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**WE RING TRUE.**

**W**elcome to Mississippi State University! We're more than a premier research institution offering world-class education. Our committed faculty members, including some of the best teachers and researchers in their fields, are equipping students to see beyond challenges and create the future.

From groundbreaking research projects to award-winning, hands-on service initiatives, MSU empowers students to make great things happen by expanding the boundaries of knowledge and finding solutions to real-world problems.

MSU is preparing students for successful lives and careers, helping ensure that they thrive in a supportive culture that values learning, service, and intellectual and creative freedom.

Your success — in whatever field of study or career goal — is our success etched in an environment that is changing the world.



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# VISITING MSU

## Welcome Center

The Mississippi State University Welcome Center is located at 75 B.S. Hood Drive in the Cullis Wade Depot. Visitors may obtain maps and information at this location. Campus, historical and elementary and middle school tours are offered Monday through Friday and may be arranged by calling 662-325-5198 or emailing [visit@pres.msstate.edu](mailto:visit@pres.msstate.edu). Visitors interested in undergraduate admissions or tours for prospective students should visit [admissions.msstate.edu](http://admissions.msstate.edu).



## Chapel of Memories

The campus chapel is built from bricks of the Old Main Dormitory, which was destroyed by fire in 1959. Opened in 1967 along with the George D. Perry Tower and Carillon, the chapel is the site for numerous weddings and other events. It also is open to individual students for meditation and prayer throughout the day and evening. For booking information, please contact Event Services at 662-325-3228.



## Colvard Student Union

Home to an array of activities and events, this campus-centered gathering spot offers a variety of services for students, faculty, staff, alumni and others in the MSU community. Featured on the first floor are specialty shops, the “musically themed” Dawg House and an extensive food court with seven dining locations.

Be sure to check out the State Fountain Bakery, a decades-old MSU tradition. The bakery has sweets to treat any palate and opens at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. To place special orders, call 662-325-3663 or visit [msucatering.com](http://msucatering.com).

The Union’s second and third floors provide various venues for events such as meetings, concerts, lectures, conventions, conferences, dances and banquets. Also housed there are several administrative offices, including the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center, Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, and the Center for Student Activities, with Event Services on the first floor.



## MSU Dining

MSU Dining Services offers several on-campus options to satisfy students' appetites. Fresh Food Company is a modern concept all-you-care-to-eat dining hall featuring chefs and fresh, made-to-order meals from several cooking stations. Located on the south side of campus, the building includes an open-concept lounge to hang out with friends, study or relax. The Marketplace at Perry, a historic, cathedral-style dining hall, was built in 1921 and features Gothic arches and wood beams. It offers nine different stations of all-you-care-to-eat breakfast and lunch.

Real Food on Campus, or RFoC, in the Templeton Athletic Academic Complex is the site of the athletic dining table. Serving weekday lunch, Templeton is the perfect place to dine with friends and colleagues. Join the athletes Monday through Thursday for dinner. Guests may enjoy a meal based around protein and healthy sides.

Moe's Southwest Grill, located near Colvard Student Union, serves fresh, made-to-order burritos and Southwestern fare in a fun and laid-back environment. Outside is a state-of-the-art seating area that includes both fans and heaters to accommodate an all-year eating/studying environment.

Inside the Union, favorite eateries include Chick-fil-A, Panda Express, Starbucks and State Fountain Bakery, to name a few. The newest dining addition is Steak 'n Shake, located in the Roberts Building which also houses the Post Office. For additional information and to view all dining locations, visit [dining.msstate.edu](http://dining.msstate.edu).



## Drill Field

Located at the heart of campus, the university's "main lawn" originally was the area where military cadets practiced formations. Today, the popular green space is a primary thoroughfare, a favorite setting for special events and a perfect place for Frisbee tosses, pick-up football games and other informal gatherings.





## The Junction

A major gathering place for MSU home football games, this student-inspired landmark got the name from its previous unofficial label “Malfunction Junction,” a reference to the once-busy intersection where five, often-congested streets converged. Anchored by Davis Wade Stadium, Barnes & Noble Bookstore and the university’s Welcome Center, the Junction is the focal point for pre-game tailgating and a pedestrian-friendly central campus.



## Joe Frank Sanderson Center

The Joe Frank Sanderson Center is Mississippi State's campus recreation facility. Providing 150,000 square feet of activity areas, Sanderson is one of the most popular student areas on campus. Accessible to persons with disabilities, it includes two gymnasiums, a 1/8-mile jogging track, racquetball courts, a 500,000-gallon indoor swimming pool, strength and conditioning areas, climbing wall, group exercise studios and conference rooms. Walkers and joggers also enjoy the one-mile trail around beautiful Chadwick Lake located next door. Fishing is permitted with appropriate Mississippi and campus permits. A sand volleyball court and disc golf course are also located adjacent to the facility. For information about fees and classes, call 662-325-7529 or visit [urec.msstate.edu](http://urec.msstate.edu).



## MAFES Sales Store

The MAFES Sales Store, known affectionately as the MSU Cheese Store, produces artisan cheeses, ice cream, butter and milk. Cheese and dairy products are made from milk produced by the MAFES Bearden Dairy Research Center just a few miles from campus. The university's herd produces more than 3 million pounds of milk each year, about 369,000 gallons. Dairy products are processed by the MAFES Custer Dairy Processing Plant and used throughout campus dining facilities and at numerous restaurants in Starkville. A unit of the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, the store also offers butcher cuts of meat from the MAFES foundation herds, jellies and more. Discover the freshness of locally produced, natural dairy and meat products by visiting the store, open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday–Friday, and on home football game days. Call 662-325-2338 or visit [msucheese.com](http://msucheese.com).



## The University Florist

The University Florist is a professional retail operation that serves as a working laboratory for horticulture majors in the floral management curriculum. A wide selection of floral designs and Mississippi gifts is available for pickup and delivery on campus and throughout Starkville. Operated by the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, the florist offers seasonal designs such as home game tailgate arrangements, Christmas wreaths and garlands, Valentine's Day roses and much more. McCarty pottery and decorative items for MSU tailgating are sold here as well. For hours and more information, visit [florist.msstate.edu](http://florist.msstate.edu), call 662-325-3585.

# Museums/Galleries

## **Charles H. Templeton, Sr. Music Museum**

Tells the story of the “business of music” with its collection of musical instruments, recordings and sheet music

[lib.msstate.edu/templeton](http://lib.msstate.edu/templeton) | 662-325-6634

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## **Colvard Student Union Art Gallery**

Showcases rotating exhibitions of regional and national scope

[union.msstate.edu/visit/art-gallery](http://union.msstate.edu/visit/art-gallery) | 662-325-2930

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## **Cullis Wade Depot Art Gallery**

Presents rotating exhibitions of contemporary art by nationally recognized artists, as well as MSU faculty and students

[caad.msstate.edu/wpmu/artnews/department-galleries](http://caad.msstate.edu/wpmu/artnews/department-galleries) | 662-325-2970

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## **Cullis and Gladys Wade Clock Museum**

Highlights more than 400 clocks and watches dating back as far as the early 1700s

[visit.msstate.edu/clockmuseum](http://visit.msstate.edu/clockmuseum) | 662-325-5198

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## **Cully Cobb Antique Tool Collection**

Features more than 350 antique tools and primitive machines

[msstate.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/frt/search](http://msstate.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/frt/search) | 662-325-2116

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## **Dunn-Seiler Museum**

Houses a public gallery with exhibits that focus on rocks, minerals fossils, including a cast of a real Triceratops skull

[geosciences.msstate.edu/dunn-seiler-museum](http://geosciences.msstate.edu/dunn-seiler-museum) | 662-325-3915

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## **Frank and Virginia Williams Collection of Lincolniana Gallery**

Boasts the nation’s largest privately owned holding of Abraham Lincoln research and display material, as well as the country’s most comprehensive privately owned Lincoln and Civil War library

[lib.msstate.edu/williamscollection](http://lib.msstate.edu/williamscollection) | 662-325-7668

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## **Giles Architecture Gallery**

Offers rotating architecture exhibitions of regional and national scope

[caad.msstate.edu/sarc/exhibits.php](http://caad.msstate.edu/sarc/exhibits.php) | 662-325-2202

## **Historic Costume and Textiles Collection**

Consists of textiles, clothing, accessories and footwear from the 1850s to the present

[historiccostume.msstate.edu](http://historiccostume.msstate.edu) | 662-325-1293

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## **Howell Observatory**

Offers special public telescope observations for up-close views of the moon, Jupiter, Saturn, the Andromeda galaxy and more

[physics.msstate.edu](http://physics.msstate.edu) | 662-325-4112

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## **John Grisham Room**

Displays memorabilia and materials from the writings and achievements of bestselling author, former Mississippi legislator, and MSU alumnus John Grisham

[lib.msstate.edu/grisham](http://lib.msstate.edu/grisham) | 662-325-6634

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## **Louis Burns Brock, Jay Brock and Hank Brock Gallery**

Showcases materials from the University Libraries and other programs and departments on campus

[lib.msstate.edu/oldmain/gallery](http://lib.msstate.edu/oldmain/gallery) | 662-325-0105

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## **Lois Dowdle Cobb Museum of Archaeology**

Exhibits artifacts from the ancient Middle East and the Southeastern United States

662-325-3826

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## **Martha Lipsey Art Gallery**

Provides a means for Mississippians with the most severe disabilities to feel the power of self-expression through art

[eyart.org](http://eyart.org) | 662-325-1028

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## **Mississippi Entomological Museum**

Includes the third largest insect collection in the Southeastern United States with 2 million specimens

[mississippientomologicalmuseum.org.msstate.edu](http://mississippientomologicalmuseum.org.msstate.edu) | 662-325-2990

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## **MSU Archives**

Houses papers, photographs and artifacts that document the history of Mississippi State University from 1878 to present

[lib.msstate.edu/specialcollections/collections/archives](http://lib.msstate.edu/specialcollections/collections/archives) | 662-325-3935

## **MSU Campus Tree Trail**

Exhibits common and not-so-common tree species, such as the Moon Sycamore and Melting Gingkos, found throughout the Southeastern United States

[map.msstate.edu/map](http://map.msstate.edu/map) and click the “Tour” tab | 662-325-5198

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## **MSU Extension Arthropod Zoo**

Houses a variety of local and exotic arthropods, including insects, millipedes and centipedes, tarantulas and local spiders, and scorpions

[blogs.msucare.com/entomology/arthropod-zoo](http://blogs.msucare.com/entomology/arthropod-zoo) | 662-325-5198

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## **MSU Herbarium**

Houses more than 30,000 sheets of dried, pressed plants dating back to the 1830s and collected by amateur and professional botanists

[herbarium.biology.msstate.edu](http://herbarium.biology.msstate.edu) | 662-325-3120

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## **Stennis-Montgomery Room**

Presents photographs, correspondence and artifacts that document the lives and careers of Senator John C. Stennis and Congressman G.V. “Sonny” Montgomery, both Mississippi State alumni

[lib.msstate.edu/museums](http://lib.msstate.edu/museums) | 662-325-7668

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## **Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library Museum and Reading Room**

Contains correspondence, photographs, paintings, engravings, statues and other artifacts relating to the life and presidency of the 18th President of the United States

[usgrantlibrary.org](http://usgrantlibrary.org) | 662-325-4552

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## **Visual Arts Center Gallery**

Displays rotating exhibitions of artwork by visiting artists, MSU faculty and students, while encouraging hands-on art experiences for children of all ages to make their own works of art

[caad.msstate.edu/wpmu/artnews/department-galleries](http://caad.msstate.edu/wpmu/artnews/department-galleries) | 662-325-2970

*The Museums and Galleries Committee is a consortium of galleries and collections on campus that develops and provides cross-disciplinary exhibits and events for the public to enjoy each year. For more information, visit [museums.msstate.edu](http://museums.msstate.edu) or follow Mississippi State University Museums and Galleries on Facebook.*



# FOUNDING OF MSU

Created by the Mississippi Legislature on February 28, 1878, the university opened its doors in the fall of 1880 as the Agricultural and Mechanical College of the State of Mississippi. As one of the national land-grant colleges established after Congress passed the Morrill Act in 1862, it set out to provide training in “agriculture, horticulture and the mechanical arts . . . without excluding other scientific and classical studies, including military tactics.”

