

EDUCATION

I figure all any kid needs is hope and the feeling he or she belongs. If I could do or say anything that would give some kid that feeling, I would believe I had contributed something to the world.

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The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) provides resources and technical support to Mississippi's public school system. The department also functions as a resource for federal education requirements and funding.

The Mississippi Board of Education appoints the State Superintendent of Education, sets public education policy and oversees the MDE. As the administrative arm of the Board, MDE is responsible for implementing state and federal education laws, disbursing state and federal funds, holding schools and districts accountable for performance and licensing all educators.

The MDE seeks to create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and in the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens. To make this vision a reality, all students must be given multiple pathways to success, and teachers and administrators must continue to meet the challenges of this ever-changing landscape of public education.

MDE is dedicated to improving the educational opportunities for all students and ensuring a bright future for every child through the Board's strategic goals that are centered on achievement on every level of Mississippi's public education system, including districts, schools, classrooms, and individual students.

The Board has established an ambitious mission and goals for the future of education in Mississippi with the primary objective of ensuring students are prepared for college and career.



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Dr. Lance Evans began serving as State Superintendent of Education in July 2024. In his 24-year career as an educator, he has served as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, elementary principal, high school principal, and Superintendent of Schools for the New Albany School District.

During his seven-year tenure as superintendent in New Albany, the district experienced continuous growth in all academic areas. New Albany School District earned an A rating for the past five years and is ranked among the top 10% in Mississippi in overall academic performance. The district has also increased its graduation rate by 13.5% to its current graduation rate of 95.5%

While in New Albany, Dr. Evans implemented a systematic workforce development program through a multistep process with an emphasis on Career and Technical Education (CTE). This process included the following components to achieve the mission:

- Dual credit CTE course offerings with the local community college
- Student internship program (IMPACTO)
- Career exploration labs at the elementary, middle, and high schools
- Career coaches at both the middle school and high school grade levels
- Formation of workforce development consortium with the neighboring school district
- Construction of the New Albany Center for Innovation

Dr. Evans' leadership skills have earned him several recognitions including the 2023 Mississippi Superintendent of the Year and the 2015 Mississippi Principal of the Year. He has served on the boards of the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents, the Mississippi Association of School Administrators and the Governing Board for the American Association of School Administrators, and is a member of the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs.

Dr. Evans believes that innovation is key to educating students of the 21st century and a multifaceted approach is essential to ensure the success of all students. Dr. Evans believes all students do not define success the same way and it is the responsibility of educators to create pathways to success with no dead ends for students.

Dr. Evans earned his doctorate degree from Delta State University, his master's degree from the University of Mississippi, and his bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University.

Dr. Evans and his wife Brandy have two children, Katie, a college junior, and Landon, a high school sophomore.

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Mississippi has 15 community colleges that provide students the opportunity to earn a quality education at an affordable cost. These community colleges administer academic programs for students that plan on transferring to a university, career and technical education programs for those looking to quickly enter the workforce, non-credit workforce training for employers and employees, and high school equivalency for students that did not graduate high school. In an average year, Mississippi's community colleges educate and train approximately 98,000 students.

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

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

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

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

The mission of the Mississippi Community College Board is "to advance the community college system through coordination, support, leadership, and advocacy." The Board's core values are professionalism, integrity, partnerships, innovation, and diversity.



KELL SMITH

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MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

On January 20, 2023, the Mississippi Community College Board (MCCB) unanimously selected Mr. Kell Smith to serve as the agency's sixth Executive Director. Mr. Smith has been with the agency since May 2008, most recently serving as Interim Executive Director since July 2021. He previously served as Director of Communications and Legislative Services for the MCCB. Guided by the mission of the MCCB, Mr. Smith is focused on working

collaboratively with the state's community colleges to ensure the system has the tools and resources necessary to serve students.

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

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

Mr. Smith is married to the former Mary Straton Karatassos of Starkville. They live in Madison and are the parents of Eleanor and Rosie. He serves as a deacon of Broadmoor Baptist Church.

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The Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) provides management and control of Mississippi's system of eight public universities. Created in 1943 by a Constitutional amendment (Mississippi Constitution of 1890, Article 9, § 213-A), the board consists of 12 members appointed by the Governor of Mississippi with the advice and consent of the senate. The board members shall be appointed from each of the three Mississippi Supreme Court Districts until there are four members from each district. The terms of office for the board members are nine years.

The position of Commissioner of Higher Education was created by the legislature in 1988 to replace the former Executive Secretary and Director of the board position. The Commissioner is responsible for the day-to-day functions of the board. The Commissioner serves as the Board's chief executive and administers its policies and decisions. In addition, the Commissioner directs a professional staff with expertise in academic programs fiscal matters, communications, technology, research and planning, student financial aid, and physical facilities.

By statute, the IHL Board of Trustees holds two regular slated meetings annually, one in June and the other in January, and as many special meetings as may be necessary on call of the president or on call of five members. A schedule of the board's meetings can be found on the IHL website. The board meets each month except July and December, which are subject to call.

The IHL Board oversees degree-credit courses, research and public service activities, and programs at the eight public universities; the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson; the Mississippi State University Extension Service, Mississippi State University Division of Agricultural, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine; 10 degree granting off-campus instructional programs, and various other locations throughout the state. Available programs range from a variety of undergraduate disciplines to most professional fields. All eight universities offer master's level programs; six have programs at the education specialist level, and seven offer doctoral level programs.



DR. ALFRED RANKINS, JR.
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Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr. was appointed Commissioner of Higher Education by the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) and began serving in this role in July 2018. As commissioner, Dr. Rankins advises the IHL Board on all matters pertaining to governing Mississippi's eight public universities and academic medical center. Dr. Rankins also supervises and evaluates the chancellor and presidents of the universities within the IHL system.

