# UM Foundation Annual Report 2002-2003

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When our Foundation was created 30 years ago, none of us could foresee the critical role it would play in the development of our University. Private support of public universities was in its infancy — a relatively new approach to funding public educational institutions.

This issue of the Foundation Annual Report affirms the vision of our predecessors in creating the Foundation and celebrates 30 years of advancing the future. Examples of the impact of private support on the University are found on the pages of this report, but the real measure is found in the lives of students, faculty and staff.

Thousands of Ole Miss alumni and friends have looked to the leaders of the Foundation to be good stewards of their investments. The president and board of directors, investment committee, Foundation staff, and University employees work together to assure that the Foundation is prudently managed and that it provides maximum benefit to Ole Miss. All gifts to the University, including college and school contributions, Friends of the Library, order programs within the Alumni Association, and Loyalty Foundation are received, invested, disbursed and accounted for through the Foundation. Annual independent audits continue to affirm the integrity of our processes as well as that of our people.

As you review the materials presented in this annual report, we hope you will be encouraged by the progress being made in Oxford, Tupelo, Southaven and the Medical Center in Jackson. Your continued support will enable our University to remain at the table with other great public universities.

Those of us who are privileged to serve Ole Miss as employees thank you for your continued interest and active participation.

Warmest Regards,

Robert C. Khayat
Chancellor
OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS, IT HAS BEEN EASY TO SEE A TRANSFORMATION IN OXFORD, TUPelo, SOUTHaven AND Jackson. Not only are positive changes evident on our campuses but also in the minds of the Ole Miss family. Our beloved university has endured trying times while simultaneously breaking new ground, a characteristic which makes Ole Miss a unique place and a unique group of people.

As a new era approaches, we should reflect on past achievements as well as upon our current situation. A trying economy tangled with ever-present international conflicts seems to be a mark placed on our society.

However, we have always endured conflicts, trying times and bad economies. Ole Miss and the UM Foundation are prime examples of looking forward while appreciating the past and present.

As the end of 2003 drew near, the University of Mississippi Foundation completed a significant milestone in the celebration of its 30 years of advancing the future. It seems not so long ago the UM Foundation was established with a small staff and microscopic budget. The intent was, and remains to this day, to promote the University of Mississippi as the premier educational institution, not only here in Mississippi but also in the country; and to live up to that billing through a unique commitment to fundraising and fiscal responsibility.

The Foundation has grown immensely over the past 30 years. We now have a first-class facility in the Brandt Memory House and Carriage House complex, which serves as staff headquarters as well as a wonderful and enchanting place for receptions and board meetings. The campus is at its all-time best, housing more students, teaching more people, and looking better and more representative of the great minds at work here than ever before. The past 30 years have been remarkable for Ole Miss. The next 30 years promise to be just as exciting.

It is easy to become satisfied with success. Our greatest challenge is to build upon the immense success that has been evident during the UM Foundation’s first 30 years of service. It has been my pleasure to work with such great minds and visionary people as the administration here at the University of Mississippi. It is my hope that we can all continue to do our part for our University. Ole Miss continues to call. Let us continue to respond.

Sincerely,

William G. Yates, Jr.
Chair
As our fiscal year 2002-2003 came to a close, the University of Mississippi Foundation observed a remarkable anniversary — the celebration of 30 years of advancing the future of the University. It is a time for reflection on the tremendous strides made over the last 30 years and a time to renew our commitment to the challenges that remain. We are enormously grateful to the thousands of alumni and friends who have made our University’s dreams come true during these 30 years.

A few of the highlights for FY 2002-2003 include:

• A record 18,409 donors contributed $52 million in receipted gifts.
• An increase of 5,000 new, first-time donors participated over the last three years.
• As of June 30, 2003, the Foundation and University endowment totaled $333.5 million.
• The endowment total ranked Ole Miss 128th in the nation among all colleges and universities.
• The University of Mississippi also ranked 24th nationally in endowment per student at public universities.
• More than 11,000 donors contributed $5.5 million in academic support through the Annual Fund with more than $1 million flowing through the University Calling Center.

A true partnership exists among private donors, state and federal governments, tuition and other self-generated funds, grants and contracts, and the earnings from University and Foundation endowments. This partnership has enabled the University to improve academically even during challenging economic times. The true beneficiary of this partnership is a much-improved University for the primary benefit of our richly talented students. The lives impacted by the incredible generosity of the Ole Miss family are the true measures of our success.

We thank all those who have unselfishly served as officers, directors, investment and audit committee members for their service over the past 30 years, and we also thank our Board and the Chancellor for the opportunity to serve our University in this special way. We hope you enjoy this Annual Report of the Foundation, celebrating the accomplishments of the past, and most importantly, embracing the future with excitement and enthusiasm.

Sincerely,

Sandra M. Guest
Secretary/Treasurer

Don L. Frugé
President
$333.5 Million Total Endowment  AS OF JUNE 30, 2003

30 YEARS OF ADVANCING THE FUTURE

Academic and Program Support  42.8%
Scholarship Support  40.6%
Faculty Support  12.8%
Library Support  3.8%

Growth of University’s Endowment 1999-2003
(MARKET VALUE IN MILLIONS)

Private Support 1999-2003  (MARKET VALUE IN MILLIONS)
“In the College of Liberal Arts, the Campaign has made possible things that seemed at one time impossible: faculty raises to bring salaries closer to the southeastern average, new faculty positions, the ability to recruit and retain talented chairs and faculty and to support their work, scholarships for students, and the list goes on. But perhaps no gift was more significant than the optimism that came with knowing that our friends and alumni value our commitment to students.”

DR. GLENN HOPKINS, DEAN OF LIBERAL ARTS
The loyalty and devotion began forming long ago — 155 years to be exact, when the University of Mississippi first opened its doors. Thirty years ago, one man — Dr. George C. McKinstry — stepped forward with the first major gift of $2 million to benefit Ole Miss.