Follow-up federal legislation enabled the school to build on its mission, including the Hatch Act that provided for the establishment of the Agricultural Experiment Station in 1888, Smith-Lever Act of 1914 that led to the creation of extension offices in all 82 counties and Smith-Hughes Act of 1917 that provided for the training of teachers in vocational education.

By 1932, when the legislature renamed the school Mississippi State College, it consisted of the Agricultural Experiment Station



(1887), College of Engineering (1902), College of Agriculture (1903), School of Industrial Pedagogy (1909), School of General Science (1911), College of Business and Industry (1915), Mississippi Agricultural Extension Service (1915), and Division of Continuing Education (1919). In 1926, the college received its first accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

By 1958, when the legislature changed the name to Mississippi State University, the Office of Graduate Studies had been organized (1936), doctoral degree programs had begun (1951), the School of Forest Resources had been established (1954), and the College of Arts and Sciences had been created (1956). The School of Architecture admitted its first students in 1973, and the College of Veterinary Medicine began classes in 1977.

Today, Mississippi State provides access and opportunity to students from all sectors of the state, as well as from all 50 states and 83 other countries.

Enhancing its historic strengths in agriculture, natural resources, engineering, mathematics, and natural and physical sciences, Mississippi State offers a comprehensive range of undergraduate and graduate programs. These include architecture, the fine arts, business, education, the humanities, the social and behavioral sciences, and veterinary medicine.

The university embraces its role as a major contributor to the economic development of the state through targeted research and the transfer of ideas and technology to the public, supported by faculty and staff relationships with industry, community organizations and government entities.

Building on its land-grant tradition, Mississippi State strategically extends its resources and expertise throughout the state for the benefit of Mississippi's citizens, offering access for working and place-bound adult learners through its Meridian campus, Extension Service and distance learning programs.



# MSU THROUGH THE YEARS

# Presidents

## of MSU



**Mark E. Keenum\***  
(2009 to present)

\* Alumnus

- Stephen D. Lee** (1880-99)
- John Marshall Stone** (1899-1900)
- John Crumpton Hardy** (1900-12)
- George Robert Hightower** (1912-16)
- William Hall Smith** (1916-20)
- David Carlisle Hull\*** (1920-25)
- Buz M. Walker\*** (1925-30)
- Hugh Critz** (1930-34)
- George Duke Humphrey** (1934-45)
- Fred Tom Mitchell\*** (1945-53)
- Benjamin F. Hilbun\*** (1953-60)
- Dean W. Colvard** (1960-66)
- William L. Giles** (1966-76)
- James D. McComas** (1976-85)
- Donald W. Zacharias** (1985-97)
- Malcolm Portera\*** (1998-2001)
- J. Charles Lee** (2002-06)
- Robert H. Foglesong** (2006-08)

- 1862** The Morrill Act establishes a nationwide system of colleges called the land-grant system, endowed by grants of public lands.
- 1878** Mississippi A&M in Starkville is established as Mississippi's land-grant institution.
- 1880** Institution opens its doors to 354 students.
- 1887** The Hatch Act establishes the agricultural experiment station system with a focus on applied research.
- 1888** The Mississippi Legislature passes the experiment station act that helps lay much of the groundwork by introducing the first experiment station bill in 1885.
- 1892** The state legislature appropriates funds for a "mechanical" (i.e., engineering) curriculum at Mississippi A&M.
- 1898** First electric lights used on campus.
- 1902** The School of Engineering is established.
- 1914** The Smith-Lever Act establishes the cooperative extension system to make knowledge directly available to farmers and farm families.
- 1918** The Mississippi Legislature assigns responsibility for extension work to Mississippi A&M College.
- 1920** International students begin attending MSU.
- 1932** Mississippi A&M College becomes Mississippi State College.

- 1933** Mississippi State becomes a charter member of the Southeastern Conference.
- 1954** A separate School of Forest Resources is established.
- 1958** Mississippi State College becomes Mississippi State University.
- 1959** Old Main, at one time thought to be the largest college dormitory in the United States, burns.
- 1961** The position of vice president for the agricultural division is established.
- 1962** The McIntire-Stennis Forestry Act passes, further establishing the importance of commercial forests.
- 1963** MSU's all-white Bulldog basketball team makes national news by defying an unwritten state law and surreptitiously departing Mississippi to play against the integrated Loyola (Chicago) Ramblers—and its four African American starters—in the NCAA Tournament. Though MSU lost the game and Loyola went on to win the national championship, a courageous trend of defying segregation and embracing equality had begun.
- 1964** The Mississippi Legislature, recognizing the significance of 17 million acres of commercial forestry to the state, establishes the Forest Products Utilization Laboratory.
- 1965** Richard Holmes, MSU's first African-American student, enrolls without incident.

- 1972** Mississippi State University-Meridian is chartered as a degree-granting instructional site under the direction of the Board of Trustees, State Institutions of Higher Learning.
- 1974** The Mississippi Legislature approves the establishment of the College of Veterinary Medicine.
- 1977** The MSU Extension Service's 30-minute "Farmweek" TV program debuts statewide on Mississippi public broadcasting stations. "Farmweek" is the longest-running program of its type in the nation.
- 1994** The Forest and Wildlife Research Center is established by the legislature.
- 1996** MSU's men's basketball team advances to the NCAA Final Four Tournament for the first time in school history.
- 2002** With a \$25 million gift, the College of Engineering becomes the James Worth Bagley College of Engineering.
- 2003** The Stuart C. Irby Jr. Studio, named for the late Mississippi businessman, philanthropist and building donor, opens as the new Jackson home for MSU's fifth-year program in the School of Architecture.
- 2004** MSU breaks into the nation's top 25 in engineering research.
- 2006** Montgomery Center for America's Veterans, named for MSU alumnus and former U.S. Congressman G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery, opens with a mission of supporting the academic careers of veterans and assisting them with job placement at graduation.
- 2010** MSU enters an agreement with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to address world hunger and poverty.

- 2011** Mississippi State receives a RU/VH: Research University (very high research activity) designation from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.
- 2012** MSU becomes one of only six universities in the nation to share the distinction of hosting a presidential library when the Ulysses S. Grant Association board of directors designates the Ulysses S. Grant Collection at Mitchell Memorial Library as the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library.
- 2013** MSU's Diamond Dawgs make school history in the 2013 College World Series by playing in the finals for the first time. It was the ninth time the Bulldogs played in the College World Series.
- 2014** Donald M. "Field" Brown, an English and philosophy double-major from Vicksburg, is awarded the Rhodes Scholarship.
- Mississippi State's 2014 football team becomes the fastest squad in college football history to rise from unranked to No. 1, a spot it held for five weeks. The Bulldogs, who earned a trip to the Capital One Orange Bowl, finished the season with an impressive 10-2 record, while posting a perfect 7-0 mark at home for only the second time in school history.
- 2015** The Federal Aviation Administration selects an MSU-led team to operate a new National Center of Excellence for Unmanned Aircraft Systems, launching a new era of commercial unmanned aircraft research, development and integration into the nation's air space.

**2016**

Inspired by an overwhelming response to “Infinite Impact”—the most successful fundraising campaign in university history—President Mark E. Keenum announces a historic retargeting to raise \$1 billion by 2020.

**2017**

Posting its best record in school history, including a historic Final Four semifinal win snapping UCONN’s 111-game winning streak, MSU’s women’s basketball team finishes as national runner up in the 2016-17 season.

**2018**

MSU celebrates its 140-year anniversary by recording the largest fall enrollment in university history at 22,201 and becomes one of only 10 percent of U.S. colleges and universities to shelter a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest and most prestigious academic honor society.

Construction begins on the 70,000-square-foot Richard A. Rula Engineering and Science Complex, providing state-of-the-art facilities for the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering in the James Worth Bagley College of Engineering.

For the second consecutive year, the MSU women’s basketball team finishes the season as national runner-up in the NCAA national championship game.



**2019**

For the second consecutive year, the Bulldog baseball team reaches the pinnacle of the sport—the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska. And, MSU completes \$68 million in renovations to Dudy Noble Field, with fans labeling it the “Carnegie Hall of College Baseball.”

The university strengthens its reputation as a leader for cutting-edge computational research with the installation of the “Orion” supercomputer, the 4th fastest academic system in the U.S.

**2020**

After a decade-long run, MSU’s Infinite Impact fundraising campaign closed with \$1.07 billion in private gifts to advance the university, a philanthropy milestone previously never achieved by an educational institution in the state of Mississippi.

While MSU moved to online and hybrid instruction in weathering the COVID-19 crisis, the university announced a 3.4% enrollment increase—its sixth consecutive year of growth—and an 85% freshman to sophomore retention rate.



# UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS AND ADMISSIONS

## A Valuable Investment

Notably, Mississippi State University consistently is recognized for its first-rate academic programs and affordability. The university's faculty members are serious about advising students and working to help each student succeed. With a 16:1 student to faculty ratio, teachers have the opportunity to get to know their students. Undergraduates also have the opportunity to work with faculty on original research. MSU awards the following baccalaureate degrees: Bachelor of Accountancy (B.ACC.), Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.), Bachelor of Applied Technology (B.A.T.) (Meridian only), Bachelor of Architecture (B.ARC.), Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (B.L.A.), Bachelor of Music Education (B.M.E.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.), and Bachelor of University Studies (B.U.S.). The Bachelor of Applied Science is MSU's newest degree and is offered in partnership with the state's community colleges to provide more options in technical education and meet workforce demands. Also, the Bachelor of Science is offered in electrical, mechanical and industrial engineering through MSU's Engineering on the Coast program, a partnership with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. MSU and MGCCC also offer a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science that begins at MGCCC's George County Center, with the final two years completed at MSU.