Shortly after his appointment as commissioner, Dr. Rankins initiated a statewide listening tour, where he met with students, staff, faculty, and community constituency groups to gain better insight into their needs and expectations from their university, the IHL Executive Office, and the IHL Board. As a result of the listening tour, Dr. Rankins commissioned two task forces to formulate recommendations for 1) lowering the price of electronic library resources and 2) awarding academic credit for military service. This work led to 1) a consortium agreement decreasing the cost of and expanding access to electronic library resources, and 2) a system-wide policy and guidance for the universities to award academic credit for prior military service. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Rankins also commissioned the Safe Start Task Force to recommend policies, practices, and protocols for operating IHL universities during the pandemic. Since Fall 2020, all universities have offered face-to-face, online, and hybrid instruction and have not suspended campus-wide operations due to COVID-19 cases among students or employees. Over the past three years, Dr. Rankins has led system-wide advocacy efforts that have resulted in Mississippi's Legislature appropriating over \$2.1 billion to the IHL system for campus operations and authorizing the issuance of over \$291.4 million in state general obligation bonds to support capital projects.

Prior to being named commissioner, Dr. Rankins served as the 19th president of Alcorn State University. Under his leadership, the university enrolled its largest freshman class in its history and increased the average ACT scores of entering freshmen for three consecutive years. The university achieved its highest ever ranking by College Consensus as the #7 best HBCU and #1 best public HBCU in the nation. In athletics, Alcorn won several conference championships and a national championship, while graduating student-athletes in record numbers.

Dr. Rankins previously served in various roles in the IHL Executive Office including Deputy Commissioner, Associate Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, and Director of Academic Affairs. While serving as Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Rankins also served as acting president of Mississippi Valley State University.

Prior to his appointment at IHL, Dr. Rankins served on the faculty at Mississippi State University (MSU), where he was a tenured associate professor in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and extension specialist with the MSU Extension Service.

Currently, Dr. Rankins serves on the State Workforce Investment Board, Education Commission of the States, National Association of System Heads Executive Board, Mississippi Health Insurance Management Board, and Entergy Mississippi Advisory Board.

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

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

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Founded: 1871**Fall 2023 Enrollment:** 2,894**Number of Faculty:** 226**Total 2024 Budget:** \$60,087,244

Alcorn State University is the oldest public historically Black land-grant institution in the United States and the second-oldest state-supported institution of higher learning in Mississippi. Alcorn University was founded in 1871 for the purpose of educating freedmen and was named in honor of the sitting governor of Mississippi, James L. Alcorn. The site was originally occupied by Oakland College, a school established by Presbyterians in 1828; the State of Mississippi purchased the Oakland campus and named it Alcorn University. Hiram R. Revels resigned his seat as a U.S. Senator to become the University's first president. In 1878, Alcorn University became Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College. Over time, facilities increased from three historic buildings to more than 80 structures. The original purchase of 225 acres of land grew to a campus of more than 1,700 acres. In 1974, Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College became Alcorn State University. Today, with branch locations in Natchez and Vicksburg, Alcorn has earned nationwide recognition not only for being affordable, but also for its excellence in nursing, music, STEM, education, agriculture, and the liberal arts. The University provides an exceptional educational experience that enables students to successfully pursue their educational and professional goals. Celebrating 150 years of academic excellence, Alcorn offers bachelor's, master's, specialist, and doctoral degrees in more than 50 top-degree programs.

**Dr. Tracy Cook***President*

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Dr. Tracy Cook was appointed by the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning Board of Trustees as the Interim

President of Alcorn State University, effective July 8, 2023. He previously served as Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at Alcorn State University.

His responsibilities included directing and supervising the units and directors within the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, including Admissions and Recruiting, Career Services, and Residence Life. In this role, he developed vital collaborative relationships with campus administrative areas, faculty, and campus and community leaders to plan and implement strategic initiatives.

Cook has more than 25 years of administrative experience in education. He returned to Alcorn in 2015 as Chief of Staff. In 2018, he was appointed interim Vice President for Student Affairs. After successfully serving in the interim role, he was promoted to Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management in 2019.

Before joining Alcorn, Cook served in various roles, including superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, athletic director, and teacher in the Jefferson and Claiborne County School Districts.

He is a committed administrator with significant experience in financial management, project management, negotiation and conflict resolution, data analysis, and professional development. While employed at the Jefferson County School District, Cook successfully managed a budget of more than \$50 million and secured an additional \$2 million to support student outcomes.

Cook's attention to detail and general aptitude have allowed him to serve as a member of several professional organizations, namely, the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents Board of Directors, Mississippi Alliance of Black School Educators Board of Directors, Mississippi Association of School Administrators, Mississippi School Board Association — Board of Directors, and AP&C Trusts.

In addition, he served on the Southern Regional Educational Service-Agency Consortium Board of Directors, Program of Research and Evaluation for Public Schools Advisory Committee, Parents' Campaign Better Schools-Brighter Future, Southwest Junior High Athletic Conference — Secretary; Mississippi High School Activities Association's Legislative and Executive Board of Directors, and the Copiah Lincoln Junior College Board of Trustees. Cook also co-founded the Southwest Mississippi Educator Conference.

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He was recognized as one of Alcorn's 40 Under 40 honorees in 2012 and ranked among the University's Top 50 Greatest Football Athletes (2014). In 2015, Cook was inducted into the Alcorn Sports Hall of Fame. Most recently, in 2023, he received the Southwestern Athletic Conference Alumni Association's Lifetime Achievement Award.

A native of Fayette, Mississippi, he graduated from Jefferson County High School and embarked upon a rewarding athletic and scholastic journey at Alcorn. A scholar-athlete, Cook received a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics in 1994, and master's degree in agronomy in 1996, and educational administration and supervision in 1998. Cook went on to earn his specialist and doctoral degrees from William Carey University.

He is married to the former Dr. Crystal N. Smith, and they have two children, Kennedy and Casey.