The McKinstry gift was designed to provide resources for a student scholarship loan fund, but this one generous act touched off several defining decisions. The University of Mississippi Foundation was created, and the hallmark of the Ole Miss family was indelibly formed. People who truly loved Ole Miss recognized they had to work to ensure the University thrived. Alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students began what would become a strong legacy of advancing the future.

“A leap of faith” — that’s what some called the University’s first major fund-raising effort. The Campaign for Ole Miss was launched in 1982, with a highly ambitious goal of attracting $25 million for academics. Donors responded with an astounding $41 million in private gifts. The Drive for Athletics followed, and donors once again surpassed the $8 million goal by contributing $10 million. Private giving did not end with the conclusion of these campaigns but steadily grew over the years.

Recognizing the enormous resources needed to take the University into the 21st century and beyond, Ole Miss launched a $200-million private gifts initiative in 1994. Some said it couldn’t be accomplished, but they simply underestimated the fierce loyalty and devotion reserved for the University of Mississippi. When the $525.9 million total for the Commitment to Excellence Campaign was announced, signs of triumph were seen and heard: tears, smiles, cheers and applause.

The campaign goal was surpassed by more than $325 million, as the entire Ole Miss family traveled the extraordinary journey together — a journey that saw a university remarkably transformed. The renaissance ignited enterprising programs and expansion described on the pages of this annual report. In the midst of it all, Ole Miss became the first public university in the state chosen to shelter a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest and most prestigious academic honor society.

Borrowing a popular phrase, it truly does “take a village” to advance the future. Thousands of individuals each have played an important part in building the University and its Foundation. Perhaps that is the most powerful message that has come during the last 30 years: The University of Mississippi is deeply loved, and those who hold it close are committed to ensuring it grows even stronger for coming generations.
Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest and most prestigious undergraduate honors society, was founded on Dec. 5, 1776, at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. In October 1997, faculty at the University of Mississippi who were members of Phi Beta Kappa submitted the formal application to shelter a chapter. After successive reviews and recommendations by the Society’s Committee on Qualifications, a site-visit team and the Phi Beta Kappa Senate, on Oct. 20, 2000, the 39th Council voted to approve the application. The University of Mississippi’s chapter became the Beta of Mississippi Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. The University of Mississippi is the only public university in the state to shelter a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Key to the successful Phi Beta Kappa effort was the extraordinary private support from alumni and friends. Every aspect of life on the Ole Miss campus was reviewed — the library, the quality of the academic programs, intellectual freedom, the quality and credentials of faculty and students, the integrity of athletics programs, and the overall commitment of the University to the value of a liberal arts education. The four-year Phi Beta Kappa effort was a clear statement that the University is willing to be evaluated by the world’s most respected academicians and participate in continual and rigorous review of its core programs.

The University’s perseverance was rewarded and its commitment affirmed by the number and amount of private contributions generously provided for faculty salaries, new programs and facilities, and student scholarships.

“Without a doubt, one of the landmark events in this University’s academic history occurred in the spring of 2001 with the installation of the Beta of Mississippi chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and the induction of our first class of students elected as Members in Course. The resident faculty and staff members of Phi Beta Kappa are grateful that so many of our colleagues here on campus — faculty, staff, students, administrators — worked diligently to ensure the success of our application for a chapter. We are also especially grateful for the enthusiasm, the unflagging interest and the generous financial support that alumni and friends of the University, particularly the University Foundation, offered in support of our endeavors. Members of Phi Beta Kappa here see the presence of our chapter first as an acknowledgement of the University’s past achievements, and just as importantly, as a sign of its ongoing pledge to create and sustain in the University of Mississippi a superior academic institution.”

DR. RONALD A. SCHROEDER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH
In an academic community, the library is a sanctuary — a holy place identified as the heart of the University. It is fitting that the John D. Williams Library is located at the center of campus between the Lyceum and the Paris-Yates Chapel. As part of the University of Mississippi’s commitment to intellectual vitality, and to reaffirm its belief in the critical role of the library in our individual and community lives, the University of Mississippi Foundation has worked for three decades to enhance the library system. Funding from the Mississippi Legislature provided basic support, but the margin of excellence came from private gifts. Beginning with private support from the Army Brown family, the Barksdale Family Library Endowment, the Donald Reynolds Foundation gift, the Joseph C. Bancroft Charitable and Educational Fund, and long-term sustaining support from thousands of individuals through the Friends of the Library program, the John D. Williams Library attained one million volumes in 1999.

“The Library has a personality that to a great extent defines the community — serving as a repository of the collective thinking of civilization, enriching our lives by providing generation after generation with opportunities for intimate relationships with those who have recorded, observed, challenged and inspired mankind from the beginning of time.”

DR. CAROLYN ELLIS STATON, PROVOST
“In the freshman honors seminar sequence, I engage students through works that resonate and speak directly to the heart of human experience. Through study and discussion of primary sources from literature, the humanities, the arts, the social sciences, religion and the sciences, our students may consider for themselves the great questions central to human experience — and see how others have shaped our world through their framing of these questions.”

DR. CHARLES R. GATES, PROFESSOR OF MUSIC

“My dream is for The University of Mississippi to offer the richest educational experience available, which will enable it to attract the brightest students. In turn, I hope its graduates will be a positive force that will impact Mississippi’s educational, economic and cultural life as they invest, create and produce in the context of their native state.”