## Orientation

All new students (freshmen and transfers) entering the university are encouraged to confirm their intent to enroll by attending an orientation session. Orientation provides the opportunity to register for classes and so much more for both parents and students. Guests become familiar with services and programs available at MSU through panel discussions with university officials as well as interactive group sessions with Orientation Leaders. It's a celebration that welcomes all new students and their parents into the Bulldog family! Learn more at [orientation.msstate.edu](http://orientation.msstate.edu).

## Visits

Prospective students are invited to experience firsthand all that MSU has to offer. Several options are available including virtual and in-person visits and events. A half-day, in-person campus visit includes a meeting with an admissions counselor followed by a tour of campus with a student recruiter (Roadrunner). The meeting covers admissions, academic majors, scholarships, campus life and other aspects of being an MSU student. Optional meetings with other departments, as well as housing previews, can also be added. Virtual meetings and visits with admissions counselors and Roadrunners are available as well. Open house-style events provide a broader overview of everything Maroon and White. It's a chance to see campus with other future Bulldogs and cover every aspect of student life—academics, residence halls, student organizations and more. High school juniors and seniors are invited to attend and can choose from several dates in the fall and spring. To explore all visit options, visit [campusvisit.msstate.edu](http://campusvisit.msstate.edu).

# FIELDS OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- Applied Science
- Applied Technology (*Meridian only*)
- University Studies (*C2C*)

## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES

### Agricultural and Biological Engineering

- Agricultural Engineering, Technology and Business

### Agricultural Economics

- Agribusiness
- Environmental Economics and Management

### Animal and Dairy Sciences

- Animal and Dairy Sciences

### Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Entomology and Plant Pathology

- Biochemistry

### Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion

- Culinology
- Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion

### Landscape Architecture

- Landscape Architecture
- Landscape Contracting and Management

### Plant and Soil Sciences

- Agronomy
- Environmental Science in Agricultural Systems
- Horticulture

### Poultry Science

- Poultry Science

### School of Human Sciences

- Agricultural Education, Leadership and Communications
- Agricultural Science

- Fashion Design and Merchandising
- Human Development and Family Science

## COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, ART AND DESIGN

- Architecture
- Art
- Building Construction Science
- Interior Design

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

- Economics (Arts and Sciences)
- General Liberal Arts
- General Science
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Music

- Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures
- Anthropology

- Biological Sciences
- Biological Sciences
- Medical Technology
- Microbiology

- Chemistry
- Chemistry

- Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures
- Foreign Language
- International Business

- Communication
- Communication

- English
- English

- Geosciences
- Geosciences

- History
  - History
- Mathematics and Statistics
  - Mathematics
- Philosophy and Religion
  - Philosophy
- Physics and Astronomy
  - Physics
- Political Science and Public Administration
  - Political Science
- Psychology
  - Psychology
- Sociology
  - Criminology
  - Social Work
  - Sociology

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

- Business Administration
  - Supply Chain Management
- Richard C. Adkerson School of Accountancy
  - Accounting
- Finance and Economics
  - Business Economics
  - Finance
- Management and Information Systems
  - Business Information Systems
  - Management
- Marketing, Quantitative Analysis and Business Law
  - Marketing
- Specialized Programs
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Integrated Digital Marketing
  - International Business
  - PGA Golf Management
  - Risk Management and Insurance

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

- ||| Counseling, Educational Psychology and Foundations
  - Educational Psychology
- ||| Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education
  - Elementary Education
  - Secondary Education
  - Special Education
- ||| Instructional Systems and Workforce Development
  - Industrial Technology
  - Information Technology Services
- ||| Kinesiology
  - Kinesiology
- ||| Music
  - Music Education

## JAMES WORTH BAGLEY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

- ||| Aerospace Engineering
  - Aerospace Engineering
- ||| Agricultural and Biological Engineering
  - Biological Engineering
  - Biomedical Engineering
- ||| Dave C. Swalm School of Chemical Engineering
  - Chemical Engineering
  - Petroleum Engineering
- ||| Civil and Environmental Engineering
  - Civil Engineering
- ||| Computer Science and Engineering
  - Computer Science
  - Software Engineering
- ||| Electrical and Computer Engineering
  - Computer Engineering
  - Electrical Engineering
- ||| Industrial and Systems Engineering
  - Industrial Engineering
- ||| Mechanical Engineering
  - Mechanical Engineering

## COLLEGE OF FOREST RESOURCES

- Forestry
  - Forestry
  - Natural Resource and Environmental Conservation
- Sustainable Bioproducts
  - Sustainable Bioproducts
- Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture
  - Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture

## COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

- Veterinary Medical Technology





# MSU ONLINE

Mississippi State's Center for Distance Education offers more than 60 accredited online programs. Recent additions of master's programs in professional accountancy, taxation and educational psychology are among degrees offered through six colleges.

MSU has experienced a nearly 35% increase over the last three years in the number of degree programs offered online, providing more opportunities for working adults to expand their education and improve their lives.

Bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees, as well as professional certificates, are available to students all over the world. Currently, there are students enrolled from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and 17 countries. Career advancement or changing career fields lead many students to choose online education.

Other recent additions to programs include a doctorate in instructional systems and workforce development, and a GIS Certificate—as well as new options at the bachelor's and master's levels in applied science, business administration, industrial technology, and psychology.

MSU has been offering distance programs for over 30 years, first launching the Bachelor of Science in Geosciences with a concentration in broadcast and operational meteorology. Now, the geosciences degree programs at the bachelor's and master's levels are still among the most popular offerings. One in three of today's on-air broadcast meteorologists is a graduate of MSU's nationally recognized program. Other top online programs include interdisciplinary studies, business administration and elementary education.

Mississippi State Online works closely with the university's academic departments to identify online degree programs that are most desired by students and industry. MSU wants to ensure that students have online access to the degree that best fits their educational and career goals, with courses taught by world-class faculty from a university they can be proud of and trust.

*For more information, visit [online.msstate.edu](http://online.msstate.edu).*



## GRADUATE PROGRAM AND ADMISSIONS

### **The Graduate School**

**Dean: Peter Ryan**

**C**omprised of eight colleges, Mississippi State University offers its 3,803 currently enrolled graduate students master's degrees in 60 programs with 61 concentrations, an educational specialist degree with seven concentrations, doctoral degrees in 36 programs with 45

concentrations, and 20 graduate-certification programs. Thrive in Five is a new pathway for undergraduate students to earn graduate credit in 31 accelerated programs across the university. More information on graduate degree programs is available at [grad.msstate.edu/students/graduate-programs](http://grad.msstate.edu/students/graduate-programs).

As a National Science Foundation top 100 research university, MSU is home to nationally and internationally renowned faculty researchers, and many research partnerships with industry connect MSU with the global economy. Thus, graduate students at Mississippi State participate in cutting-edge research with a global impact.

Mississippi State is classified by the influential Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education as a “Very High Research Activity” doctoral university. This classification represents the highest level of research activity for doctorate-granting universities in the country, and MSU is one of only 131 schools to hold the designation.

## Graduate Admissions

Admissions decisions are made by each department or program. For information on general university requirements and deadlines for admission, prospective students can call 662-325-7400 or visit [grad.msstate.edu/students/admissions](http://grad.msstate.edu/students/admissions). Many programs set additional specific requirements and application deadlines that supersede those set by the university. Prospective students should visit the website of their program of interest for more complete information.



## Graduate Financial Support

MSU offers graduate students an array of options for financial support, including assistantships and fellowships offered through the various academic and administrative departments. Graduate students also may qualify for federal grants, loans or work-study, and Mississippi residents may qualify for state financial aid. Visit [sfa.msstate.edu](http://sfa.msstate.edu) for more information about the numerous financial aid opportunities. Graduate students also receive subsidies to assist them in purchasing campus health insurance. Visit [health.msstate.edu/healthcenter/insurance\\_student.php](http://health.msstate.edu/healthcenter/insurance_student.php) for information on the Student Injury and Sickness Insurance Plan.



A photograph of three graduates in black caps and gowns. On the left is a woman with blonde hair, in the center is a man with glasses, and on the right is a man with glasses and a beard. They are all looking towards the right. A teal banner is overlaid at the bottom of the image.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

### **Mississippi State's Colleges, Departments and Programs**

Mississippi State University offers the following degrees: Bachelor of Accountancy, Bachelor of Applied Science, Bachelor of Applied Technology, Bachelor of Architecture, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, Bachelor of Music Education, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Social Work, and Bachelor of University Studies. The Bachelor of Applied Science is MSU's newest degree and is offered in partnership with the state's community colleges to provide more options in technical education and meet workforce demands. Also, the Bachelor of Science is offered in electrical, mechanical and industrial engineering through MSU's Engineering on the Coast program, a partnership with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. MSU and MGCCC also offer a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science that begins at MGCCC's George County Center, with the final two years completed at MSU.

MSU also offers the Master of Agribusiness Management, Master of Agriculture, Master of Arts, Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Arts in Teaching-Middle Level, Master of Arts in Teaching-Secondary, Master of Arts in Teaching-Special Education, Master of Business Administration, Master of Engineering, Master of Landscape Architecture, Master of Music Education, Master of Physician Assistant Studies (Meridian only), Master of Professional Accountancy, Master of Public Policy and Administration, Master of Science, Master of Science in Information Systems, Master of Science in Instructional Technology, Master of Taxation, Education Specialist, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy. There are 83 bachelor's, 63 master's, one education specialist, one Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, and 33 Doctor of Philosophy degree programs.

## College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

**Interim Dean: Scott Willard**

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences boasts a broad array of opportunities, offering 17 majors and 45 concentrations for undergraduate students. As a prominent college in agriculture, biological and human sciences, and environmental sustainability in the Southeast, the college is one of the oldest at Mississippi State. Students in the college are among the best in the nation, winning national competitions in floral design, landscape architecture and meat and dairy science, to name a few. Many majors boast a 100% job placement rate for graduates. Several departments house specialized research centers that have attracted large federal grants and corporate funding. The college is closely associated with the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station and Mississippi State University Extension Service to share knowledge and solutions with agricultural producers, businesses and government agencies throughout the state and beyond. Visit [cals.msstate.edu](http://cals.msstate.edu).

## College of Architecture, Art and Design

**Dean: Angi Elsea Bourgeois**

The College of Architecture, Art and Design includes the School of Architecture, Department of Art, and Interior Design and Building Construction Science programs. Each is fully accredited in its respective discipline. In Mississippi, the School of Architecture is the only professional school of its kind that leads to a professional degree in architecture. The college's mission is to promote and engage students and faculty in the following: conceptualization, craft, media and technology, history and theory, aesthetics, and

ethical issues associated with making artifacts in the world. The development of foundational skills in a studio class environment as the basis for innovation enables students to form individual philosophies that uphold the highest standards of architecture, art, design and construction. Students graduate with a Bachelor of Architecture, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science in Interior Design or a Bachelor of Science in Building Construction Science. Visit [caad.msstate.edu](http://caad.msstate.edu).