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Founded: 1924**Fall 2023 Enrollment:** 2,716**Number of Faculty:** 275**Total 2024 Budget:** \$47,190,219

Delta State University was created as Delta State Teachers College by an act of the Mississippi Legislature in 1924. The institution opened for its first regular session on September 15, 1925, with a faculty and staff of 11 members and an enrollment of 97 students. To match the institution's growth in enrollment and academic offerings, the name was changed to Delta State College in 1955 and to Delta State University in 1974. Graduate work was first offered in 1965 when the Master of Education degree was approved. The University began offering the Educational Specialist degree in 1972 and the Doctor of Education degree in 1981. The University provides a comprehensive undergraduate curriculum, offering 16 baccalaureate degrees in 39 majors. It also provides programs of study for 12 master's degrees in 17 majors, the Educational Specialist degree in three majors, and the Doctor of Education and Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees.

**Dr. Daniel J. Ennis***President*

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Daniel J. Ennis began serving as President of Delta State University on June 1, 2023. Ennis graduated

from Summerville High School in Summerville, South Carolina in 1988. He attended the college of Charleston and earned his B.A. degree in 1992, and attended Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, from which he received his M.A. in 1994. Ennis attended Auburn University and completed his Ph.D. in English at that institution in 1999, having held a Presidential Graduate Fellowship and received the Calvert Award from The Association of College English Teachers of Alabama.

In 1999, Ennis was appointed Assistant Professor of English at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, South Carolina. During his 24-year career at that institution, he served as Co-Director of the University Honors Program, Department Chair, Dean, and Vice President from Academic Outreach. His final appointment at Coastal was as Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, overseeing the operations of seven academic colleges, enrollment services, and the curriculum development for over 10,000 students.

As a professor, Ennis is a teacher and scholar of British Literature, having published or edited four books and many articles on the authors of the Enlightenment. He has developed expertise on African literature, serving as a Fulbright-Hayes Scholar in Morocco and Tunisia in 2011, and having presented papers and published on twentieth century sub-Saharan writers.

Ennis is married. He and his wife Jennifer have two daughters.

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Founded: 1877

Fall 2023 Enrollment: 6,564

Number of Faculty: 549

Total 2024 Budget: \$102,820,230

Jackson State University's distinguished history began in 1877 as the Natchez Seminary, a private church school set up in Natchez, Mississippi, under the auspices of the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York. Beginning with only 20 students, the seminary educated newly freed African Americans as ministers and teachers. In 1882, the society moved the school to Jackson, Mississippi, to the location where Millsaps College now stands. The seminary was renamed Jackson College in recognition of its new location in central Mississippi. Three years later, construction

began on the site that is now the University's main campus. After the turn of the 20th century, the institution began to broaden its course of study, and in 1924, the college awarded its first degree. By 1934, the American Baptist Home Mission Society had withdrawn its support for the college, which began efforts toward garnering state support for the institution. In 1940, the school reorganized its curriculum as a two-year program and changed its name to the Mississippi Negro Training School. The State Institutions of Higher Learning then expanded the curriculum to a four-year teacher education program. The first graduating class under state support received Bachelor of Science degrees in Education in May 1944; two months after, the school was renamed the Jackson College for Negro Teachers. By 1967, state support had been secured and the school was renamed Jackson State College. Through a legislative act in 1974, the College became Jackson State University (JSU). Five years later, the Institutions of Higher Learning officially designated JSU as Mississippi's Urban University.



Dr. Marcus L. Thompson

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The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL)

named Dr. Marcus L. Thompson, president of Jackson State University, on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023. He began his tenure at Mississippi's R2-designated HBCU on Monday, Nov. 27, 2023.

Thompson has over 20 years of leadership experience in early childhood, K-12, and higher education. Thompson served as the Deputy Commissioner and Chief Administrative Officer of the Mississippi IHL, Mississippi's public university system, where he oversaw IHL staff for over a decade. In this role, all senior-level leaders reported to him, and he managed all facets of the agency's day-to-day operations, including IHL Board relations, communications, legislation, technology, data management, and facilities.

Thompson was a liaison between the IHL Commissioner's Office, the IHL Board of Trustees, and Mississippi's eight public universities – Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Over the past 15 years in higher education, Marcus has advised the IHL Board of Trustees, the IHL Commissioner, and Mississippi's public university senior leadership and institutional executive officers.

As Deputy Commissioner and Chief Administrative Officer, Thompson led the formation of the IHL ADA/Accessibility Services Task Force, which was launched to ensure that individuals with disabilities have

equal opportunities to thrive within the university system. The task force includes representatives from the eight public universities, the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration, and the IHL System Office.

Thompson also led the IHL Board of Trustees' efforts to encourage diverse campus environments and ensured that all aspects of institutional practice affirmed the IHL Board's commitment to access and success, particularly to heightening the participation and achievement of underrepresented individuals.

Thompson is a former educator and administrator, serving private schools and public schools in the Jackson Public School District and the Copiah County School District, where he enjoyed and excelled at the one-on-one student interactions the classroom provided. He has held endorsements to teach elementary education and licenses to teach English, history, mathematics, and Spanish. He ultimately left the classroom and joined the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) to have a broader impact on students statewide. At MDE, he became Chief of Staff and Assistant to the State Superintendent of Education.

Thompson earned a Bachelor of Arts in history and Spanish and a Master of Education from Mississippi College. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree in urban higher education from Jackson State University. Thompson is married to LaToya Redd Thompson, a practicing attorney. They are the proud parents of Kaelyn, Jessica, and Marcus, Jr.