JAMES L. BARKSDALE

THE MCDONNELL-BARKSDALE HONORS COLLEGE

Established in 1997 with a $5.4 million gift from alumni, James L. and Sally McDonnell Barksdale, the Honors College provides a vibrant center of academic excellence in a public university setting. The Honors College merges intellectual rigor with public service and offers an education similar to that at prestigious private liberal arts schools and universities. The Barksdales’ gift has allowed Ole Miss to assemble a stunning array of talented students who average a score of 30 on the ACT and 1310 on the SAT. From editing the Daily Mississippian to spearheading the implementation of a campus honor code, honors students are playing a pivotal role in creating the student culture that academically ambitious students seek. The Honors College encourages students to envision the future with courage and imagination. Its purpose is to engage and support highly gifted students by creating challenging courses for them in a community where creative and intellectual ideas can grow, and by setting standards while giving students plenty of room to maneuver.
Do you ever think about the potential and talent that could go untapped, the inventions and research that would never be realized, the music and art that could possibly never be created, or the dreams that would never have wings if there were no college scholarships? Thankfully, many insightful people must because they provide critical scholarship support to the University of Mississippi.

Approximately 40.6% of the University’s $333.5 million endowment in fiscal year 2002-2003 was allocated for scholarships. Private support is crucial to maintaining the level and quality of scholarships, as well as Ole Miss’ commitment to educating the brightest minds, regardless of socioeconomic backgrounds.

Scholarships provide hope — when young people have intellect, ideas and ambitions but few resources — and encourage academic achievement, leadership, and campus-community involvement and service. Consider the impact scholarships have had on pharmacy student Mary Ann Garriga and electrical engineering graduate Markeeva Morgan.

Mary Ann is a top scholar, but life has not always been kind to her. When the student was only 13, her mother died. Her father was diagnosed with cancer just months later, and Mary Ann nursed him through his treatments.

Mary Ann excelled at academics. She captured valedictorian honors, chose Ole Miss as her college home and entered the School of Pharmacy on a scholarship. During spring break as a freshman, Mary Ann went home and noticed her father didn’t look well. Sadly, he died in his sleep that same night. It was as though he wanted to see that she was secure in college before he left her.

After the funeral, Mary Ann returned to campus, responsible for her own way financially and otherwise. It is crystal clear that Mary Ann’s future would not hold the promise it now does if attractive scholarships did not exist.

Markeeva, who graduated in 2001 from the School of Engineering, is also part of the next generation of success. While he acknowledges that Mississippi historically had problems keeping its best students in state, he doesn’t regret turning down admission to Harvard University and the University of California at Berkeley to attend Ole Miss as a McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College Scholar.

Today, Markeeva lives outside Washington, D.C., and is one of six engineers who manage the instrumentation and control equipment aboard the U.S. Navy’s Los Angeles class and Seawolf submarines. He also is the technical engineering consultant to the Atlantic nuclear submarine fleet.

For all the extraordinary possibilities ahead — for developing potential and talents, for incredible inventions and life-changing research, for soothing music and thought-provoking art, and for the dreams — we thank you, the donors.
The Croft Institute for International Studies was established at the University in 1997 through the largest gift in the state’s higher education history at that time — the equivalent of $60 million from the Joseph C. Bancroft Charitable and Educational Fund. The Croft Institute helps ensure that students are prepared for leadership in business, law, taxation, accountancy, education, public service and other fields in an increasingly interdependent world. Its mission is to help internationalize the University, the state and the region through academic programs which focus on the state’s three key international trading partners of Asia, Latin America and Europe; internships; and a specially designed curriculum which integrates area and global studies with analytical tools and proficiency in foreign languages.

“The Croft Institute’s mission includes a holistic approach that puts at the forefront the fact that Mississippi — like every other region of the world — must take into consideration the changing circumstances of the global economy, global environmental issues, the migration of peoples, and an evolving redefinition of international and global relations. The funds provided by the Bancroft Fund provide a unique opportunity to bring an examination of these issues to the state of Mississippi.”

Dr. Michael F. Metcalf, Executive Director, Croft Institute for International Studies
Until the Ole Miss Student Union opened in 1976, Weir Hall was the center of campus life, housing the bookstore, post office, grill, game room and more. Now the building once more is a focal point of students’ lives as the Galtney Center for Academic Computing.

A $2.3 million renovation and expansion of Weir Hall completed in 2002 is providing a home for the Galtney Center and the Department of Computer and Information Science. The center and renovation, both funded with a $4 million gift from alumni Will and Susane Galtney of Houston, Texas, make Weir Hall a state-of-the-art instructional technology facility for all students and faculty. Its main lab features a “cyber cafe” ambience and includes work-group clusters with computers, places for students to plug in lap-tops and a small, high-end multimedia lab.

The first floor features a comprehensive restructuring, creating one large computer lab and two teaching labs. A laser-printer room allows students, faculty and staff to initiate laser printouts from anywhere on campus through the University network. The second floor provides two computerized classrooms, a tiered classroom, and faculty and staff offices. A porch on the south has been replaced with a two-story 1,200-foot addition.

While the campus technology infrastructure has seen major gains, the Galtney gift improves student computer and teaching labs and access to the most current hardware and software programs, as well as enhanced faculty instruction and scholarly endeavors.

“The Galtney Center for Academic Computing ensures that University of Mississippi students graduate with extensive knowledge of the vital capabilities of computers and information technology available worldwide. The University’s commitment to educating leaders for the 21st century greatly depends on its ability to enhance and maintain academic computing programs and facilities.”

CHANCELLOR
ROBERT C. KHAYAT
To endow means to enrich. For 30 years, thousands of generous donors have enriched and secured something they deeply value: the future of the University of Mississippi. Visionary donors have established permanent endowments for every school or college, the library and athletics. These resources provide permanent support for faculty positions, student scholarships, academic programs and collegiate athletics.

“Private funds have provided the margin of excellence to allow the School of Education to achieve the recognition level of being in the top 5% of NCATE-accredited universities in the United States. However, the real beneficiaries of these funds are future generations of Mississippi school children who will have our graduates — among the best teachers in America — as their teachers.”