## **College of Arts and Sciences**

**Dean: Rick Travis**

The College of Arts and Sciences is the largest on campus, with more than 5,000 students and more than 325 full-time faculty members who contribute significantly to the university's mission of teaching, research and service. As the heart and soul of MSU, the College of Arts and Sciences serves every student at the university by providing many general education courses. In addition, the college offers 27 undergraduate programs, 14 master's programs, nine doctoral degree programs and 13 certificates in 14 departments. Curricula are offered in the natural and physical sciences, social and behavioral sciences, and humanities. The curricula are designed to introduce students to the basic methods of inquiry in diverse disciplines, develop their analytical abilities, improve their skills in writing and speaking, and broaden their perspectives on humanity and culture. In addition, through the Dr. A. Randle and Marilyn W. White Health Professions Resource Center, students interested in pursuing careers in health-related

professions are offered resources—from résumé building to mock interviews to internship opportunities—as they navigate post-graduate options. The college also offers a Medical Humanities Certificate to help students prepare for the rigors of health professions. Pre-medical, pre-dental, pre-pharmacy, pre-law, pre-



ministerial, pre-optometry, pre-nursing, pre-veterinary medicine, pre-occupational therapy and physical therapy training is available. The College of Arts and Sciences houses two museums, The Dunn-Seiler Museum in the geosciences department, and the Lois Dowdle Cobb Museum of Archaeology in the Cobb Institute, both of which host hundreds of schoolchildren yearly. Students within the college have won national scholarships, including the Rhodes, Fulbright, Truman, Goldwater and Boren. For more information, visit [www.cas.msstate.edu](http://www.cas.msstate.edu).

## College of Business

**Dean: Sharon Oswald**

As the oldest college of business in the state and among the oldest in the South, MSU's College of Business celebrated its centennial anniversary in 2015. The college offers undergraduate programs in accounting, finance, economics, management, marketing and business information systems, all of which are fully accredited by AACSB - International. The college is also home to the internationally recognized Center for Family Enterprise Research that conducts educational programs and research in family business. The Journal of Small Business Management ranks MSU's College of Business No. 6 in the world for the impact of its entrepreneurship research. The Center for Entrepreneurship and Outreach is home to more than 100 business startups and is opening new doors to opportunities that further joint collaboration across campus and promote economic development throughout the state. Of significance is the business information systems program, considered to be among the oldest in the world. The international business concentration is a dual-degree program with foreign language and requires both study abroad and an internship, drawing students from all over the country. The PGA golf management program is the second oldest and one of the most respected in the nation.

For the seventh consecutive year, the Online MBA program has ranked in U.S. News and World Report's Top 100, coming in at No. 62 among Best Online Graduate MBA programs. Additionally, the Online MBA program has ranked No. 1 in the nation by Best Value Schools for 2020. The Richard C. Adkerson School of Accountancy continues to reach new heights, as it is among the Top 10 Master's and Undergraduate Accounting Programs (for schools with 16 or fewer full-time accounting faculty) according to the 2019 Commerce Clearing House Public Accounting Report. Additionally, both programs are ranked in the Top 25 in the South Region – undergraduate, 14th, and graduate, 16th. The 2019 BYU Accounting Rankings listed MSU No. 3 in the world and No. 1 among SEC schools for Experimental Accounting Information Systems (AIS) Research.

## **College of Education**

**Dean: Teresa Jayroe**

The College of Education is comprised of six academic departments, including counseling, educational psychology and foundations; curriculum, instruction and special education; music; instructional systems and workforce development; educational leadership; and kinesiology. College departments are augmented by a primary research unit, the National Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision, and seven service units that include the T.K. Martin Center for Technology and Disability, Office of Clinical/Field-Based Instruction, Licensure and Outreach, America Reads-Mississippi, World Class Teaching Project (National Board certification preparation), Writing/Thinking Institute (part of the National Writing Project), and Mississippi Migrant Education Service Center. Visit [educ.msstate.edu](http://educ.msstate.edu).

## **James Worth Bagley College of Engineering**

**Dean: Jason Keith**

As one of approximately 40 named engineering colleges in the nation, the Bagley College of Engineering offers 12 undergraduate and 24 graduate degree programs, as well as six certificate specialties through its eight academic departments. Each department provides a challenging curriculum and encouraging environment that is designed to allow students to achieve their full potential. Mississippi State's second largest college has seven departments that rank in the top 100 nationally in research and development expenditures, according to the National Science Foundation. The Bagley College also ranks among the top 18 non-HBCU engineering colleges nationally in graduating African-American engineers, according to a report in *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*. The college is dedicated to providing an extraordinarily rich environment where engineering students gain skills that help them to become leaders and builders in commerce, industry and government. Visit [bagley.msstate.edu](http://bagley.msstate.edu).

## **College of Forest Resources**

**Interim Dean: Wes Burger**

The College of Forest Resources has an international reputation as a center for science and education programs in natural resources management and conservation. Since 1954, the college has graduated more than 4,400 forestry, sustainable bioproducts, and wildlife, fisheries and aquaculture majors. These former students now serve in leadership positions of state and federal agencies and as CEOs of forest products companies, private consultants and entrepreneurs. The College of Forest Resources is the only nationally accredited educational program in the state for educating

and developing future leaders in natural resources. The college includes the departments of forestry; wildlife, fisheries and aquaculture; and sustainable bioproducts. It offers four majors with 15 concentrations and hundreds of careers. Research and outreach for the college are managed separately by the Forest and Wildlife Research Center and the MSU Extension Service, respectively. The college also works closely with the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station. Visit [cfr.msstate.edu](http://cfr.msstate.edu).

## **College of Veterinary Medicine**

**Dean: Kent Hoblet**

The College of Veterinary Medicine was established by the Mississippi Legislature in 1974. The first class of students was admitted in fall 1977 and graduated in May 1981. The college awards Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees, master's degrees, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. A four-year Bachelor of Science degree in veterinary medical technology also is offered. It is one of only 32 accredited colleges of veterinary medicine in the United States. Fully accredited since 1981 by the American Veterinary Medical Association, the college is committed to improving both the economic and intellectual resources of Mississippi. The professional curriculum provides courses leading to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree, which is a four-year curriculum. Graduate programs of study lead to the Master of Science and doctoral degrees in selected areas of specialization, including infectious diseases, toxicology, pathology, aquatic medicine, epidemiology, avian medicine and production animal medicine. Visit [vetmed.msstate.edu](http://vetmed.msstate.edu).

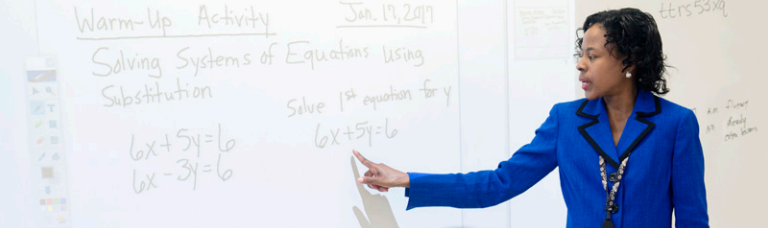
# SHACKOULS HONORS COLLEGE



## Judy and Bobby Shackouls Honors College

**Dean: Chris Snyder**

The Judy and Bobby Shackouls Honors College is the largest of its kind in the state of Mississippi, with over 2,200 students currently enrolled. While honors programming has been a part of Mississippi State University for more than 50 years, Honors became a full-fledged college following a substantial donation from MSU alumnus Bobby Shackouls and his wife Judy. The Honors College is located in Griffis, Nunnelee and Hurst halls, which serve not only as residence halls but academic and honors administration buildings. Honors students embark upon rigorous curricula designed to complement individual majors with a strong liberal arts program. The college is home to the Office of Prestigious External Scholarships, which provides support to students who are competing for large national and international awards such as the Rhodes, Gates-Cambridge, Goldwater, Truman and Boren scholarships. Honors is also home to the Office of Undergraduate Research, which places undergraduate students within research opportunities on campus and beyond. Study abroad is a significant part of the Honors College's mission and culture. Most notably, the college has a close relationship with the University of Oxford and organizes a six-week Oxford experience for MSU students each year. Information about applying to the Honors College can be found at [honors.msstate.edu](http://honors.msstate.edu).



# FACULTY

Upon his appointment as the first president of Mississippi Agricultural & Mechanical College, Stephen Dill Lee set out to find a capable faculty eager to implement his plan for programs of study in agriculture and engineering. While his team of educators was small and changes were frequent in the early years, those who caught Lee's vision for a college for the "common people" would build the foundation for generations of students from all walks of life to succeed in higher education.

Today, Mississippi State University has 1,310 committed faculty members, including some of the best teachers and researchers in their fields. There are 54 distinguished professors and 39 appointed to chairs and professorships.

## William L. Giles Distinguished Professors

Richard L. Brown - Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Entomology and Plant Pathology

Wes Burger - Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture

Janice E. Chambers - Veterinary Medicine

Keith H. Coble - Agricultural Economics

James Fowler - Electrical and Computer Engineering

Mark Lawrence - Veterinary Medicine

Alan I. Marcus - History

Mark Novotny - Physics and Astronomy

Daniel Peterson - Plant and Soil Sciences

Mohsen Razzaghi - Mathematics and Statistics

Raja Reddy - Plant and Soil Sciences

David R. Shaw - Plant and Soil Sciences

Merrill Warkentin - Management and Information Systems

## Former Giles Professors

Terry L. Amburgey - Forest Products

Lori Mann Bruce - Electrical and Computer Engineering

Hugh W. Coleman - Mechanical Engineering

Arthur G. Cosby - Sociology

Louis R. D'Abramo - Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture

Donald R. Epley - Finance & Economics

Brent Funderburk - Art

Herbert M. Handley - Curriculum & Instruction

Nancy D. Hargrove - English

Edgar E. Hartwig - MAFES

Paul E. Hedin - U.S. Department of Agriculture

B. Keith Hodge - Mechanical Engineering

Mark Horstemeyer - Mechanical Engineering (Chair, 2017-19)

D. Clayton James - History

Roger L. King - Electrical and Computer Engineering

Jeffrey V. Krans - Plant & Soil Sciences

John Marszalek - History

Edward E. Milam - Accounting

J. Elton Moore - Counselor Education

James Newman, Jr. - Aerospace Engineering

Allison Pearson - Management and Information Systems (Chair, 2015-2017)

David E. Pettry - Plant & Soil Sciences

Henry N. Pitre - Entomology and Plant Pathology

Roy V. Scott - History

Peter Shillingsburg - English

Ratnasingham Shivaji - Mathematics and Statistics

Glenn Steele - Mechanical Engineering

Joe F. Thompson - Aerospace Engineering

Rayford B. Vaughn, Jr. - Computer Science and Engineering

David L. Whitfield - Aerospace Engineering

W. William Wilson - Chemistry

# Mississippi State's current endowed faculty positions

## College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Brandy Karisch - Milton Sundbeck Professorship in Animal and Dairy Science

