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President, Mississippi College

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Dr. Mary Ellen Stewart '95

Assistant Professor

School of Nursing

*RECESSIONAL

“Stately Processional”

by James S. Sclater

Dr. Robert Knupp

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SPRING 2024 COMMENCEMENT

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

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Major: Health Services Administration

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JUNIOR AND SENIOR HONORS PROGRAM

Tanyla Jamilla Scott

WITH HONORS

McKenzie Danielle Ford
 Heredity Factors and Alzheimer's
 Disease: A Systematic Review
 Dr. David Sharp

WITH HIGH HONORS

Emilia Rosalia Miceli
 Improvement of Quality of Life of
 Marfans Patients: A Systematic Review
 Dr. David Sharp

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 Ethan Storm Boyett, *Alexandria, LA*
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 Margaret Bradley Carley, *Sumrall, MS*
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 Alison Camila Cevallos, *Pearl, MS*
 Emma Grace Clark, *Meridian, MS*
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 Jameson Price Cook, *Canton, MS*
 Dominic Craig Costa, *Flowood, MS*
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Cora Reagan Palmer, *Greenwell Springs, LA* Catherine Claire Price, *Madison, MS* Christopher Lamar Reeves, II, *Kimberly, AL* Emily Ann Rigney, *Laurel, MS*
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Madilyn Nichole Waters, *Laurel, MS* Sydney Shea Watts, *Alabaster, AL*
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Caleb William Young, *Ridgeland, MS*

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Ethan Storm Boyett, *Alexandria, LA*
Katherine Elizabeth Hammond, *Brentwood, TN*
Emily Taylor Stephens, *Downsville, LA*
Aynsleigh Kendra Washam, *Maumelle, AR*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Eric Christopher Benton, *Madison, MS*
Matthew Daniel Blacksher, *Brandon, MS*
Jared Vance Collum, *Brandon, MS*
Weston Wyatt Pool, *Pearl, MS*
Christopher Wilson Smith, *Clinton, MS*
Matthew Richard Theodore Tarigan, *Cikarang Java, Indonesia*
Grant Michael Watts, *Port Allen, LA*

WITH HIGH HONORS

Emily Taylor Stephens
The Effect of Bergamot Essential Oil on Increased Salivary Cortisol Levels Caused by Laboratory-Induced Acute Stress
Dr. Stephanie Carmicle

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Aaron Peyton Alexander, *Calhoun, LA*
Major: Biology Medical Sciences
David Benjamin Ash, *Colleyville, TX*
Major: Biology Medical Sciences
Frank Grant Tickie Brian, *Jackson, MS*
Major: Biology Medical Sciences
Anna LaCara Carlin, *Marine City, MI*
Major: Biology Medical Sciences
Ashley Colleen Delany, *New Port Richey, FL*
Major: Biology Medical Sciences
Kristen Diane Dodd, *Ridgeland, MS*
Major: Biology Medical Sciences
Madyson Jenese Edwards, *Ridgeland, MS*
Major: Biology
Hailey Alexa Nicole Fisher, *Baton Rouge, LA*
Major: Biology
Graham Knight Hanes, *Ruston, LA*
Major: Biology Medical Sciences
Ethan Poi Zhong Hoasjoe, *Houston, TX*
Major: Biology Medical Sciences
Alexa Lei Hyder, *Jackson, MS*
Major: Biology
Mohammad Mouzam Ibrahim, *Hyderabad Telangana, India*
Major: Chemistry
Thesis: Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis of Toxic Metals in Shrimps
Thesis Committee:
Dr. Scoty Hearst, Chair
Dr. Trent Selby
Dr. David Magers



Jasmine Lanae' Kinchen, *Nashville, TN*
Major: Biology

Matthew Carey Knight, *Florence, MS*
Major: Biology

Hailey Elizabeth McDowell, *Hessmer, LA*
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Quynhnhhi Theresa Nguyen, *New Orleans, LA*
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Braden Hayes Odem, *Clinton, MS*
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Ryusuke Oyagi, *Denpasar Lesser Sunda Islands, Indonesia*
Major: Biology

Parth Jayeshkumar Patel, *Surat Gujarat, India*
Major: Chemistry
Thesis: Monitoring Toxic Metals in Marine Environments Using Blue Crabs Sentinels
Thesis Committee:
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Dr. Trent Selby
Dr. David Magers