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Founded: 1878

Fall 2023 Enrollment: 22,657

Number of Faculty: 1,515

Total 2024 Budget: \$434,185,304

From comprehensive educational options and groundbreaking research to award-winning service initiatives and an environment that embraces intellectual and creative freedom, the Mississippi State experience is transforming and empowering communities throughout the world. As one of the national land-grant colleges established after Congress passed the Morrill Act in 1862, the institution opened its doors in the fall of 1880 as the Agricultural and Mechanical College of the State of Mississippi. It soon distinguished itself as a leader in agriculture, horticulture, and the mechanical arts in addition to other scientific and classical studies, including military tactics. By 1932, when the legislature renamed the school Mississippi State College, it was well on its way to building the foundation for generations of students from all walks of life to succeed in higher education. In 1958, the legislature changed the name to Mississippi State University. Today, MSU stands as a Top 100 National Science Foundation research institution and Carnegie Foundation R1-Very High Research Activity university, providing access and opportunity to students from all sectors of the state, as well as from 49 states and 84 other countries. Students in eight colleges are participating in cutting-edge research with a global impact, including work to get unmanned aerial systems flying safely in the nation's airspace, designing the car of the future, and generating solutions to world hunger, among other achievements.



Dr. Mark E. Keenum

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Dr. Mark Everett Keenum became Mississippi State University's 19th president on Jan. 5, 2009, following a distinguished public service career. He has guided his alma mater to unprecedented heights with an unwavering focus on students – preparing them for success in a rapidly changing world and instilling in them the timeless values of integrity, hard work, and respect. The university has experienced record enrollment growth — reaching a new all-time high in Fall 2020 with 22,986 students. Since July 2010, the university has raised more than \$1 billion in private support, and Infinite Impact: The Campaign for Mississippi State University achieved its historic goal well ahead of schedule in June 2020. This monumental support enabled the university to reach this historic peak of philanthropy and exceed a \$1 billion milestone previously never achieved by an educational institution in the state. The university has completed or initiated capital improvements totaling \$1.1 billion since 2009. These projects have transformed the main campus in Starkville and MSU-Meridian. They include new student residence halls, academic classroom buildings, teaching and research laboratories, a student veterans' center, athletic venues, dining facilities, a United States presidential library, a conference and convention center, and essential infrastructure. A Carnegie Foundation R1-Very High Research Activity Doctoral University, the university's annual research and development expenditures exceeded \$264 million in FY 2019. Keenum serves as chairman of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development

and the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research, as well as chairman of the College Football Playoff Board of Managers. He is also a member of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History Board of Trustees. He began his career at MSU as a faculty member with

the Extension Service and the Department of Agricultural Economics. He went on to serve as chief of staff to U.S. Senator Thad Cochran in Washington, D.C., and was Under Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture prior to returning home to lead Mississippi State.

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Founded: 1884

Fall 2023 Enrollment: 2,227

Number of Faculty: 222

Total 2024 Budget: \$41,740,443

Established in 1884, Mississippi University for Women, also known as The W, became the first public college for women in America. Originally known as the Industrial Institute and College, the institution was created by an act of the Mississippi Legislature on March 12, 1884, for the dual purposes of providing a liberal arts education and preparing women for employment. The first session began October 22, 1885, with an enrollment of approximately 250 students on a campus formerly occupied

by the Columbus Female Institute, a private college founded in 1847. The name of the institution changed to Mississippi State College for Women in 1920 to reflect an emphasis on collegiate rather than vocational education. The name changed again in 1974 to Mississippi University for Women to reflect better the nature of the academic programs, including graduate studies. In 1982, the United States Supreme Court ordered the university to admit a male student to the nursing program. Following this historic decision, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning ordered the university to change its policies to allow the admission of qualified males into all university programs. In 1988, the Board of Trustees reaffirmed the mission of MUW as an institution of quality academic programs for all qualified students with emphasis on distinctive opportunities for women. Today, The W continues its historic focus on academic leadership development for women, as well as its long tradition of excellence in liberal arts and professional education for both women and men. The W prepares its students for a wide variety of roles both professional and personally.



Nora R. Miller

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Nora Roberts Miller is the 15th President of Mississippi University for Women (The W). Miller holds a

bachelor's degree in business administration and a bachelor's degree in accounting from Mississippi University for Women. She earned a Master of Business Administration from Mississippi State University in 1998 and is a Certified Public Accountant. She has served on The W staff since 2001.

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

Miller also served as Vice President for Finance and Administration for the university for 11 years. She has also served as Director of Budget and Financial Analysis and Director of Internal Audit for the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning; Director of Accounting for Central Alabama Community College; Senior Auditing Accountant for Potter, Bryant & Tate in Birmingham, Ala., and as Supervising Senior Auditing Accountant for the Colleges and Universities Division of the Mississippi State Auditor's Office.

Miller served as chair of the University Press of Mississippi and has served on the Board of Directors of the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers (SACUBO). She serves as Secretary/

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

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

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

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

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Founded: 1950

Fall 2023 Enrollment: 2,196

Number of Faculty: 141

2024 Budget: \$36,280,203

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



Dr. Jerryl Briggs, Sr.

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With more than 30 years of professional experience in higher education, Dr. Jerryl Briggs was

unanimously selected to become the eighth President of Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) on October 19, 2017. Prior to being named President, Dr. Briggs served in the capacities of Acting President and as Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer at the University.

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

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

Dr. Briggs managed a \$17 million capital

improvement project for the University's athletic complex. He also oversaw the renovation of two campus residence halls with additional planning underway for renovations to other campus buildings.

In addition, Dr. Briggs has helped to re-establish the University College model, which led to successfully improving the University's retention rate by 10 percent for Fall 2014 and 12 percent for Fall 2015. He also worked collectively with MVSU staff to increase overall university enrollment that resulted in a more than 200 percent increase in dual enrollment students for Fall 2016 and an overall 11.4 percent increase over three years.

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

He has also presented professional workshops addressing the topic "student success at HBCUs" at various speaking engagements. An avid supporter of HBCUs, Dr. Briggs says, "HBCUs are most dear to

my heart. They have been a part of my life, both educationally and professionally. I deeply value our experiences, and we must assure future generations have these same experiences on our campuses."