## College of Arts and Sciences

Angus Dawe - Dr. Donald Hall Professorship in Biological Sciences

## College of Business

Joel Collier - Thomas B. and Terri L. Nusz Professorship in Management

James Chrisman - Julia Bennett Rouse Professorship in Management

Mike Highfield - Robert W. Warren Chair in Real Estate

Tom Miller - Jack R. Lee Chair in Financial Institutions & Consumer Finance

Alvaro Taboada - BancorpSouth Professorship in Financial Services

Merrill Warkentin - Jim and Julia Rouse Endowed Professorship in Management

## Bagley College of Engineering

Kari Babski-Reeves - Larry Brown Professorship in Information Systems Engineering

John Ball - Robert D. Guyton Chair in Electrical Engineering

Davy Belk - Bill and Carolyn Cobb Endowed Chair in Engineering

Cindy Bethel - Dr. Billie J. Ball Endowed Professorship in Engineering

Linkan Bian - Thomas B. & Terri L. Nusz Professorship in Engineering

Heejin Cho - TVA Endowed Professorship in Energy Systems & Environment

Patrick Donohoe - Paul B. Jacob Chair in Electrical & Computer Engineering

Qian "Jenny" Du - Bobby Shackouls Professorship in Engineering

Bill Elmore - Deavenport/Eastman Chair in Chemical Engineering

James E. Fowler - Dr. Billie J. Ball Endowed Professorship in Engineering

Yong Fu - TVA Endowed Professorship in Power Systems Engineering

V. Ganeswar Gude - Kelly Gene Cook Sr. Chair in Civil Engineering

Isaac Howard - Materials & Construction Industries Chair

Julie Jessop - Hunter Henry Chair in Chemical Engineering

Haitham El Kadiri - Jim Whiteside Chair in Mechanical Engineering & Edward P. Coleman Professorship in Mechanical Engineering



Jason Keith - Earnest W. and Mary Ann Deavenport Chair in Engineering

Samee Khan - James W. Bagley College of Engineering Chair in Electrical & Computer Engineering

Santanu Kundu - Southern Ionics Chair in Chemical Engineering

Yucheng Liu - Jack Hatcher Engineering Entrepreneurship Chair

David Marcum - ExxonMobil Alumni Endowed Professorship in Engineering

Robert Moorhead - Dr. Billie J. Ball Endowed Professorship in Engineering

Neeraj Rai - Ergon-Diversified Technology Distinguished Professorship

Tonya Stone - Dr. Oswald Rendon-Herrero Diversity Professorship in Engineering

Lesley Strawderman - International Paper Company Chair in Engineering

Rani Sullivan - Richard H. Johnson Chair in Aerospace Engineering

Alex Thomasson - William & Sherry Berry Chair in Agricultural & Biological Engineering

David Thompson - Airbus Helicopter Professorship in Aerospace Engineering

Hossein Toghiani - Thomas B. Nusz Professorship in Engineering

Stephen Torri - Mary Lyn & Niles Moseley Chair in Cybersecurity

Dennis Truax - James T. White Chair in Civil Engineering

Farshid Vahedifard - Civil & Environmental Engineering Advisory Board Professorship

### **College of Forest Resources**

Brian Davis - James C. Kennedy Coordinator in Waterfowl and Wetlands Conservation

Steve Demarais - Taylor Endowment for Applied Big Game Research & Instruction

Bronson Strickland - St. John Family Endowed Professorship in Forestry

### **College of Veterinary Medicine**

Todd Archer- Dr. Hugh G. Ward Chair in Veterinary Medicine

Philip Bushby - Marcia Lane Chair in Humane Ethics & Animal Welfare

Cathleen Mochal-King - Terri Nusz Equine Professorship

David Smith - Dr. P. Mikell & Mary Cheek Hall Davis Professorship in Veterinary Medicine



## RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Mississippi State is classified by the influential Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education as a “Very High Research Activity” doctoral university. This classification represents the highest level of research activity for doctorate-granting universities in the country, and MSU is one of only 131 schools to hold the designation. In addition to its Carnegie classification, Mississippi State is the highest ranked university in the state and a top 100 university nationally in the National Science Foundation Higher Education Research and Development Survey for fiscal year 2019. MSU’s research expenditures totaled \$264.5 million in FY 2019, accounting for nearly half of the state’s total. An NSF top 100 research university for nearly two decades, MSU boasts 30 disciplines and subdisciplines ranked in the top 100. With a diverse research portfolio, MSU ranks in the top 15 nationally in both agricultural sciences (12) and social sciences (15). MSU has led all Southeastern Conference universities in social sciences research funding for eight consecutive years.

MSU reported \$109.9 million in agricultural and natural resources research funding for FY19, extending support for Mississippi’s

\$7.35 billion agriculture industry and leading multiple research and outreach initiatives aimed at strengthening global food security. Building on more than 140 years of agricultural research accomplishments, the university remains at the forefront of the field as researchers harness the power of cutting-edge technology such as supercomputers and unmanned aircraft systems to drive innovation in Mississippi's leading industry.

Mississippi State provides a wide range of research opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students. Student involvement in research is a priority across the university with funding and other resources dedicated to this effort. For example, research symposiums for undergraduate students are held in the fall, spring and summer. A symposium for graduate students is also held every spring semester. These special events are open to all students participating in faculty-led research.

Adjacent to campus, the Thad Cochran Research, Technology and Economic Development Park—the state's largest research park—is home to nearly 1,700 employees, 12 buildings and a diverse lineup of tenants, including private businesses, start-up companies, government offices, a business incubator, and research centers and institutes. The MSU Research and Technology Corporation is responsible for day-to-day management of the park property. After two decades of steady growth, the park is in a phase of significant expansion covering an adjacent 52 acres with roads, dual-fiber capabilities and utilities. Additionally, its roadways and sidewalks are popular destinations for cycling, running and walking. In 2019, MSU Research and Technology Corp. purchased the Cadence Bank building in downtown Starkville, further strengthening the university's town-and-gown relationship with the city. The acquisition provides additional space for expanding companies wanting to remain in the Starkville area and also helps attract start-up businesses.

Visit [research.msstate.edu](https://research.msstate.edu).

# MSU LIBRARIES

Recognizing that the library is the intellectual heart of any university campus, Mississippi State Libraries are undergoing continuous improvements to meet the changing needs of patrons. Making up the system are Mitchell Memorial Library, the main repository; Bob and Kathy Luke Architecture, Art and Design Library; College of Veterinary Medicine Library; Gertrude C. Ford Foundation Library; Jackson Design Center Library; the Phil Hardin Foundation Libraries on MSU-Meridian's College Park and Riley Campuses; and the newly opened Old Main Academic Center.

Mitchell Memorial Library is a state-of-the-art facility equipped to take advantage of the latest developments in information technology. Included are a 90-seat computer lab, a digital media center, three electronic classrooms, three presentation rooms, a 90-seat auditorium, and group study rooms. The libraries' exceptional faculty and staff provide the university with a variety of information resources, collections and services required of a comprehensive, research intensive institution of higher learning. In 2017, the library opened a new 21,000-square-foot addition to Mitchell Memorial Library to house the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library, Ulysses S. Grant Association, the Congressional and Political Research Center and the Frank and Virginia Williams Collection of Lincolniana. The addition includes two state-of-the-art museums featuring historic items from Ulysses S. Grant and Abraham Lincoln, a conference room, research room, collection processing area and a cold storage facility.

MSU Libraries also manage the Old Main Academic Center, a \$43.1 million, 150,000-square-foot academic classroom building and parking garage. The new facility features traditional and "flipped" technology-equipped classrooms, a 455-seat auditorium, a library commons, small group study rooms, an art gallery and an expanded technological platform.

MSU Libraries maintain a collection of more than 2.5 million volumes, including books, e-books, software, microforms, compact discs, video and audio cassettes, DVDs, and educational films. The journals and serials collection, consisting of both print and online journals, contains more than 110,000 journal/serial titles acquired as paid subscriptions, gifts or state/federal government documents. MSU Libraries additionally serve as

a selective depository for federal documents, as well as a United Nations Depository.

The libraries' MaxxSouth Digital Media Center is a multi-media collaborative space equipped with technology designed to propel teaching, learning, exploration and research among MSU students, faculty and staff. The center provides students and faculty with high-end computers equipped with the latest software needed for digital design and production. It also includes access to 3-D printers, 3-D scanners, sewing machines, a Cricut cutting machine, Glowforge 3-D laser printer, color and wide-format printing capabilities and a mixed reality lab. Funded by a donation from MSU's Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems, the mixed reality lab includes two HTC Vives, three Oculus Rifts and two Microsoft Hololenses. The Digital Media Center also permits students to check out equipment for use at home including laptops, projectors, cameras and tools such as hammers, pliers, jumper cables and more.

In 2019, the center opened a TV production studio, an AV studio and a collaboration studio. The TV studio is a digital, high definition (HD)-ready space suitable for filming/recording, editing, and producing high quality digital media video projects. The space features multiple cameras, a green screen, a graphics system, and a control room with video switcher and audio board. The facility is the home space for the Department of Communication's broadcasting production classes and Take 30 news show. The AV studio is a reservable space designed to allow faculty and students to quickly and easily record audio or video presentations. The studio is set up so that a patron can walk in with a jump drive and, with just a few mouse clicks, can record professional video of a speech, lecture or other presentation. The collaboration studio is a multipurpose space that can be used for formal instruction as well as a large group study/meeting space or open group study space.

The MSU Libraries' Special Collections and the Congressional and Political Research Center are repositories of distinct and cohesive collections of unique materials that focus on government and public policy, history, the media, and rural and agricultural life. As a whole, the collections offer researchers an opportunity to examine key facets of U.S. history from the Gilded Age to the 21st Century.

## **Special Collections**

The Special Collections Department contains manuscripts, rare books, and other unique historical materials documenting the history of Mississippi State University, Mississippi, the South, and beyond. These materials are preserved and organized for the use of students, faculty and other researchers, and include correspondence; photographs; films; audio recordings; personal, family and business records; architectural drawings; maps; newspapers; literary manuscripts; artifacts and memorabilia; and MSU publications and records.

### **John Grisham Papers**

One of the MSU Libraries' premier manuscript collections is that of MSU alumnus and bestselling novelist John Grisham, who donated his papers to the university in 1989. Grisham's collection, now consisting of more than 42 cubic feet, has brought national attention to MSU. Materials are on display in Mitchell Memorial Library's John Grisham Room that opened in May 1998. In addition to Grisham's papers, the collection features the author's published works, including foreign language translations.

### **The Congressional and Political Research Center**

The purpose of the Center is to preserve and provide access to research material and information on individual U.S. senators and representatives, the U. S. Congress, and politics at all levels of government. Other collections include Congressmen David R. Bowen, Charles Griffin, Chip Pickering, Mike Espy, Alan Nunnelee and Gregg Harper as well as those of U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn and numerous other state and local officials.