Alice Elizabeth Phillips, *Brandon, MS*
Major: Biology

Guilherme Ricardo Santos, *Lisbon, Portugal*
Major: Computer Science
Thesis: Exploring the Potential of Machine Learning in Soccer: Enhancing Statistical Computation through Video Analysis
Thesis Committee:
Dr. Glenn Wiggins, Chair
Dr. Melissa Wiggins
Dr. Thomas Bennett

Rayna Ashley Smith, *Clinton, MS*
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

Claire Ellen Stokes, *Clinton, MS*
Major: Chemistry
Thesis: Relative Stabilities of Amino, Nitro, and Trifluoromethyl Derivatives of 9-methylantracene and 9-methylene-9,10-dihydroanthracene
Thesis Committee:
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Major: Biology Medical Sciences



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A. E. WOOD COLISEUM, CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI
FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024
4:00 P.M.

*PROCESSIONAL
“Veritas March”
By Ben Williams
Dr. Ben Williams
*Chair and Professor
Department of Music*

INVOCATION
Dr. Katherine Heard
Professor, Department of Psychology

WELCOME and
PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS
Dr. Blake Thompson
President, Mississippi College

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
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Dean, School of Education

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Dr. Cindy Melton
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Dr. Mike Highfield
*Provost, Executive Vice President,
and Graduate Dean*

Dr. Blake Thompson
President

*CLOSING STATEMENT
Dr. Mike Highfield

*BENEDICTION
Abigail McCoy
*Class of 2024
School of Education*

*RECESSIONAL
“Stately Processional”
by James S. Sclater
Dr. Ben Williams

*The audience will please stand.



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Ruston Brooks Conn, *Montevallo, AL*
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Caroline Lee Dees, *Pearl, MS*
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Kathryn Alana Knuth, *Newton, MS*
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Kelsey Dionne McKnight, *Natchez, MS*
Jordan Breann Moore, *Crane Hill, AL*
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Conventional Strain Energy and Sigma
Delocalization in Cyclic Compounds of Carbon
and Boron
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Kristeni Jaydn Bledsoe, *Richland, MS*
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Josarah Ann Slover, *Laurel, MS*
Alaina Christine Weeks, *Pontotoc, MS*

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Kayla Ann Cloy Anding, *Smithdale, MS*
Major: Special Education

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Major: Dyslexia Therapy Program

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Major: Special Education

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Major: Educational Leadership

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Major: Special Education

Morgan Ryan Frazier, *Dallas, GA*
Major: Elementary Education

Melissa Howie Geter, *Brandon, MS*
Major: Special Education

Charles E. Hamblin, *Tupelo, MS*
Major: Educational Leadership

Allison Breeze Haynes, *Tupelo, MS*
Major: Educational Leadership

Margaret Carole Henderson, *Franklin, TN*
Major: Elementary Education

Haley Brooke Hendrix, *Pontotoc, MS*
Major: Curriculum and Instruction



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Grace Elizabeth Collins Perry Hitt, <i>Madison, MS</i> Major: Educational Leadership	Laura Amanda Mansell, <i>Fulton, MS</i> Major: Special Education
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Stephanie Dierker Jierski, <i>Clinton, MS</i> Major: Curriculum and Instruction	Jordan Earnest Morgan, <i>Sturgis, MS</i> Major: Curriculum and Instruction
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Peyton Elizabeth Torvik, *Hernando, MS*
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Major: Educational Leadership

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Katelyn Adams, *Madison, MS*
Major: Mental Health Counseling

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Major: Higher Education Administration

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Major: Marriage and Family Counseling

Sydney Caroline Butler, *Madison, MS*
Major: Mental Health Counseling

Sophia Hansen Creath, *Jackson, MS*
Major: Mental Health Counseling

Ashton Gwyneth Davis, *Richland, MS*
Major: Mental Health Counseling

Brooke Nicole Fagan, *Clinton, MS*
Major: Athletic Administration Intercollegiate Administration

Nicholas Alexander Grady, *Meridian, MS*
Major: Applied Exercise Physiology

Brady C. Jacobs, *Jackson, MS*
Major: Athletic Administration Intercollegiate Administration