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

Dr. Briggs earned his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry education from Xavier University of Louisiana, his Master of Arts degree in human relations and supervision from Louisiana Tech University, and both an Educational Specialist degree in higher education administration and a doctorate in educational policy, planning and leadership from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. He also completed Harvard University's Institute for Educational Management program. Dr. Briggs is from New Orleans, Louisiana, and is the father of two sons – Isaiah and Jerry, Jr.

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

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Founded: 1848
Fall 2023 Enrollment: 21,596
Number of Faculty: 1,137
Total 2024 Budget: \$465,624,194

The University of Mississippi, affectionately known as Ole Miss, is the state’s flagship university. Ole Miss has a long history of producing leaders in public service, academics, business, the arts and research. The university ranks among the nation’s best in terms of job placement and retention. The student body includes students from all 50 states and 86 countries.

Included in the elite group of R1: Doctoral Universities – Highest Research activity by the Carnegie Classification, the university is known for its influential and innovative research. Its 16 academic divisions include a major medical school, nationally recognized schools of accountancy and pharmacy, and the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, which is acclaimed for a blend of academic rigor, experiential learning and opportunities for community action. Programs in the Patterson School of Accountancy have been ranked in the top

10 nationally for nine consecutive years, and the university’s online MBA program is recognized among the country’s 10 best. UM is among only a handful of institutions that are home to two Language Flagship programs – Arabic and Chinese – that can distinguish students who are interested in careers in national security and international business.

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

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



Dr. Glenn Boyce

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Dr. Glenn Boyce became the 18th Chancellor of the University of Mississippi in October

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

While he was Commissioner, the university

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

Previously, Boyce served as the IHL's Associate Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs. He joined IHL after serving as president of Holmes Community College for more than nine years.

He earned his bachelor's degree in education and a doctorate in education leadership from the University of Mississippi. Boyce and his wife, Emily, met while Ole Miss undergraduates. The Boyces are also Ole Miss parents as all three of their daughters – Brittany, Danielle and Madeline – hold a degree from the university.

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Founded: 1910

Fall 2023 Enrollment: 13,110

Number of Faculty: 1,239

Total 2024 Budget: \$221,883,848

The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) is a comprehensive public research institution delivering transformative programs on campuses in Hattiesburg and Long Beach, at teaching and research sites across the Mississippi Gulf Coast, as well as online. Founded in 1910, USM is one of only 131 universities in the nation to earn the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education's "R1: Doctoral Universities – Very high research activity" designation, and its robust

research enterprise includes experts in ocean science and engineering, polymer science and engineering, and large event venue safety and security, among others. USM is also one of only 37 institutions in the nation accredited in theatre, art and design, dance and music. As an economic driver, USM generates an annual economic impact of more than \$600 million across the state. USM welcomes a diverse student body of more than 14,000, representing 71 countries, all 50 states, and every county in Mississippi. USM students have collected four Truman Scholarships and 36 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships, while also leading Mississippi with 24 Goldwater Scholarships, an honor that recognizes the next generation of great research scientists. Home to the Golden Eagles, USM competes in 17 Division I sports sponsored by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). For more information, visit usm.edu.





Dr. Joseph S. Paul
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Dr. Joseph S. Paul began his service as the 11th President of the University of Southern Mississippi on November 1, 2022, after having

served in the interim role since July 16th.

A well-known Southern Miss alumnus who previously dedicated 40 years of service to his alma mater as a student affairs administrator, Dr. Paul's priorities include growing enrollment at all locations, especially on the Coast; further supporting excellent teaching and research; creating a student life experience that is second to none; reaching and exceeding our capital campaign goal; engaging our alumni base as never before; and supporting intercollegiate athletics' ongoing transition to the Sun Belt Conference.

Dr. Paul holds a Ph.D. in administration of higher education from the University of Alabama and was named the university's Most Outstanding Doctoral Student in the field in 1985. The Bay St. Louis native earned a bachelor's degree in communication and political science from USM in 1975, graduating magna cum laude from the University Honors College, and received a master's degree in communication and

management from Southern Miss in 1978. He was inducted into the University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Hall of Fame in 2000.

Beyond his work at Southern Miss, Dr. Paul has presented seminars and training in management and leadership for business, industry and education. He was a senior consultant with The Atlanta Consulting Group, a Fortune Top 50 management consulting firm. Clients Paul has worked with include UPS, RJR Nabisco, Ohio-Edison, Stennis Institute, US Navy, Accenture and Horne CPA Health care group.

Among many civic activities Dr. Paul has served two terms as president of the United Way of Southeast Mississippi. He has served as Board Chairman for the greater Hattiesburg Area Development Foundation and as a Board Trustee for the Mississippi Public Employees Retirement System. He has also been president of the Hattiesburg Area Education Foundation, on the Board of Directors for the Hattiesburg Boys and Girls Club and has been a trustee for the Hattiesburg Public School District. He is co-founder of the Hattiesburg Leadership Pinebelt program and has served on a statewide basis in leadership positions with the Mississippi Economic Council.

Dr. Paul and his wife Meg reside in Hattiesburg, MS and are active members of Trinity Episcopal Church. They have two grown children and two grandsons.

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FALL 2023 HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT

Institution	Duplicated*	Unduplicated**
ASU – Main Campus	2,691	
ASU – Natchez	203	
Total.....	2,894	2,894
DSU – Main Campus	2,438	
DSU – Other Locations.....	343	
Total	2,781	2,716
JSU – Main Campus	6,425	
JSU – Universities Center	61	
JSU – Medical Mall.....	120	
JSU – E Center	188	
JSU – Downtown Jackson.....	60	
Total	6,854	6,564
MSU – Main Campus	22,028	
MSU – Meridian	756	
MSU – Other Locations	110	
Total.....	22,894	22,657
MUW – Main Campus	1,903	
MUW – Tupelo	366	
MUW – Community College.....	101	
Total.....	2,370	2,227
MVSU – Main Campus	1,550	
MVSU – Bolivar Correctional.....	5	
MVSU – Delta Correctional	20	
MVSU – Other locations	621	
Total.....	2,196	2,196
UM – Main Campus	21,468	
UM – Tupelo	251	
UM – Booneville.....	86	
UM – Southaven.....	222	
UM – Grenada.....	50	
UM – Rankin-Hinds CC.....	2	
UM – Medical Center.....	3,114	
Total.....	25,193	24,710
USM – Main Campus	21,468	
USM – Gulf Park	3,331	
USM – Stennis Center	51	
USM – Other Locations.....	34	
Gulf Coast Research Lab.....	50	
Total.....	15,877	13,110
IHL System	81,059	77,074

Enrollment figures represent census taken on November 1, 2023.