Located in the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library on the fourth floor of Mitchell Memorial Library, the Congressional and Political

Research Center is based around the premier collections of former U.S. Senator John C. Stennis, the father of the modern nuclear U.S. Navy, and former U.S. Representative G.V. “Sonny” Montgomery, the author of the G.I. Bill that bears his name and a congressional champion of the National Guard and Reserves.

### **Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library**

In 2012, MSU became one of only six universities in the nation to share the distinction of hosting a presidential library when the Ulysses S. Grant Association board of directors designated the Ulysses S. Grant Collection at MSU’s Mitchell Memorial Library as the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library.

The Grant Presidential Library contains copies of every known letter written by Grant and every letter written to him. This is the most complete collection of Grant correspondence in the world (some 15,000 linear feet), including copies of originals at the Library of Congress, National Archives, other public repositories and private collections around the world. The library also features three manuscript boxes of original Grant correspondence, particularly Grant Family material before and after Grant’s death in 1885.

### **Charles H. Templeton, Sr. Collection and Music Museum**

The Charles H. Templeton Sr. Collection includes more than 200, 19th- and 20th-Century music instruments, 22,000 pieces of sheet music, and 12,000 records. According to world-renowned author and musicologist David A. Jasen, the Templeton Collection contains the most complete collection of Victor Talking Machines from their debut in 1897 to 1930. This collection, valued at more than \$495,000 in 1989, serves as one of the libraries’ premier collections. Items from the collection are on display at the Templeton Music Museum, located on the fourth floor of Mitchell Memorial Library.



## CAMPUS LIFE

### **Campus Safety**

The MSU Police Department is a full-service, nationally accredited agency that is available 24 hours a day throughout the year. The department builds partnerships with the university community to provide a safe environment with such programs and services as bicycle and motorcycle patrol, police security for campus events, criminal investigations, K-9 bomb and drug detection, crime prevention and more. The department is comprised of more than 30 sworn, state-commissioned police officers and 15 full-time support personnel. MSU Police Department works closely with other law enforcement agencies in the area to enhance the safety and security of the university community. MSUPD is responsible for enforcing laws and protecting university property on campus and adjacent roadways. Additionally, MSUPD, through its Life Safety Division, oversees the university's cameras and access control. Unique to MSU is its Maroon Alert system that is used to communicate with the campus community about emergency or advisory situations that may arise on campus. In most situations, the primary means of communication are web (emergency.msstate.edu), email, Twitter via @maroonalert and text messaging when necessary.



## Center for America's Veterans

The Montgomery Center for America's Veterans at Nusz Hall is a national leader in providing comprehensive campus-based support for veterans, service members, and other military-connected students. The center honors the legacy of 1943 MSU alumnus and 15-term U.S. Congressman G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery, who authored the Montgomery G.I. Bill. Through the center, Mississippi National Guard service members who enroll full time as undergraduates can qualify for the Bulldog Free Tuition program. Established by the Guard, the program is for those in good standing with their unit and are not within a year of the expiration of their term of service. Visit the state-of-the-art Nusz Hall or, for more information, visit [veterans.msstate.edu](http://veterans.msstate.edu).



## **Getting Around**

Transit Services provides a broad range of transportation services for campus, Starkville and the Golden Triangle area. In particular, the free Starkville-MSU Area Rapid Transit, or S.M.A.R.T., features daily routes covering campus and Starkville, with free connections to the Golden Triangle Regional Airport (GTR) near Mayhew. All routes can be viewed at [smart.msstate.edu](http://smart.msstate.edu). All of the shuttles meet accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. While passengers ride at no cost, children 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

## **Fraternity and Sorority Life**

Mississippi State is home to 36 fraternity and sorority chapters that are nationally recognized organizations. They promote a balance of scholarship, leadership, service and friendship. Members are expected to maintain high grades, volunteer in the local community and become involved and be leaders in other campus organizations. Members donate thousands of dollars annually to local and national charities and perform thousands of community service hours. Membership is a lifetime commitment and, in return, members can expect to make lasting memories and lifelong friendships. For more details, call 662-325-3917 or visit [greeks.msstate.edu](http://greeks.msstate.edu).

## **University Health Services**

University Health Services meets the needs of the community through multiple departments which include Health Promotion and Wellness, Student Counseling Services and the Longest Student Health Center. All strive to identify and address health and behavioral issues that impact well-being. For more information, visit [health.msstate.edu](http://health.msstate.edu).

## **Holmes Cultural Diversity Center**

Named for MSU's first African American student, the Richard E. Holmes Cultural Diversity Center strives to enhance the cultural

college experience of students at Mississippi State University. For more information, visit [hcdc.msstate.edu](http://hcdc.msstate.edu).

## **Student Leadership and Community Engagement**

The Office of Student Leadership and Community Engagement (SLCE) serves as the umbrella for Montgomery Leadership Program, Day One Leadership Community, service programs through the Maroon Volunteer Center (MVC), and the Center for Community-Engaged Learning. SLCE aspires to educate, enlighten, and empower everyday leaders to positively impact, support, and transform their respective communities.

Through numerous service programs, the MVC connected an estimated 6,000 students, faculty, and staff volunteers with over 207 community and campus partners, leading to over 37,000 community service hours within 2019-20. More information is available at [slce.msstate.edu](http://slce.msstate.edu).

## **Parent and Family Services**

Recognizing that families are a valuable resource to each student, the Office of Parent and Family Services strives to serve as a link between families, students, and the university community. This office assists families in fully understanding and navigating the many campus resources, providing timely communications, and promoting meaningful parental involvement that allows for optimum student development and success. For more information, families are encouraged to call 662-325-3611 or visit [family.msstate.edu](http://family.msstate.edu).

## **University Recreation**

MSU's University Recreation offers a variety of recreation programs, services, and facilities to help students develop a healthy lifestyle. UREC offers intramural activities for men's, women's, and co-recreational teams, and numerous individual and dual sports. Intramural competition is open to the entire

university community (students, faculty, and staff). URec also offers swim lessons, personal training, group exercise classes, children's birthday parties, youth summer camps, team building activities, and outdoor adventure gear rental. URec's facilities include the Joe Frank Sanderson Center (including a sand volleyball court and low-ropes challenge course), RecPlex, Sawyer Tennis Courts, and the Chadwick Lake Disc Golf Course. For more information, visit [urec.msstate.edu](http://urec.msstate.edu).

## **Housing and Residence Life**

Living on campus is an exciting part of the student life experience at Mississippi State. The Department of Housing and Residence Life provides a vibrant atmosphere for students to thrive in a living-learning environment. The 16 residence halls that house approximately 5,000 students offer a variety of amenity levels in new construction and traditional styles at locations across campus. Community and graduate residence directors and advisers are live-in staff members who serve as a resource by planning and implementing programs that assist students in their transition to their hall and the university community. Housing and residence life staff members are trained in multiple areas, including safety and security. Halls have state-of-the-art security systems. Exterior doors are generally locked 24-hours a day and may only be accessed by card readers using the MSU ID to allow entry to those students who live in that hall. As part of the effort to ensure students have a successful first year, MSU has a freshman residency requirement. More about this requirement and other general housing information may be found at [housing.msstate.edu](http://housing.msstate.edu). College View is a partnership development that gives Upper-Division students the option of university-housing apartment living, more information can be found at [livecollegeview.com](http://livecollegeview.com).

## **Student Organizations and Student Association**

MSU boasts more than 350+ student organizations, giving students numerous ways to become involved, meet new people and make the most of their college experience. Organizations cover a wide range of interests, including academic, international, religious, ethnic, political, social, environmental, community service and recreational. The Student Association, or SA, is a student-run organization that serves as the governing body for students and is the largest organization on campus. Providing coverage of campus events and organizations is The Reflector, MSU's award-winning student newspaper published for and by students every Wednesday during the fall and spring semesters. More specifics about all the organizations on campus can be found at [one.msstate.edu](http://one.msstate.edu) or [sa.msstate.edu](http://sa.msstate.edu).

## **TRiO Student Support Services**

TRiO Student Support Services is a supportive community for first-generation and low-income students. Since 1965, TRiO programs have existed to provide and strengthen academic development and motivate students toward degree completion. For more information, visit [trio.msstate.edu](http://trio.msstate.edu).

## **Disability Support Services and ACCESS Program.**

MSU's Disability Support Services assists students with documented disabilities. The office provides appropriate accommodations and works with students to improve retention and graduation rates among this population. The ACCESS program provides educational access and opportunity through individual support and services for the academic and social inclusion of students with intellectual disabilities (as defined by the Higher Education Opportunity Act) who are accepted to the university as special non-degree seeking program participants.



# ATHLETICS

**M**ississippi State University boasts a storied tradition in athletics, both on the field and in the classroom. Those who choose to become Bulldogs are rewarded with a great experience as part of one of the most respected universities in the United States.

As a charter member of the prestigious Southeastern Conference, MSU affords its student-athletes the opportunity to compete at the highest levels of collegiate athletics. State offers more than 350 scholarships each year in 16 varsity sports that include men's baseball, basketball, football, golf, tennis, and track and field (indoor/outdoor), in addition to women's basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track and field (indoor/outdoor), and volleyball.

More than 150 coaches and administrators work for the athletic department, all striving to field competitive teams while focusing on the future of each student athlete with a program that fosters excellence in academics. Mississippi State also showcases some of the finest collegiate athletic facilities in the country, in which its student athletes compete and loyal alumni and fans experience many exciting moments in Bulldog sports. MSU continues to improve those venues each year while planning for new locales in the future.

For complete information on Mississippi State Athletics, visit [HailState.com](http://HailState.com) or follow the program on Twitter (@HailState).

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2019-20

MSU Athletics recorded a 3.16 GPA, tying the highest on record and marking the seventh consecutive semester with a department GPA of 3.0 or better

State is the only school in the U.S. to have multiple players selected in each of the 2020 MLB, NBA and NFL drafts.

Success in the classroom continued with a total of 82 student-athletes among the 1,263 named to the 2020 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll.

Mike Leach, a two-time national coach of the year, three-time conference coach of the year and the mastermind behind the NCAA record-setting "Air Raid" offense, was tabbed as MSU's 34th head football coach.

Football reached its 11th consecutive bowl game with a 28-26 victory over No. 24 Tulsa in the Armed Forces Bowl. Mike Leach became the first MSU head coach to lead the Bulldogs to a bowl win in his debut season and the first coach since 1941 to defeat a ranked bowl game opponent.

A total of 21 MSU passing and receiving records were broken by the Bulldogs in Mike Leach's first year.

Kylin Hill led the SEC in rushing yardage during the 2019 football regular season; was named First Team All-SEC; and won the C Spire Conerly Trophy as the state's best football player.

For the third year in a row, MSU swept the 2020 C Spire Gillom and Howell awards, presented to the best male, Reggie Perry, and female, Rickea Jackson, collegiate basketball player in the state.

MSU made history in 2019 as the first school to sweep all four Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum awards in the same athletic year for the state's best player.

Men's basketball garnered three consecutive seasons with 20+ wins and captured 10+ SEC victories in back-to-back seasons under Coach Ben Howland.