Philip Kumar Kodangal, *Vikarabad Telangana, India*
Major: Applied Exercise Physiology

Bhavana Madugula, *Hyderabad Telangana, India*
Major: Applied Exercise Physiology

Naga Hari Hara Murthy Mangipudi, *Hyderabad Telangana, India*
Major: Applied Exercise Physiology

Elijah Kendrelvis McDaniel, *Shaw, MS*
Major: Mental Health Counseling

Jasmine Monay McIntyre, *Hazlehurst, MS*
Major: Mental Health Counseling

Mary Rogers Merrell, *Jackson, MS*
Major: Mental Health Counseling

Jordan Alexander Mims, *Jackson, MS*
Major: Mental Health Counseling



Cody Austin Myers, *Pelahatchie, MS*
Major: Athletic Administration Intercollegiate
Administration

Kenneth Wayne Napoli, *Jackson, MS*
Major: Mental Health Counseling

Margaret Banks Proffitt, *Clinton, MS*
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Administration

Toni Alexandria Reynolds, *Hazlehurst, MS*
Major: Marriage and Family Counseling

Leland Somers Smith, IV, *Madison, MS*
Major: Mental Health Counseling

Claire Elise Subat, *Slidell, LA*
Major: Marriage and Family Counseling

Georgia Grace van Leijsen, *Jackson, MS*
Major: Mental Health Counseling

Nefertari Eileen White, *Tucson, AZ*
Major: Higher Education Administration

Anita Kim Winfield, *Jackson, MS*
Major: Applied Exercise Physiology

EDUCATION SPECIALIST

Gracie Thompson Adcock, *Morton, MS*
Major: Educational Leadership Administration
K-12

Shacob Keshon Bailey, *Ridgeland, MS*
Major: Counseling

Logan Danielle Bales, *Picayune, MS*
Major: Educational Leadership Administration
K-12

Stephen Wade Cooper, *Booneville, MS*
Major: Educational Leadership Administration
K-12

Jessica Paige Posey Cumberland, *Carthage, MS*
Major: Educational Leadership Administration
K-12

Pamela Janell Jones, *Jackson, MS*
Major: Educational Leadership Administration
K-12

Emily Lucille Lann, *Benton, MS*
Major: Educational Leadership Administration
K-12

Williesha Maria Mack, *Ridgeland, MS*
Major: Educational Leadership Administration
K-12

Ashlee Caviness Martin, *Booneville, MS*
Major: Educational Leadership Administration
K-12

Martha Gamble Moore, *Greenville, MS*
Major: Educational Leadership Administration
K-12

Sharenus Ariel Purnell, *Jackson, MS*
Major: Educational Leadership Curriculum and
Instruction

Glenn D. Robinson, *Clinton, MS*
Major: Educational Leadership Administration
K-12

Katrina Ann Sartin, *Summit, MS*
Major: Educational Leadership Administration
K-12

Jon Eric Somervell, *Ocean Springs, MS*
Major: Educational Leadership Administration
K-12

Madelyn Marie Speed, *Sumrall, MS*
Major: Educational Leadership Administration
K-12

Gabriel LeKeesha Stapleton, *Jackson, MS*
Major: Educational Leadership Administration
K-12

Cleotha Anthony Taylor, *Yazoo City, MS*
Major: Educational Leadership Administration
K-12

Danielle Renae Whittington, *Columbia, MS*
Major: Educational Leadership Administration
K-12

Charles H. Williams, Jr., *Pearl, MS*
Major: Educational Leadership Administration
K-12



DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Ettatina Lynette Flowers Myles, *Jackson, MS*

Tianjie Yun, *Miami, FL*

Major: Educational Leadership
Dissertation: An Investigation of Mississippi
School Teachers' Use of Social Media Platforms
for Their Professional Development
Dissertation Committee:
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Dr. Willie Johnson
Dr. O'ka Duren
Dr. Shevonne McDuffy-Oatis

DOCTOR OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

Rosamaria Pena, *Laredo, TX*

Major: Professional Counseling Project
Demonstrating Excellence: Developing an
E-Therapy Program to Address Mental Health
Issues in Students at Laredo College
Project Demonstrating Excellence Committee:
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Major: Professional Counseling
Project Demonstrating Excellence: Treating
Substance Abuse Disorder Utilizing both
Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Mindfulness
Intervention Techniques
Project Demonstrating Excellence Committee:
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Dr. Amy Vlach