DEAN JIM R. CHAMBLISS, SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

“The support of our alumni and friends has enabled our new school to take significant steps toward academic excellence. Our Department of Family and Consumer Sciences has a new state-of-the-art academic home. We now have an endowed scholarship in honor of Dr. Gloria Kellum for a Communicative Disorders major and a Park and Recreation Management major’s scholarship. We have established the School of Applied Sciences Thomas A. Crowe Outstanding Faculty awards and have dramatically increased research support for our junior and senior faculty.”

DEAN LINDA F. CHITWOOD, SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCES
Endowment gifts are long-term investments designed to provide a firm foundation for a university’s present and future success. The gifts retain their principle in perpetuity, and only the earnings are utilized. In this way, the endowments become a permanent source of income, sustaining critical, long-term initiatives. The endowment managed by the University of Mississippi Foundation acts as a buffer against underfunding and provides a consistent flow of revenue to strengthen each school and college.

“The law school’s endowments are critical to our successes in recruiting faculty and students. The endowments support faculty professorships and other salary supplements, enabling us to provide competitive salaries in a very competitive field. The scholarship endowments allow us to attract top students. Simply put, the law school is ranked in the top group of American law schools as a direct result of the resources provided by Foundation endowments.”

Dean Sam M. Davis, School of Law

“Without the support of the College’s endowment, we would not have distinguished faculty fellows, summer funding for research or scholarships for deserving students. Salaries in the College would be lower, the number of faculty would be fewer and opportunities for students scarce. In short, the College would be much diminished.”

Dean Glenn W. Hopkins, College of Liberal Arts
When donors step forward with gifts toward the endowment, they are doing much more than contributing to the University; they are investing in the future of Ole Miss and in the future of humankind. Our students today greatly benefit from endowment gifts of previous generations. Tomorrow’s Ole Miss is being created by today’s endowment gifts.

Endowment levels and endowment per student are increasingly cited as important factors in regional and national rankings and overall quality assessment of universities and colleges. A university’s total endowment is an important benchmark. Beginning with the first endowment gift from Dr. George C. McKinstry in 1973, the Foundation has maintained and witnessed incredible growth to its endowment fund, bringing its present-day value to $333.5 million. That total places Ole Miss 128th in the nation among all colleges and universities and 24th in the nation in endowment per student at a public university.

“Over the years, several endowments have been established by alumni and friends of the Patterson School of Accountancy. Funds generated by these endowments have enabled the school to hire and retain exceptional faculty and to recruit outstanding students.”

DEAN MORRIS H. STOCKS, PATTERSON SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY

“Endowments established by many devoted individuals and families have enabled us to attract some of the best and brightest students to the School of Engineering. In addition to student scholarships, endowment proceeds have provided state-of-the art computing facilities and enhanced learning opportunities for our students. Outstanding faculty are recognized and rewarded through stipends and awards provided by private funds.”

DEAN KAI-FONG LEE, SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

“The ability of the School of Business Administration to contribute to the economic growth of Mississippi and the nation requires a steadfast commitment to excellence in the long run. The visionary donors who have invested in the School’s endowment make it possible for our faculty and students to consistently expand the realm of business thought so that our nation’s businesses can succeed in a competitive global marketplace.”

DEAN BRIAN J. REITHEL, SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
The endowment is the vehicle transporting us — members of the Ole Miss community — to the next phase of university life. It allows us to recruit renowned academic leaders as faculty members, train future leaders of Mississippi and produce life-changing knowledge through research. We are able to lead as the economic, cultural and social engine intended for a public university.

“To enrich a university means to leave personal legacies — lasting marks on young people’s lives, fulfilled responsibility to humankind and enduring love for Ole Miss. For that we are profoundly grateful.”

William G. Yates, Jr.
Chair, UM Foundation

“The endowment of the School of Pharmacy provides the measure of excellence that enables our students to truly shine in their academic studies and professional development. Our scholarship endowments are particularly important. As the cost of education increases, it is absolutely essential that our scholarship disbursements grow, so that our students can continue to focus their efforts on becoming the most informed and competent professionals they can be. Additionally, the School’s endowment allows us to provide development opportunities for our faculty to ensure they can realize their full potential as educators, researchers and public/professional servants.”

DEAN BARBARA G. WELLS,
SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

“I have been so impressed and gratified with the tremendous endowment support which the Libraries have enjoyed for years. This very generous support has allowed us to build superior collections and services for our users. I am especially grateful for the wonderful support shown by the Friends of the Library. We have so many Friends, particularly Ole Miss faculty members, who have steadily given their time and financial resources over many years. We would clearly not have the Library that we have today without the unselfish efforts of these individuals.”

DEAN JULIA M. RHOLES,
UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES
“Private gifts are absolutely essential if we are to continue to move toward our goal of having the Medical Center recognized as one of the nation’s premiere academic health centers. These gifts provide the resources for the institution to recruit and retain superior students and faculty and to offer those ‘extra’ programs that enrich our environment for health professional education, patient care and research.”

DR. DANIEL W. JONES, VICE CHANCELLOR FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS AND DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
To consider the hundreds of thousands of lives touched by the University of Mississippi Medical Center is astounding. The health sciences campus of the University educates health professionals, delivers high-quality treatment to patients, leads groundbreaking research, responds to community needs through continuing education and outreach, and much more.

And the tireless efforts of the highly respected Medical Center physician specialists, faculty, researchers, administrators and staff are continuously enhanced with generous private endowments and gifts.

“The private support the Medical Center receives from all sources is essential in maintaining and enhancing the excellence of our education, patient care and research programs,” says Dr. Helen Turner, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs.

The Bower Foundation, previously known as the Kidney Care Foundation, Inc., funds two endowed chairs that foster the recruitment and retention of superior faculty.

Named for the Medical Center’s longtime director of the Division of Nephrology who is now a professor emeritus of medicine, the John D. Bower, M.D., Chair of Nephrology and Hypertension provides salary supplements for the Division of Nephrology director and other developmental support for the division, including research activities, professionally related travel expenses, continuing medical education expenses, fellowship support and other creative activities that increase professional growth.