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

** Unduplicated Enrollment figures count students only once for each institution, even if the student is enrolled at more than one campus.

FALL 2023 AVERAGE ACT SCORE OF ENTERING FRESHMEN

ASU	DSU	JSU	MSU	MUW	MVSU	UM	USM	SYSTEM
17.5	21	17.5	25.1	20.6	16.5	24.5	23	23.6

FALL 2023 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT

These figures are calculated by finding the sum of the total number of undergraduate hours attempted divided by 15 and the total number of graduate hours divided by 12

Institution	Lower Undergraduate	Upper Undergraduate	Graduate	Total
ASU	1,129	1,085.40	281.7	2,496.10
DSU	653.5	921.5	416.3	1,991.30
JSU	2,209.10	2,270.30	1,128.10	5,607.50
MSU	7,322.40	10,002.20	3,154.10	20,478.70
MUW	511.9	1,130.40	164.1	1,806.40
MVSU	864.1	515.20	126.1	1,505.40
UM*	9,859.60	8,535.70	4,941.10	23,336.40
USM	3,445.30	5,881.40	1,963.40	11,290.10
SYSTEM	25,994.90	30,342.10	12,174.90	68,511.90

*Includes UMMC

FALL 2023 ENROLLMENT BY RESIDENCE/ATTENDANCE STATUS

Institution	In-State	Out-of-State	Full-Time	Part-Time
ASU	2,217	677	2,138	756
DSU	2,204	512	1,705	1,011
JSU	3,885	2,679	5,158	1,406
MSU	14,296	8,361	18,882	3,775
MUW	1,920	307	1,601	626
MVSU	1,611	585	1,223	973
UM*	12,836	11,874	22,888	1,822
USM	9,678	3,432	9,857	3,253
SYSTEM	48,647	28,427	63,452	13,622

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

FALL 2023 ENROLLMENT - TOP 5 BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS

1. Biology/Biological Sciences, General..... 3,632
2. Business/Commerce, General 3,586
3. Business Administration and Management, General..... 3,505
4. Psychology, General..... 2,747
5. Kinesiology and Exercise Science..... 2,187

FALL 2023 ENROLLMENT – TOP 5 MASTER'S PROGRAMS

1. Business Administration and Management, General.....	998
2. Nursing	445
3. Teacher Education, Multiple Levels.....	353
4. Counselor Education/School Counseling and Guidance Svcs	327
5. Secondary Education and Teaching	302

RETENTION AND GRADUATION

IPEDS Fall to Fall Retention Rates, Fall 2020 Freshman Cohort

ASU	DSU	JSU	MSU	MUW	MVSU	UM	USM	SYSTEM
74.60%	65.20%	77.40%	81.40%	75.10%	59.00%	88.30%	70.00%	80.10%

2023-24 ANNUAL COST OF EDUCATION

Institution	In-State Tuition	Average Room	Average Board	Total In-State Tuition & Other Costs	Out-of-State Tuition Surcharge	Total Out-of- State Tuition & Other Costs
ASU	\$8,549	\$6,508	\$4,309	\$19,366	\$0	\$19,366
DSU	\$8,605	\$4,625	\$3,802	\$17,032	\$0	\$17,032
JSU.....	\$8,795	\$6,201	\$4,972	\$19,968	\$2,000	\$21,968
MSU	\$9,815	\$7,238	\$4,586	\$21,639	\$16,765	\$38,404
MUW	\$8,092	\$4,712	\$3,675	\$16,479	\$0	\$16,479
MVSU	\$7,474	\$4,549	\$3,793	\$15,816	\$0	\$15,816
UM*.....	\$9,412	\$6,341	\$4,596	\$20,349	\$17,568	\$37,917
USM	\$9,618	\$6,265	\$4,700	\$20,583	\$2,000	\$22,583

* Excludes UMMC.

2023-2024 BUILDINGS/FACILITIES

Institution	No. of Buildings	Square Footage
ASU	116	2,019,524
DSU	75	1,671,531
JSU.....	60	3,004,647
MSU	642	10,442,630
MUW	55	1,447,713
MVSU	123	2,595,860
UM*.....	282	14,025,628
USM	241	5,497,200
IHL**.....	7	236,149
SYSTEM	1,601	40,940,882

* Includes UMMC.

** Education & Research Center (Excludes ETV)

2022-23 DEGREES AWARDED

BY DEGREE

Institution	Assoc.	Bach.	Mast.	Doct.	Spec.	Prof.	Total
ASU	22	476	146	4	0	0	648
DSU	0	419	216	4	59	15	725
JSU	0	831	429	68	76	0	1,409
MSU	0	4,485	1,130	149	39	93	5,896
MUW	37	705	122	0	0	6	870
MVSU	0	238	90	0	0	0	328
UM*	0	3,887	1,094	236	54	495	5,804
USM	0	2,551	854	273	13	0	3,925
Total	59	13,592	4,081	734	241	609	19,605

* Includes UMMC.

2022-23 DEGREES AWARDED

BY ETHNICITY AND GENDER

Institution	White	Black	Other	Male	Female
ASU	30	604	14	179	469
DSU	416	260	49	239	486
JSU	80	1,286	43	397	1,012
MSU	3,662	717	1,517	2,713	3,183
MUW	525	320	25	126	744
MVSU	4	317	7	113	3,550
UM*	4,403	773	628	2,254	3,550
USM	2,543	904	478	1,288	2,637
SYSTEM	11,663	5,181	2,761	7,309	12,296

* Includes UMMC.