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Major: Professional Counseling
Project Demonstrating Excellence: Program
Evaluation of the Terrebonne Parish Drug
Court (TPDC) Treatment
Program in the Treatment of Substance Abuse
Disorder: A Clinical Case Study
Project Demonstrating Excellence Committee:
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PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The medallion concept originated in Biblical days as a symbol for authority. The medallion was worn for adornment, and its likeness served as the official Seal. The Presidential Medallion, crafted for Dr. Blake Thompson, symbolizes the authority of the president's office as well as the president's responsibility to the Mississippi College

academic community. Fashioned in bronze and electroplated with gold, the Presidential Medallion depicts the Nelson Hall clock tower and is inscribed with the name and founding date of the University. The University's motto, "*Veritas et Virtus*" (truth and virtue) and the title "president," are included in the inscriptions.



MACE AND SEAL

The Mississippi College Mace, carried by the faculty council president who serves as grand marshal, is a symbol of the authority of the president of Mississippi College. Originating in the Middle Ages as a hand weapon used by the guards of kings, the mace has evolved into a ceremonial symbol in academic processions. The Mississippi College Mace is an original design by Dr. Ruth Glaze, professor of art, the late Dr. Kenneth Quinn, art instructor, and the late Dr. Archie Germany, professor emeritus of chemistry. Dr. Cliff Fortenberry, professor of communication and former department head, suggested the creation and use of the mace, which was first used during the inaugural

ceremony of Dr. Howell Todd on April 28, 1995. The mounts were designed and cast by the late Dr. Sam Gore, professor of art and department head, and Steve Cook, former professor of art. The four bronze Ormolu mounts represent Provine Chapel, Nelson Hall, a Choctaw Indian, and the Mississippi College motto within a circle placed over an open Bible and under the torch of truth. The mounts are attached to the four quadrants of the mace and the Mississippi College Presidential Seal is located in the crest of the mace.

THE PRESIDENTIAL SEAL

The Seal, which originated in prehistoric periods, came to represent the authority of the king. When used with wax and attached to a document, the impression of the Seal carried with it the full weight of the king's authority. The University Seal symbolizes the academic authority

controlled by the University. Any document which bears the Seal is vested with the full authority of the University and its president. The Mississippi College Presidential Seal mirrors the design of the Presidential Medallion.



ACADEMIC REGALIA

A time-honored tradition of great dignity, the wearing of academic apparel dates to the ecclesiastical garb of the late Middle Ages. The academic gown and hood were apparently first adopted in the 13th century at the University of Cambridge (1284). The University of Oxford was soon to follow. The custom was transplanted to this country in colonial times by Kings College in New York, now Columbia University.

In 1885, American universities and colleges standardized their academic styles and developed the intercollegiate code of academic costume. The characteristic elements of academic regalia are the gown, hood, and cap. The gown

is usually of black material (serge or worsted for bachelors, the same or silk for masters, and silk for doctors).

The hood, worn around the neck to hang down the back, is the principal emblem of the nature and source of the degree held. It is edged with velvet of the color of the degree; its silk lining bears the colors of the institution which granted the degree. Hoods may be worn only after the degree has been granted.

The cap bears a tassel which may be black for all ranks of degrees, or may be of gold thread for doctors and the color representing the degree for bachelors and masters.



HISTORY OF MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

When Mississippi College opened its doors in 1826 as Hampstead Academy, much of the United States was still wilderness. A mere nine years earlier, Mississippi had been admitted into the Union as the twentieth state. Mississippi itself was still an untamed frontier – a challenge to be met by hard work, diligence, and faith. Applying these ideals to the academic setting, Mississippi College began educating men and women to become leaders in both professional and spiritual arenas.

Mississippi College is the oldest institution of higher learning in Mississippi and was the first co-educational

institution in the United States to grant a degree to a woman. In 1850, the Mississippi Baptist Convention obtained the University by lease and began operation through a board of trustees.

Now in its 198th year, Mississippi College is the oldest University in the state. The University is governed by a board of trustees elected by the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Support comes through tuition, donations from alumni and friends, foundations and corporate support, and the Mississippi Baptist Convention.



MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE VISION STATEMENT

Mississippi College seeks to be known as a University recognized for academic excellence and commitment to the cause of Christ.



MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Mississippi College, governed by a board of trustees elected by the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is a private, co-educational, comprehensive University of liberal arts and sciences and professional studies dedicated to the pursuit of academic excellence. Founded in 1826, Mississippi College is the oldest institution of higher learning. As a Christian institution, Mississippi College values the integration of faith and learning throughout the educational process.

Consistent with its Baptist heritage and relationship to the Convention, Mississippi College provides a Christian education for its student population. Students select the University because of the quality of its academic programs, Christian environment, and location. The University recruits students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, leadership, and church and community involvement. The majority of students come from Mississippi and other southern states.

Mississippi College stimulates the intellectual development of its students through the liberal arts and sciences and concentrated study in specialized fields, including preprofessional and professional programs. The University's environment promotes the spiritual, social,

emotional, and physical development of its students and encourages them to utilize their skills, talents, and abilities as they pursue meaningful careers, lifelong learning, and service to God and others. The University emphasizes those undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs that offer opportunities for service. The University reflects its responsibility of service to the community through a variety of learning opportunities and numerous cultural-enrichment experiences.

Mississippi College is committed to excellence and innovation in teaching and learning. The University seeks to employ and retain faculty who are dedicated to teaching, learning, and advising students; who support and engage in scholarship and creative activities that advance knowledge; and who seek to continue their own professional development. The University also seeks to employ and retain staff and administrators who are equally dedicated to supporting these efforts. Furthermore, the University selects employees who reflect Christian values and a commitment to service. Mississippi College is an equal opportunity employer in accordance with Title VII and applicable exemptions.



DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AWARD

Each year since 1978 Mississippi College has recognized a member of the faculty as Distinguished Professor of the Year. In the spring of 2000, the General Faculty voted to revise the process by which the Distinguished Professor is chosen. Currently, faculty in the schools of Business, Education, Law, and Nursing nominate one member of their respective faculties for this award. The faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences nominates three members, one each from the Humanities, the Sciences, Fine Arts, and Communication. Each May, a committee appointed by the President of the Faculty Council and composed of faculty from all academic divisions of the University selects the Distinguished Professor of the Year based on criteria established by the General Faculty.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

1977-78	Dr. Archie Germany	1993-94	Mrs. Mary Catherine Gentry	2009-10	Dr. Kerri Jordan
1978-79	Dr. Joe Cooper	1994-95	Dr. Billy Hicks	2010-11	Dr. James Everett
1979-80	Dr. George Pittman	1995-96	Dr. Becky Lynchard Clark	2011-12	Dr. Emily Fokeladeh
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Each year since 2005 Mississippi College has recognized an outstanding member of the staff as the recipient of the Distinguished Staff Award. In honor of Dr. Van Dyke Quick, Vice President for Student and Alumni Affairs, Emeritus, an outstanding alumnus and long-time member of the Mississippi College family, the award was renamed and presented in 2010 as the Van “Doc” Quick Distinguished Staff Award. Nominations for this award are received in April each year and may be received from students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of Mississippi College. A nominee for this award must be a current Mississippi College staff employee who has had three consecutive years of service as a full-time staff member. The recipient of the award is selected by a committee composed of seven staff members and presented at the May commencement.

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2004-05	Carolyn V. Hand	2011-12	Linda Taylor	2018-19	Shelia Carpenter
2005-06	Bettye Stewart	2012-13	Shirley Tipton	2019-20	Laura Ann Hoffman
2006-07	Cindy Hampton	2013-14	Ann Long	2020-21	Autumn Norman
2007-08	Sandy Reeves	2014-15	Susan Musselwhite	2021-22	Elizabeth Milner
2008-09	Ricky Russell	2015-16	Kathy Gibbs	2022-23	Greg Travis
2009-10	Cynda Golden	2016-17	Mary Beth Graves		
2010-11	Jeannie Lane	2017-18	Jo Sistrunk		



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The pleasing bronze sculpture, "Jesus and the Children," created by the late internationally celebrated artist, Dr. Samuel Gore, is located in a perfect spot on the Quad near the home of the School of Education.