Reggie Perry and Robert Woodard II both were picked in the NBA Draft. It's the first time since 2003 MSU had two players selected in the same draft.

Reggie Perry was the only SEC player to rank among the SEC's top 10 in scoring, rebounding, field goal percentage and blocks; was a top 5 finalist for the Karl Malone Award given to the nation's top power forward; was consensus All-SEC First Team; Associated Press SEC Player of the Year; and extended MSU's streak to three consecutive Bailey Howell Trophy awards presented to the state's top collegiate player.

Tyson Carter was MSU's first winner of the SEC Sixth-Man of the Year. Tyson and his father, Greg Carter, are the SEC's only father-son duo with 1,000 points each.

Baseball finished 2020 ranked in the top 10 in the final national polls, a first in school history ending three straight seasons among the top 10.

Baseball saw a program-record three student-athletes – Justin Foscue, Jordan Westburg and JT Ginn – picked in the first two rounds of the 2020 Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft, tying for the fifth-most picks in the country.

Christian MacLeod was tabbed Co-National Freshman Player of the Year and a Third Team All-American by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper for 2020.

Will Bednar was named to Collegiate Baseball Newspaper's Freshman All-America squad.

Nikki McCray-Penson, having both playing and coaching experience in multiple Final Fours, was named MSU's eighth head women's basketball coach.

Women's basketball competed in its fifth-straight SEC Tournament title game.

Women's basketball had three All-SEC selections, as Jordan Danberry, Rickea Jackson and Jessika Carter were all named to the Second Team.

For the fourth year in a row, women's basketball ended the year ranked inside the top 10 of the AP Poll, finishing the season ranked ninth.

Women's basketball has ranked inside the top 15 in national attendance during each of the last five seasons and eclipsed 100,000 fans for the third year in a row.



Softball turned in 25 wins in 2020, which tied for the most in the U.S., and earned its highest final ranking in program history at No. 20.

Soccer made the SEC Tournament for the first time since 2004 and set program records in conference play for points (48), points per game (4.80), goals (16), goals per game (1.60), assists (16) and assists per game (1.60).

MaKayla Waldner became the fourth First Team All-SEC selection in program history and was also named SEC Co-Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Women's golf ended the year ranked inside the top 25 in the country by both Golfstat (21st) and Golfweek (22nd). State stood second in the SEC in scoring with an average team score of 286.50.

Ford Clegg, Ben Nelson and Cameron Clarke were named 2019-20 Early Wave Srixon/Cleveland Golf All-America Scholars by the Golf Coaches Association of America.

Anderson Peters, the reigning world champion in the javelin, won consecutive SEC and NCAA titles in 2018 and 2019 while twice breaking the meet record in both meets. He also holds the Pan American Games record, MSU school record and the Bulldogs' freshman record in the event.

Marco Arop was twice the NCAA runner-up in the 800m and broke numerous records over his career—MSU's school record in the indoor and outdoor 800m, along with the freshman record in the event. He also holds the Canadian national indoor record and the Pan American Games record and was part of MSU's fastest 4x800m relay team in program history.

Four student-athletes earned the prestigious 2020 All-American Scholar status from the Women's Golf Coaches Association—Clara Moyano, Blair Stockett, Lauren Miller and Abbey Daniel.

Ashley Gilliam was named First Team All-SEC and earned a spot on the All-Freshman Team this year, after posting one of the best seasons in women's golf program history. She also was named an All-American by Golfweek and the WGCA.

Kody Schexnayder of football and Athena Yang of women's golf were named 2019-20 Brad Davis Community Service Award Winners by the SEC.



## UNIVERSITY FINANCES

In fiscal year 2020, Mississippi State University reported total assets of \$1.57 billion. This amount represents assets in the university's most recent financial statement, including all operations linked to its land-grant mission. It does not include the assets of foundations associated with the university. Of this \$1.57 billion reported, \$327 million are current assets, \$1.10 billion are capital assets net of depreciation and the remaining \$143 million are other non-current assets, including investments and restricted cash.

**Sources of funds for FY 2020**

State appropriations - 24.2%
Grants/contracts - 22.2%
Net tuition - 22.7%
Sales and services - 15.8%
Non-operating gifts/grants - 11.3%
Federal appropriations - 1.7%
Other - 1.9%

**Expenditures for FY 2020**

Salaries and benefits - 62.7%
Contractual services - 13.2%
Commodities - 8.0%
Scholarships - 6.9%
Depreciation - 5.0%
Travel - 1.5%
Utilities - 1.9%
Interest and other - 0.8%

**Endowment**

Mississippi State University's endowment currently exceeds \$520 million and is composed of nearly 1,700 separately endowed funds. Each year, a portion of the earnings from each endowment is spent in support of the university's tri-fold mission of learning, service and research with strict adherence to donor agreements. The remainder of the earnings is reinvested to maintain each endowment's financial impact over time. Student scholarships are the largest single component of the endowment, comprising 50.8 percent of the total; the next largest component supports various academic programs and makes up 26.5 percent of the total, followed by faculty and staff support at 14.6 percent.

For the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2020, the Mississippi State University Foundation Inc. reported total consolidated net assets of \$580.9 million. Of this amount, nearly 84.5 percent has donor restrictions with the remainder unrestricted or held on behalf of related non-profit entities.

Expenditures by the Mississippi State University Foundation directly or indirectly benefitting the university exceeded \$59.5 million in FY 2020, and \$34.4 million in FY 2019.

## Fundraising

Fundraising at Mississippi State has exceeded \$100 million annually for each of the past five fiscal years.

FY 2016 .....	\$103.1 million
FY 2017 .....	\$108.6 million
FY 2018 .....	\$102.5 million
FY 2019 .....	\$113.1 million
FY 2020.....	\$111.1 million

The Mississippi State University Foundation operates a comprehensive fundraising program, soliciting annual gifts, major gifts, principal gifts and estate gifts from a loyal, enthusiastic and geographically diverse base of over 150,000 living alumni.



## UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

Mississippi State recognizes the value of diverse opinions in decision making and pursues its mission in an atmosphere of shared governance and open communication. Faculty and staff are involved in policy formulation and in implementing the learning, research and service missions of the university. Faculty and staff also recognize their shared accountability for the performance of the university in carrying out its mission.

To advance the mission of the university, the officers of the administration may appoint members of external entities to serve on councils, committees and task forces. The president has authority to administer the university, to lead the university so that its mission and goals are achieved, and to coordinate university relations with officers of the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees is the constitutional governing body of the State Institutions of Higher Learning. The board operates a coordinated system of higher education, establishes prudent governance policies, employs capable chief executives, and requires legal, fiscal and programmatic accountability.

## Executive Council

The Executive Council is comprised of the university's senior leadership. Its members meet monthly to advise the president on official policies and procedures.

**Mark E. Keenum**, President

**David Shaw**, Provost and Executive Vice President

**Zac Ashmore**, Chair of the Staff Council

**Tracey Baham**, Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness

**Keith Coble**, Vice President for Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine

**John Cohen**, Athletic Director

**Leslie Corey**, Chief Human Resources Officer

**Lesia Ervin**, Director of Internal Audit

**Ra'Sheda Forbes**, Vice President for Access, Diversity and Inclusion

**Regina Hyatt**, Vice President for Student Affairs

**Julie Jordan**, Vice President for Research and Economic Development

**Jim Laird**, Research and Executive Support Editor

**Joan Lucas**, General Counsel

**Steve Parrott**, Chief Information Officer

**Garrett Smith**, President of the Student Association

**Rebecca Robichaux-Davis**, President of the Robert Holland Faculty Senate

**John Rush**, Vice President for Development and Alumni

**Don Zant**, Vice President for Finance and Administration, Chief Financial Officer

## President's Cabinet

The President's Cabinet is comprised of the university's senior administrative leadership and meets weekly.

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## NOTABLE ALUMNI

**T**here are more than 150,000 living Mississippi State degree holders, including 112,029 undergraduate alumni, 22,494 graduate alumni and 16,322 dual-degree holders. MSU alumni are found in nearly 100 countries and all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Some notable alumni include:

**Academic Leaders:** James E. Cofer, former president of Missouri State University; Ray Hayes, former chancellor of



the University of Alabama System; Mark E. Keenum, president of Mississippi State University; Vivian Presley, former president of Coahoma Community College; and Malcolm Portera, retired chancellor of the University of Alabama System and former Mississippi State University president.

**Arts and Entertainment:** Authors—John Grisham, Joe Lee, Lewis Nordan, Matthew F. Jones, Gregory Keyes, Laurie Parker, Michael Farris Smith, Neely Tucker and Brad Watson; Broadcasting Pioneer—Frank K. Spain; Meteorologists—Audrey Puente, Bill Evans, Sean McLaughlin, Kevin Benson and Alex Wallace; Comedian Jerry Clower; Magician, Mentalist, Professional Speaker—Joe M. Turner; Journalists - Eugene Butler, Turner Catledge, John Oliver Emmerich, David Hanglord, Charlie Mitchell, Paul Ruffin, Sid Salter, Wayne Weidie and David Langford.

**Athletes and Coaches:** Baseball - Jimmy Bragan, Jeff Brantley, Will Clark, Hugh Critz, Ed Easley, Sammy Ellis, Dave “Boo” Ferriss, Alex Grammas, Kendall Graveman, Paul Gregory, Jacob Lindgren, Paul Maholm, Jake Mangum, Mitch Moreland, Buddy Myer, Rafael Palmeiro, Jonathan Papelbon, Jay Powell, Hunter Renfroe, Buck Showalter, Bobby Thigpen and Del Unser; Basketball - Jim Ashmore, Van Chancellor, Erick Dampier, Bailey Howell, Jeff Malone, Teaira McCowan, Matthew Mitchell, La'Toya Thomas, Jarvis Varnado, Victoria Vivians, Tan White and Richard Williams; Football - Johnthan Banks, Ode Burrell, Johnnie Cooks, Fletcher Cox, Anthony Dixon, Greg Favors, Joe Fortunato, Steve Freeman, Tom Goode, Hoyle Granger, Michael Haddix, Mario Haggan, Walt Harris, Kent Hull, Gabe Jackson, Kirby Jackson, Tyrone Keys, D.D. Lewis, Pernell McPhee, Eric Moulds, Tom Neville, Jackie Parker, Dak Prescott,

Darius Slay, Fred Smoot, Billy Stacy, Walter Suggs, Greg Williams and K.J. Wright; Golf - Michael Connell, Ally McDonald, Alex Rocha, Kim Williams and Carri Wood; Softball - Chelsea Bramlett and Lyhia McMichael; Tennis - Daniel Courcol, Jackie Holden, Laurent Miquelard, Claire Pollard and Joc Simmons; Track and Field - Erica Bougard, Pierre Brown, Festus Igbinoghene, Brandon McBride, Tiffany McWilliams and Faliltu Ogunkoya.