2022-23 TOP FIVE BACCALAUREATE DEGREES AWARDED

1. Business Administration and Management, General	890
2. Nursing	889
3. Elementary Education and Teaching	692
4. Psychology, General	688
5. Biology/Biological Sciences, General	640

2022-23 TOP FIVE MASTER'S DEGREES AWARDED

1. Business Administration and Management, General	596
2. Teacher Education, Multiple Levels	225
3. Secondary Education and Training	181
4. Nursing	152
5. Biology/Biological Sciences, General	127

2022-23 STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

TOTAL FOR SYSTEM BY SOURCE (IN MILLIONS)

General.....	\$327.30
Federal.....	\$547.40
State.....	\$40.50
Inst.....	\$50.00
Auxiliary.....	\$33.20
Other.....	\$80.70
Total.....	\$1,079.20

K-12 SCHOOL AND DISTRICT DISTINCTIONS

A-RATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Alcorn School District
 Amory School District
 Attala County School District
 Bay St Louis Waveland School District
 Biloxi Public School District
 Booneville School District
 Chickasaw County School District
 Choctaw County School District
 Clinton Public School District
 Columbia School District
 DeSoto County School District
 Enterprise School District
 Forrest County Agricultural High School
 Forrest County School District
 George County School District
 Greene County School District
 Grenada School District
 Gulfport School District
 Hancock County School District
 Harrison County School District
 Hattiesburg Public School District
 Itawamba County School District
 Jackson County School District
 Jones County School District
 Kosciusko School District
 Lafayette County School District
 Lamar County School District
 Lauderdale County School District
 Lincoln County School District
 Long Beach School District
 Lowndes County School District
 Madison County School District
 Monroe County School District
 Neshoba County School District
 New Albany Public School District

Newton County School District
 Ocean Springs School District
 Oxford School District
 Pascagoula Gautier School District
 Pass Christian Public School District
 Pearl Public School District
 Pearl River County School District
 Petal School District
 Pontotoc City School District
 Pontotoc County School District
 Poplarville Separate School District
 Prentiss County School District
 Rankin County School District
 Senatobia Municipal School District
 Smith County School District
 South Tippah School District
 Stone County School District
 Tishomingo County School District
 Tupelo Public School District
 Union County School District
 Union Public School District
 Webster County School District

A-RATED SCHOOLS

A.W. James Elementary School
 Aberdeen Elementary School
 Ackerman Elementary
 Amory High School
 Anderson Elementary School
 Anniston Avenue Elementary School
 Arlington Heights Elementary School
 Back Bay Elementary School
 Bailey Middle APAC School
 Baldwin Elementary School
 Barack H. Obama Elementary School
 Batesville Elementary School
 Batesville Intermediate School
 Bay High School
 Bay Springs High School
 Bayou View Elementary School

Beach Elementary School
 Bell Elementary School
 Bellevue Elementary School
 Belmont School
 Benndale Elementary School
 Biggersville Elementary
 Biloxi High School
 Biloxi Junior High
 Biloxi Upper Elementary School
 Booneville High School
 Bovina Elementary School
 Bramlett Elementary School
 Brandon Elementary School
 Brandon High School
 Bruce Elementary School
 Buckatunna Elementary School
 Caledonia Elementary School
 Caledonia High School
 Caledonia Middle School
 Calhoun City Elementary School
 Camden Elementary
 Carver Middle School
 Casey Elementary School
 Center Hill Elementary School
 Center Hill High School
 Center Hill Middle
 Central Elementary School
 Central Elementary School
 Cherokee Elementary School
 Clarkdale Elementary School
 Clarkdale High School
 Clausell Elementary School
 Clinton High School
 Clinton Jr. High School
 Clinton Park Elementary School
 College Park Elementary
 Columbia Elementary School
 Columbia High School
 Columbia Primary School
 Corinth Elementary School
 Creekbend Elementary and Middle School
 Crestwood Elementary School
 D.T. Cox Elementary School
 Delisle Elementary School
 Della Davidson Elementary
 DeSoto Central Elementary School
 DeSoto Central High School
 DeSoto Central Middle School
 DeSoto Central Primary
 D'Iberville Elementary
 D'Iberville High School
 Dixie Attendance Center
 Dundee Elementary School
 East Amory School
 East Central High School
 East Central Lower Elementary
 East Central Upper Elementary
 East Hancock Elementary School
 East Union Attendance Center
 East Webster Elementary School
 East Webster High School
 Eastside Elementary
 Enterprise Elementary
 Enterprise High School
 Eupora Elementary School
 Eva Gordon Lower Elementary School
 Fairview Attendance Center
 Florence Elementary School
 Florence High School
 Flowood Elementary School
 Forest Elementary School
 Forrest County Agricultural High School
 Franklin High School
 French Camp Elementary School
 Galloway Elementary School
 Gautier Elementary School
 Gautier High School
 George County High School
 Germantown High School
 Germantown Middle School
 Gorenflo Elementary School
 Grace Christian Elementary School
 Green Elementary School
 Greenbrook Elementary School
 Greene County High School
 Greenlee Attendance Center
 Grenada Elementary School
 Grenada High School
 Gulfport High School
 Hamilton High School
 Hancock High School
 Hancock North Central Elementary
 Harper McCaughan Elementary School
 Harrison Central High School
 Hatley High School
 Hattiesburg High School
 Hawkins Elementary School
 Heidelberg High School
 Hernando Elementary
 Hernando High School
 Hernando Hills Elementary
 Hernando Middle School
 Highland Bluff Elementary
 Hills Chapel School
 Hope Sullivan Elementary School
 Hopewell Elementary School
 Houston High School
 Houston Lower Elementary
 Houston Upper Elementary
 Ida B. Wells APAC School
 Ingomar Attendance Center
 Itawamba Agricultural High School
 Itawamba Attendance Center
 Jackson Elementary School