The Harriet G. Williamson, R.N., B.S., Chair of Nephrology Nursing is the first endowed chair in the School of Nursing’s history. Named for an outstanding nurse clinician who coordinated the management of chronic renal patients at the Medical Center before her untimely death in 1998, the chair enables the school to foster and promote the use of nephrology nurse practitioners in health-care delivery throughout the state.

The Barksdale Family Account in the University of Mississippi Foundation funds attractive scholarships to encourage highly qualified African-American medical students to remain in the state for training. Made possible by a gift from Jim and Sally Barksdale, the Bryan Barksdale, M.D., Scholarship, the Fred McDonnell, M.D., Scholarship and the Don Mitchell, M.D., Scholarship are named in honor of the physicians in the Barksdale family. Each “full-ticket” four-year scholarship is awarded annually.

The Louis Stanley Riggs Endowment for the Mississippi Children’s Cancer Clinic Library at
UMMC, established by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin A. Riggs of Jackson as a memorial to Mr. Riggs’ brother, provides books for Junior League volunteers to share with patients.

The two new chairs, the scholarships for outstanding African-American students and the Riggs Endowment number among the many positive outcomes of the recent Commitment to Excellence Campaign on the health sciences campus.

Other, ongoing support includes that from the Friends of Children’s Hospital. Since its creation in 1989 to benefit the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children at the Medical Center, the nonprofit organization has supported and promoted the hospital. The Friends’ goal is to build a statewide base of community support in order to raise funds for state-of-the-art equipment, facilities and services for all pediatric patients.

Friends of Children’s Hospital and Children’s Miracle Network gifts are helping construct the two-story addition to the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children that will house Mississippi’s only surgical unit created exclusively for pediatric patients. The addition will feature a 14-bed bay for outpatient surgical patients, family waiting area, pediatric dental clinic, gastroenterology/pulmonology laboratory and recovery area,
surgical support space, six operating suites (with space for a seventh), post-anesthesia care unit, five-bed preoperative holding area, space for pediatric anesthesia and family consultation/waiting areas.

One of the newest acts of philanthropy — the Mercy Delta Express, a custom-built, state-of-the-art mobile medical and dental clinic, was donated to the School of Nursing by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Vicksburg, for the Mercy Delta Express Project, an innovative initiative of the school. Supported by a multidisciplinary team of nurses, physicians, dentists, social workers, pharmacists, educators, policy-makers and clergy, the project provides health care to residents of Issaquena County and serves as a model for research-based community health programs in Mississippi’s rural communities.

“The School of Nursing’s mission to provide sound educational opportunities, provide nursing services and build a foundation for research could never be accomplished without the support of our partners,” says Dr. Kaye Bender, dean of the School of Nursing. “We have been able to offer both the students and the residents of the community 21st-century approaches to accomplishing our mission through the generous donations of individuals, foundations (such as the Bower Foundation) and the faith community (such as the Sisters of Mercy). Whenever possible, we attempt to maximize the ultimate sustainability of our programs and services through utilization of these private dollars to match federal funds.”
“The incredibly generous patronage of the new Ford Center for the Performing Arts speaks volumes about the tremendous respect for Gertrude C. Ford and reflects the amazing support and loyalty that the University of Mississippi receives from alumni and friends.”

DR. GLORIA KELLUM, VICE CHANCELLOR FOR UNIVERSITY RELATIONS
completed in December 2002, the Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts enriches the cultural environment of the University of Mississippi by providing a majestic venue for performing arts, public affairs and the humanities.

The Ford Center compliments the University’s commitment to excellence in education, research and service while celebrating imagination, innovation and creativity. The Ford Center not only brings new amenities to campus performing arts but also places them for the first time under one roof: dance and theatre studios, dressing rooms, conference and office space, rehearsal rooms, reception rooms, cloakrooms, and concessions can accommodate thousands.

Throughout her life, Gertrude Castellow Ford was an ardent supporter of the arts. She devoted her life to the study of literature, particularly Shakespeare; played the flute, violin and piano; and studied French, Latin and Spanish. As a lifelong humanitarian and with a rich history of supporting non-profit organizations in Mississippi, Mrs. Ford established the Gertrude C. Ford Foundation. In 1998 the Foundation made a visionary gift of $20 million to the University of Mississippi for the Performing Arts Center. The Mississippi Legislature played a vital role as well, first appropriating $500,000 for planning and then $10 million for the 88,000-square-foot facility. Generous private funding also has been received to assure a state-of-the-art facility.

The Ford Center officially opened in March 2003, with a star-studded gala hosted by Morgan Freeman, Hollywood actor and Mississippi native.

“When I’m asked to help, I can’t say ‘no’ when my heart and mind are wrapped up in Ole Miss.”

Sam Haskell, III, Executive Vice President, The William Morris Agency, Los Angeles
“We have nearly two dozen student religious organizations on campus, and the chapel provides every one of them with a spiritual home in which they may seek peace, guidance, trust and wisdom, all of which are necessary for success in our 21st century world.”

DR. DON FRUGÉ, SR., PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI FOUNDATION
In the heart of Ole Miss’ busy campus, the Paris-Yates Chapel and Peddle Bell Tower offer a quiet place for prayer, meditation and worship. With the completion of the newest edition to the skyline in April 2001, the University opened the doors to an all-faiths chapel. Faith and perseverance brought about the $3.6 million chapel and bell tower — a dream of students, alumni and friends of Ole Miss for nearly 30 years. In 1975, students selected construction of a chapel as their legacy to the University and raised $12,000 for a Chapel Fund. The following year then-Chancellor Porter L. Fortune, Jr. appointed a committee to develop plans for the chapel’s construction. The committee decided a traditional structure was needed for interdenominational worship services, as well as space for prayer, meditation, Bible study, small discussion groups, counseling and weddings. A year later Chancellor Fortune announced a $500,000 fund-raising campaign and proclaimed Dec. 7, 1977, a campus day of prayer for the chapel’s realization. Eighteen years later, the vision of the Class of 1975 was revived.