**Business:** Richard Adkerson, Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.; Jim Ashford, Case International; James Worth Bagley, Lam Research Corp.; Sebastiao Barbosa, Brazilian Agricultural Research Corp.; Bill Berry, Continental Resources; George Bishop, GeoSouthern Energy Corp.; George Bryan, Sara Lee Corp.; Fred Carl, Jr., Viking Range; Randy Cleveland, ExxonMobil Production Company; James A. Coggin, Saks Inc.; Owen Cooper, Mississippi Chemical Corp.; Earnie Deavenport, Eastman Chemical; Nutie Dowdle, Dowdle Enterprises; Tim Duncan, Talos Energy; John D. Ferguson, Corrections Corporation of America; Haley Fisackerly, Entergy Mississippi, Inc; Hassell Franklin, Franklin Corp.; Joe Gordy, Gordy Development, Inc.; Toxey Haas, Haas Outdoors, Inc. (Mossy Oak); Jack Hatcher, Robertson-Ceco Corp.; Todd Henderson, Nutramax Labs; Hunter Henry, Dow Chemical; Tom Hixon, First Choice; Mickey Holliman, Furniture Brands International; Billy Howard, Howard Industries; Malcolm Lightsey, Sr., SunTech; Carl B. Mack, National Society of Black Engineers; Bobby Martin, The Peoples Bank; E.B. “Barney” McCool, Holiday Inn franchise; Mike McDaniel, M3 Resources LLC; Lamar McKay, BP Global; Richard Mills, Tellus Operating Group LLC; James E. Newsome, New York Mercantile Exchange; Tommy Nusz, Oasis Petroleum; Ronnie Parker, Pizza

Inn; Hartley Peavey, Peavey Electronics; Ron Ponder, AT&T; Jay Pryor, Chevron USA; Richard Puckett, Puckett Machinery; R.L. Qualls, Baldor Electric; J.C. Redd, Redd Pest Control; Jim Rouse, ExxonMobil Global Services Inc.; Richard Rula, Hemphill Construction; Mike Sanders, Jimmy Sanders Inc.; Joe Frank Sanderson, Sanderson Farms; Leo Seal, Hancock Holding; Nashie Sephus, Amazon; Bobby S. Shackouls, Burlington Resources; Allen Sills, NFL; Pat Spainhour, ServiceMaster; Janet Marie Smith, Los Angeles Dodgers; Charles Stephenson, Bravo Natural Resources, LLC; Dave Swalm, Texas Olefins and Texas Petrochemicals Corp.; Lex Taylor, The Taylor Group; Doug Terreson, Energy Research, International Strategy & Investment; Al Williams, Chevron; Art Williams, A.L. Williams Corp.; and Anthony Wilson, Mississippi Power Company.

**Politics and Government:** U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn and U.S. Representative Michael Guest; former U.S. Senator John C. Stennis; former U.S. Representatives G.V. Sonny Montgomery and Alan Nunnelee; former Lieutenant Governor Amy Tuck; U.S. District Judges William H. Alsup, Sharion Aycock and Debra Brown; Mississippi Supreme Court Justices George C. Carlson Jr., David A. Chandler, Jess Dickinson, Charles D. Easley and William Waller Jr.; former Mississippi Development Authority Executive Director Glenn McCullough; former Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Buck Ross; Miss. Insurance Commissioner Mike Chaney; former Highway Commissioners Dick Hall and Mike Tagert; former Public Service Commissioner Lynn Posey; former USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service Administrator Barbara Masters; former Speaker of the Miss. House of Representatives Billy McCoy; former Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sam Hamilton and former Presidential Medal of Science winner James Flanagan.



# MSU-MERIDIAN



*MSU-Meridian  
Administrative  
Director, Head  
of Campus  
Terry Dale Cruse*

Mississippi State University-Meridian, serving primarily eastern Mississippi and western Alabama, is large enough to offer everything a non-residential student wants, but small enough to make it personal.

With more than 900 undergraduate and graduate students at two campuses and an average class size of 15, MSU-Meridian provides both traditional and working adult students with individualized attention from committed faculty and staff.

Since its beginning in 1972, MSU-Meridian's mission has remained constant: to produce highly educated and strongly motivated leaders in the fields of education, business, social services, the humanities and health care. The campus works closely with area corporations, local foundations, small businesses and governmental agencies to strengthen the economic stature of the region.

Offering high-quality academic experiences to students from all walks of life, the local campus has developed Partnership Pathway agreements with four Mississippi community college partners, Meridian Community College, East Central Community College, East Mississippi Community College and Jones College, and Wallace Community College in Alabama to make the transition to MSU-Meridian more convenient. Additionally, there is significant growth in the number of blended courses offered, which increases flexibility for students



by combining face-to-face and online delivery. Junior, senior and graduate-level courses enable students to complete requirements for bachelor's, master's and specialist degrees or to enroll in courses for professional or personal growth.

Along with 16 other traditional undergraduate degree programs in arts and sciences, business and education, MSU-Meridian offers graduate-level degree programs in education and counseling, a Professional MBA program for working professionals, as well as a new Physician Assistant Studies program.

## **Two locations**

MSU-Meridian serves students at two locations, the College Park Campus and the Riley Campus in downtown Meridian.

Encompassing a picturesque 26 acres, the College Park Campus is home to the divisions of Arts and Sciences and Education. The facility also houses administrative offices, a greenhouse, two computer labs, and the Phil Hardin Foundation Library,

along with the Kahlmus Auditorium, an 8,500-square-foot multipurpose facility used by the university and local and statewide organizations. The campus also boasts the G.V. “Sonny” Montgomery Advisement and Career Center to provide students a centralized location to guide them through college and into a career. The center also has a veterans lounge, a dedicated space for student military members and families.

The Riley Campus includes the MSU-Riley Center, and the Deen and Rosenbaum buildings. These adjoining structures are located between 5th and 6th streets and between 22nd and 23rd avenues in the heart of the business district.

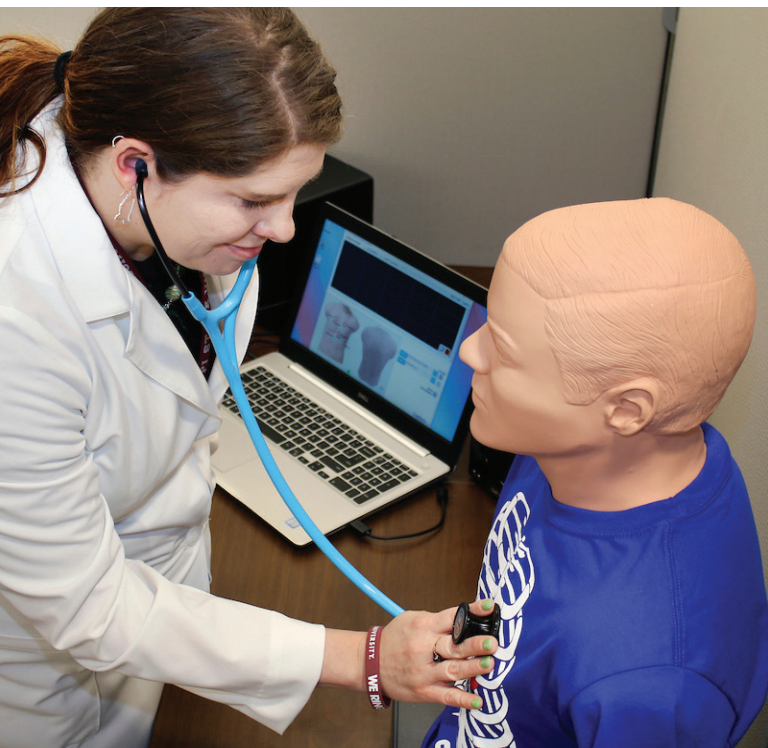
The MSU-Riley Center includes the Grand Opera House (a performing arts center), a conference center and several exhibit halls. The multifaceted facility annually attracts 70,000-plus visitors to the downtown area for conferences, meetings and performances. The center also is envisioned as a future home of the university’s proposed digital-media production degree program.

Opened in January 2012, the Robert B. Deen Jr. Building houses the Division of Business, along with state-of-the-art classrooms designed for face-to-face or distance-based instruction. The Deen Building features a spacious computer laboratory and two professional and fully-equipped conference rooms. Both large and small study spaces also are available for either individual or small group study sessions. In the lobby, a stock ticker allows students and faculty access to the latest financial information, as well as breaking financial news and college announcements.

Adjacent is the Alfred Rosenbaum Building which houses a state-of-the-art Physician Assistant program

and boasts Mississippi's first digital cadaver lab. The three-story facility, which opened in January 2016, is equipped with high-tech classrooms, offices and multiple laboratories, as well as a second Phil Hardin Foundation Library. Located in the lobby of the building is the Bulldog Shop, which features MSU cheese and ice cream, as well as fresh sandwiches, coffee and MSU apparel.

To schedule a personalized campus tour, contact 601-484-0241 or [meridianinfo@meridian.msstate.edu](mailto:meridianinfo@meridian.msstate.edu).







## MSU EXTENSION SERVICE

**T**he Mississippi State University Extension Service, with offices in each of the state's 82 counties, is the Magnolia State's "classroom in the field." Extension faculty and educators, or agents, in every county provide practical, research-based information to help individuals, businesses and communities solve problems, develop skills and build a better future.



*Extension Director  
Gary Jackson*

Established by the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, the Cooperative Extension System has marked more than a century of service to diverse groups across the United States. Extension agents bring research-based education and recommendations from the state's land-grant universities to help people in their communities make informed decisions about agriculture, natural resources, consumer issues, community development, family life, youth development and much more.

Mississippi lays claim to the foundation of the nationwide 4-H youth development program that started in Holmes County in 1907, when the first federal dollar for youth farm programs was given to W.H. "Corn Club" Smith, who later became MSU president. Today, more than 60,000 Mississippi young people are involved in 4-H projects, including citizenship, public speaking, livestock showing, robotics, leadership and shooting sports.

Extension's ongoing priorities include agriculture, natural resources, family and consumer education, government training and community resource development, and 4-H youth development. Extension professionals empower volunteers to teach others and extend research-based education to improve all Mississippians' quality of life.

For more information, visit [extension.msstate.edu](http://extension.msstate.edu).

## Hail State

(Fight Song)

Hail dear ol' State!

Fight for that victory today.

Hit that line and tote that ball,

Cross the goal before you fall!

And then we'll yell, yell, yell, yell!

For dear ol' State we'll yell like H-E-L-L!

Fight for Mis-sis-sip-pi State,

Win that game today!

*Words & music by Joseph Burleson Peavey, 1939*



## Maroon and White

(Alma Mater)

In the heart of Mississippi,

Made by none but God's own hands,

Stately in her nat'ral splendor

Our Alma Mater proudly stands;

Mississippi State we love you,

Fondest mem'ries cling to thee,

Life shall bear thy spirit ever,

Loyal friends we'll always be.

Chorus:

Maroon and White! Maroon and White!

Of thee with joy we sing;

Thy colors bright our souls delight,

With praise our voices ring.

*Words by T. Paul Haney Jr.*

*Music by Henry E. Wamsley*



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