EDUCATION

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 Jefferson County High School
 Jimmie M. Goodloe Elementary School
 John Hopkins Elementary School
 Jumpertown High School
 Key Elementary School
 Kosciusko Lower Elementary
 Kosciusko Middle
 Kossuth Elementary School
 Kossuth High School
 Lafayette Elementary School
 Lafayette High School
 Lafayette Upper Elementary School
 Lake Cormorant Elementary
 Lake Cormorant High School
 Lake Elementary School
 Lake Elementary School
 Lake Elementary School
 Lake Middle School
 Laurel Magnet School of the Arts
 Lawhon Elementary School
 Lawndale Elementary School
 Leakesville Elementary School
 Lewisburg Elementary School
 Lewisburg High School
 Lewisburg Intermediate
 Lewisburg Middle
 Lewisburg Primary
 Lizana Elementary School
 Lockard Elementary School
 Long Beach High School
 Long Beach Middle School
 Longleaf Elementary School
 Luther Branson School
 Lyman Elementary School
 M. S. Palmer High School
 Madison Avenue Lower Elementary
 Madison Avenue Upper Elementary
 Madison Central High School
 Madison County Preschool
 Madison Crossing Elementary
 Madison Middle School
 Madison Station Elementary School
 Magnolia Park Elementary
 Mannsdale Elementary
 Mannsdale Upper Elementary
 Mantachie Attendance Center
 Marietta Elementary School
 Martin Bluff Elementary School
 McLain Elementary School
 McWillie Elementary School
 Mize Attendance Center
 Mooreville Elementary School
 Moss Point High School
 Myrtle Attendance Center
 Neshoba Central Elementary School
 Neshoba Central High School

Neshoba Central Middle School
 Nettleton High School
 New Albany Elementary School
 New Albany High School
 New Hope Elementary School
 New Hope High School
 New Site High School
 Newton County Elementary School
 Nichols Elementary School
 North Bay Elementary School
 North Bay Elementary School
 North Jackson Elementary School
 North Jones Elementary School
 North Pike Senior High School
 North Pontotoc Elementary School
 North Pontotoc High School
 North Pontotoc Upper Elementary
 North Woolmarket Elementary
 Northeast Lauderdale Elementary
 Northeast Lauderdale High School
 Northshore Elementary
 Northside Elementary
 Northside Elementary School
 Northwest Elementary School
 Northwest Middle School
 Northwest Rankin High School
 Oak Grove Central Elementary
 Oak Grove Elementary School
 Oak Grove High School
 Oak Park Elementary School
 Oakdale Elementary
 Ocean Springs High School
 Ocean Springs Middle School
 Ocean Springs Upper Elementary School
 Olive Branch Elementary
 Olive Branch High School
 Osyka Elementary School
 Oxford Early Childhood Center
 Oxford High School
 Parkway Elementary School
 Pascagoula High School
 Pass Christian Elementary
 Pass Christian High School
 Pass Road Elementary School
 Pearl High School
 Pearl Lower Elementary School
 Pearl River Central Elementary School
 Pearl River Central High School
 Pearl Upper School
 Pecan Park Elementary School
 Perkinston Elementary School
 Petal Elementary
 Petal High School
 Petal Middle School
 Petal Primary School
 Petal Upper Elementary School
 Pierce Street Elementary School

Pine Grove High School	Spann Elementary School
Pineville Elementary School	St. Martin High School
Pisgah Elementary School	Steen's Creek Elementary
Pisgah High School	Stone Elementary School
Pleasant Hill Elementary	Stone High School
Pontotoc Elementary School	Stonebridge Elementary
Poplarville High School	Sumner Hill Jr. High School
Puckett Elementary School	Sumrall Elementary School
Purvis High School	Sumrall High School
Purvis Middle School	Thames Elementary School
Raines Elementary School	Thomas L. Reeves Elementary School
Raleigh High School	Tishomingo County High School
Rankin Elementary School	Trigg Elementary School
Redwood Elementary School	Tupelo High School
Reuben B. Myers Canton School of Art	Tylertown Primary School
Richland Elementary School	Union Elementary School
Ripley Elementary School	Union High School
Ripley High School	Vanceleave High School
Robinsonville Elementary School	Vanceleave Lower Elementary
Rosa Scott School	Vanceleave Middle School
Rosser Early Learning Center	Vanceleave Upper Elementary
Rouse Elementary	Vardaman High School
Rowan Elementary School	Warren Central High School
Ruleville Central Elementary School	Waveland Elementary School
Saltillo Elementary School	Wayne County High School
Saltillo High School	Wesson Attendance Center
Saucier Elementary School	West Amory School
Seminary Elementary School	West Elementary School
Senatobia High School	West Hancock Elementary School
Shadow Oaks Elementary School	West Harrison High School
Shannon Elementary School	West Lauderdale Elementary School
Shirley Elementary School	West Lauderdale High School
Smithville High School	West Lauderdale Middle School
South Forrest Attendance Center	West Lincoln School
South Panola High School	West Marion Primary School
South Pontotoc Elementary School	West Union Attendance Center
South Side Elementary School	West Wortham Elementary And Middle
South Side Elementary School	Wheeler High School
South Side Lower Elementary School	W.J. Quarles Elementary School
Southeast Lauderdale Elementary	Woodley Elementary School
Southeast Lauderdale Middle School	Woolmarket Elementary School

Three Mississippi Schools Receive National Blue Ribbon School Honors

U.S. Department of Education recognized three Mississippi schools as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2023. The recognition is based on the schools' overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. Mississippi's 2023 National Blue Ribbon Schools are Caledonia High School, Lowndes County School District, Laurel Magnet School of the Arts, Laurel School District, and Lewisburg Elementary School, DeSoto County School District.

Mississippi Charter Schools

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