With financial commitments in 1995 from three alumni: Henry Paris of Indianola, a member of the original 1976 chapel committee; his son, LeRoy H. Paris II of Jackson; and J. Stacy Davidson, also of Jackson, the site for the chapel was chosen. Another prominent alumnus and owner of one of the South’s largest construction firms, our current UM Foundation Board president, William G. Yates, Jr. of Philadelphia, Miss., joined the effort.

Ground was broken in September 1996, and W. G. Yates & Sons Construction Company began building the chapel, which features a 200-seat sanctuary as part of a new quadrangle west of the J. D. Williams Library.

One of the chapel’s crowning touches is a gift from Frank and Marge Peddle of Oxford: a 50-foot bell tower and carillon. The 36 bronze bells, cast in a Dutch foundry, are connected by cables to a keyboard, permitting a carillonneur to perform specialized music, as well as allow a computerized, automatic system to ring out the hour.

The 26-stop pipe organ, made possible by the family of Gene L. Davidson of Tallahassee, Fla., and by Sandra and Bill Johnson of Atlanta in honor of Larry and Susan Martindale, also of Atlanta; and the chapel garden’s statue, a gift from James E. and Peggy H. Adams of Destin, Fla., complete the chapel.
Since 1993, the John and Reneé Grisham Visiting Writers Program has brought talented Southerners home to teach, write and add new chapters to Oxford and the University of Mississippi’s storied literary history. The program helps sustain the local literary community and affords hundreds of students the opportunity to learn from some of the region’s and the nation’s most prominent writers. The program, a gift from the Grishams, provides each writer with a year’s appointment in the University’s English Department and new MFA program. The first recipient was T.R. Pearson, author of Cry Me A River, The Short History of a Small Place and Polar. The most recent recipient is Janisse Ray, author of the memoir, Ecology of a Cracker Childhood. In between there have been such lights as Marc Richard, Tim Gautreaux, Mary Hood, Randall Kenan, Darcey Steinke, Steve Yarbrough, Claude Wilkinson, Tom Franklin and Shay Youngblood.

As the Grisham visiting writer program continues, this list will grow, bringing more literary wealth to the University — a list which someday may include those studying here now. This gift and this program will have come full circle, but for now it has achieved a remarkable effect that can already be measured in words and pages, awards won, and books written.

“The effect of the John and Reneé Grisham gift to the University of Mississippi is to annually regenerate the creative life of the Department of English and its MFA program. Every year we welcome a new voice, a fresh resource and an unanticipated perspective to the department, compelling us (with great pleasure, I should add) to think again about the realm of creative writing on campus and in the community, the region and the world.”

DR. JOSEPH R. URGO, CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

“The intangibles of the John and Reneé Grisham Visiting Writer Program are of tremendous benefit, including living in this very literary town just a block from Faulkner’s estate and knowing that writers I admire have shown such confidence in my future that they wanted me to spend a year writing. The students here are very smart, and the best of them are the best I’ve seen anywhere.”

TOM FRANKLIN, AUTHOR OF POACHERS AND HELL AT THE BREECH
Oxford has embraced its most famous resident in recent decades. The statue, the conference, the grave and the collection keep locals and visitors thinking of William Faulkner. Tourists who come to Oxford know how much the community appreciates Faulkner. Now the major attraction for Faulkner-seekers, his beautiful antebellum house, Rowan Oak, is undergoing a comprehensive renovation, to ensure that the home of one of America’s Nobel Prize-winning authors is here for Oxford and the generations of readers to come. Indeed, students of Faulkner’s life and locals who remember, know that Faulkner himself kept the place in a state of genteel disrepair. No matter. For the University of Mississippi, preservation of this important artifact is a given. Resources are being attracted in several key areas: the ongoing renovation and preservation of the main house and the tenant house, as well as the effort to ensure that the surrounding woods are available and accessible. This effort is being led by several members of the University community, including Campbell McCool, who serves as chair of the Rowan Oak Society.

Preservation of the past is key to understanding the past, and the physical remains of the world Faulkner preserved in words are among our most valuable resources. The funds being put forward now will pay out cultural dividends in perpetuity. Rowan Oak will remain one of the key landmarks of Oxford and Ole Miss.
For over a decade, the Center for the Study of Southern Culture has opened a window on the writing world with its annual Conference for the Book. Sometimes addressing the work of a single author and at other times focusing on issues facing the future of the book, the conference never fails to draw nationally known authors, editors and publishers. University authors lead workshops for prospective writers, and everybody signs and reads. If it wasn’t clear already, the conference has made it known that the University of Mississippi has a profound commitment to the literary arts and that Oxford is a “book town.”

As part of a joint pledge to be divided between the Oxford Conference for the Book and the Southern Foodways Alliance, the Feders already have given $10,000 to support program costs for the conference and have pledged further installments to a ten-year total of $100,000 for the conference alone. With support like this, the Oxford Conference for the Book will continue to be able to bring the nation’s premier literary figures to the University of Mississippi, and the public will continue to reap the benefits.

“The organizers of the Book Conference do an amazing job of bringing in a range of exciting authors, both well-established and newer voices. The atmosphere is very laid back and social, with opportunities for participants to get to know each other and Oxford, and to hear some of the best poetry, fiction and nonfiction being written today.”

POET BETH ANN FENNELLY, UM ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH.

“The Oxford Conference for the Book is one of the premiere literary events of the South, but it depends on the contributions of the friends of Southern literature to keep it thriving. This conference is one where financial contributions can make a huge difference in continuing a quality program that attracts regional attention. The Feder gift exemplifies how a donor can help augment the Center’s role in preserving and discussing a key feature of Southern culture.”

DR. CHARLES WILSON, DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF SOUTHERN CULTURE
The Southern Foodways Alliance brings a greater and more credible look at Southern food that it might not otherwise be afforded. Southern foods — all things Southern — often get a bad rap for being slow and backward. Anything we can do to celebrate our culture is especially important.”

CHEF JOHN CURRENCE, CITY GROCERY RESTAURANT, OXFORD

“Southern food stirs great passions, and I believe that our approach is unique. Our multifaceted focus on Southern foodways reflects the approach honed by the Center for the Study of Southern Culture for the past 25 years.”

JOHN T. EDGE, DIRECTOR, SOUTHERN FOODWAYS ALLIANCE

PHOTO BY KYLE HOOD

Of all the University of Mississippi’s many projects, none smells better than the Southern Foodways Alliance. A multi-disciplinary effort, encompassing oral history, research and preservation efforts, as well as just plain good food, this institute sponsors a variety of activities. John T. Edge, the director and animating spirit behind the alliance, has ambitious plans to raise an endowment equal to the ever-growing and remarkable list of projects that celebrate and preserve our culinary heritage. In his efforts, he’s had a great deal of help. Ron and Becky Feder have provided a $5,000 challenge grant, part of a ten-year, $50,000 pledge. The members of the alliance took up and surpassed that challenge at the most recent Southern Foodways Symposium. Donations came from every corner and as far away as Jim ‘N Nick’s Bar-B-Q of Birmingham, showing a level of commitment and interest exceptional even by Ole Miss standards. The 2003 symposium was a success on other levels as well, exploring the people, places, traditions and foods of the Appalachian South and bringing in many speakers, among them notable New York Times columnist and writer, Rick Bragg. The endowment is expected to grow, meeting the needs of the alliance — which continues to remind us of all the good things that come out of the Southern kitchen.
The Institute for Racial Reconciliation was created in 1999 as a result of the country’s most successful public forum for President Clinton’s “One America: The President’s Initiative on Race.” The Institute’s primary mission is to serve as a facilitator for reconciliation outreach programs in communities throughout Mississippi and the region. The Institute has initiated programs that are equipping Mississippi’s citizens to heal their communities, promote economic development and reconcile racial differences. On Feb. 20, 2003, the University renamed the Institute in honor of former Governor William F. Winter, while celebrating his birthday at a public ceremony at the Old Capitol Museum in Jackson. More than one thousand guests — including University officials, members of the media and special friends of the Institute — joined in its renaming and the toasting of Governor Winter.

Honored for his long-held belief in racial equality and his devotion to maintaining a position of respect for all people, Governor Winter envisions the Institute inspiring civic renewal and reconciliation among all Mississippians.

During the first year of the two-year commitment of financial support from the Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation, the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation has embarked on an ambitious planning process. With new leadership emphasizing significant community outreach projects and other development activities, the Institute has begun what is certain to be a profound journey.
In an historic partnership of private and public sectors, James L. and Sally McDonnell Barksdale, donated $100 million to the University of Mississippi in early 2000. It is believed to be the largest-ever private donation aimed at promoting literacy. A joint venture with the University of Mississippi School of Education, the Mississippi Department of Education and the state’s seven other public university schools of education, the Institute is designed to dramatically improve the reading skills of children through a systematic and direct implementation of a research-based reading reform model.

Recognizing that every child must be able to read proficiently in order to be both an economically and socially productive member of society, the Barksdales’ gift makes it possible for Mississippi’s public schools, colleges and universities to come together to implement systematic reform in teaching schoolchildren to read.

“It has been proven that these programs work. Literacy is a problem that needs action now, and we want to make sure that these young children become successful readers and lifelong learners. My family and I have been blessed, and it’s time to give back to society. We chose Mississippi schools to begin this reform because it is our home state, and we want to serve as an example of what can happen when the private and public sectors work together to attack society’s greatest issues.”

James L. Barksdale

Claiborne Barksdale, Director, The Barksdale Reading Institute
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“In honoring an outstanding alumnus, The Freedom Forum joins Ole Miss Journalism in building on our traditions of excellence, which Charles Overby embodies so well. Our future has never been so full of promise.”

DR. STUART BULLION, CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM

“Ole Miss provides the perfect backdrop for studying the past, present and future of relationships between Southern journalists and politicians. This is the right climate for an innovative center that will stress the importance of good journalism. I’m especially appreciative that The Freedom Forum Board of Trustees recognized Ole Miss as a place for important journalistic leadership in the 21st century.”

CHARLES L. OVERBY, CHAIRMAN AND CEO, THE FREEDOM FORUM

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Named in honor of U.S. Senator Trent Lott, an Ole Miss graduate, the Institute was created in 1999 to devote more resources toward leadership development. Private gifts contributed to support the initiative on the Oxford campus total more than $13 million. Its mission of preparing leaders to meet the challenges emerging in a modern society is addressing a trend of declining leadership skills in our country. The Institute is offering an undergraduate minor in leadership development and providing a wealth of programs for college and high school students, business and industry professionals, and the general public. Ultimately, the Institute has plans to offer an undergraduate major and graduate study in leadership development.

“Our founding fathers recognized that leadership is not an aristocratic birthright. It is an acquired quality, attainable by anyone with the patience, courage and conviction to meld the energies of many individuals into a single force for the pursuit of common goals.”

U.S. SENATOR TRENT LOTT

“We believe young people must be encouraged to accept responsibility for the betterment of the world around them. We can only begin to imagine what these bright young people will accomplish in life with the added enhancement of leadership training.”

DR. ROBERT HAWS, INTERIM DIRECTOR, THE LOTT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
“Those of us who love Ole Miss sports know the excitement of seeing the Rebels play. As the Commitment to Excellence in Ole Miss Athletics Campaign continues, each of us has an opportunity to give something back to the program that has brought us so much joy and pride over the years.”

ARCHIE MANNING
The University of Mississippi bestows few legacies more powerful than the love of Rebel sports. The Ole Miss athletics program is more than just games played by a few skilled students. It is an effective component of our academic mission. It galvanizes alumni involvement and support, affords national recognition, promotes the recruitment of all students, and most importantly, engenders a shared sense of pride among the Ole Miss family.

As the proud legacy of Ole Miss sports enters this golden era of the 21st century, we have an opportunity to build facilities to match our success on the playing field. Our Commitment to Excellence in Ole Miss Athletics Campaign has a goal to fund those advancements. This campaign is an extension of our campaign for academic excellence launched in the fall of 1994. With the foresight of its supporters, Ole Miss will sustain and further develop excellence in athletics.

As Ole Miss builds an academic agenda worthy of a place at the head table of America’s great public universities, the University’s athletics program must likewise build national prominence.

The plan that will ensure that we reach that goal includes:

- Completing the multi-sport indoor practice facility
- Bringing the athletics programs together in a new administrative building
- Expanding basketball seating and renovating Tad Smith Coliseum
- Renovating baseball facilities at Oxford/University Stadium
- Creating the Student Athletes’ Life Center
- Endowing an athletic facilities maintenance fund
Keeping pace in the Southeastern Conference, perhaps the most elite athletics conference in the nation, requires more than recruiting the best athletes. It calls for providing the very best facilities for those athletes. It means having a place where they may train at anytime in any weather, as well as creating an inviting environment for off-season conditioning where teammates can gather and build the trust and confidence in each other that becomes critical when the clock is ticking down in November. The University of Mississippi is committed to building the most progressive multi-sport indoor practice facility in the south. As of December 2003, $9 million of the required $18 million had been secured. The indoor practice facility will place all coaching, recruiting, staff and player operations under one roof, creating more efficient and functional programs. It will make the difference between offering a competitive athletics program and an excellent one.

“The success of our athletics programs was built on the shoulders of the giants who came before us. The legacy they gave us is ours to preserve and nurture. The indoor practice facility is our gift to them and to the future.”

PETE BOONE, DIRECTOR, INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
After America was shaken to its core in September 2001, people found themselves embracing familiar places that hold great meaning in their lives. It appeared that the true measure in life was the quality of relationships with family and friends — and with institutions that touch our hearts and souls.

A bold, creative plan emerged for the Ole Miss Family to improve society and, thus, improve the world by providing unrestricted scholarship funds and other support to deserving students. Many participating in the scholarship initiative — which has as its goal a $100 million endowment by 2006 — believe a strong family educates young people so the family’s values and traditions live on for future generations.

Businessman Mike Starnes of Memphis stepped forward with a $1 million gift to lay the foundation for the Ole Miss First endowment, which has been named in honor of Chancellor Robert C. Khayat.

The State of Mississippi started shifting the responsibility for funding higher education to the private sector, and the economy has tightened. Very simply put, scholarship support has become the University of Mississippi’s most critical need, with around 74 percent of its student receiving some form of financial aid. Providing scholarships to students is a return to the “taproot.” It’s a natural step for alumni and friends to take care of future family members; it’s a tangible way of helping them reach their human potential and contribute to a better world.

“Each generation tries to do a little better in terms of educating their children and making Mississippi a better place. Ole Miss First is a great program that will help keep talented young people in the state by providing scholarships.”

MIKE STARNES OF MEMPHIS

“We were always taught that families help each other, take care of each other. That seems to be something instilled in so many people who attend Ole Miss. You help each other whether it’s spiritually, emotionally or financially. With education being paramount in a young person’s life, we must make it possible for them.”

PATTY LEWIS OF OXFORD
Two dozen women who had all distinguished themselves in their respective lives and careers united in early 2000. They shared a belief that essential to the dream of providing young people with scholarships was the reality that leadership training and nurturing mentors are greatly needed.

The women trusted that as new philanthropic leaders they had to grasp the unique opportunity to combine their commitment, passion and professionalism. Three short years later, members of the Ole Miss Women’s Council for Philanthropy have attracted a remarkable $3 million in direct and deferred gifts for scholarships, established training and mentoring programs considered “models,” and profoundly inspired their University family and the higher education community.

And Women’s Council members are just getting started.

To face the diverse challenge of the new millennium, Americans must develop a renewed concept of leadership, say Council members. Needed are leaders who are inclusive, caring and committed to helping others reach their full potential. Students selected to participate in the Council program are young men and women who already have exhibited ethical and caring behavior through a deep desire to help others.

Five to seven Women’s Council scholarships are awarded annually to those entering the freshman class. Sophomores who exhibit leadership potential also are encouraged to apply for the support. Scholarships are $5,000 a year for four years. Council Scholars graduate from the University with educational enhancements to their portfolios not attainable through traditional scholarship programs.

As a symbol of its presence in the lives of students and on the Oxford campus, the Council created a rose garden by the new Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts. The roses represent students, or the future, and reflect on the many people who have been both honored and memorialized through the gifts of academic scholarships — arguably the gifts of life.
Celebrating 30 Years

The University of Mississippi Foundation is established under the leadership of Chancellor Porter L. Fortune, Jr.

Rufus T. Jones is appointed Secretary of the foundation and Doyle L. Russell as Treasurer.

Dr. George C. McKinstry establishes a $2 million endowed scholarship loan fund.

Foundation fund-raising efforts help restore and secure Rowan Oak and adjacent buildings.

Senator James O. Eastland Scholarship fund established.

The Campaign for Ole Miss, the University’s first major fund-raising effort, with an initial goal of $25 million, raises more than $41 million in private gifts.

Henry C. Brevard, Jr. and family establish the Brevard Family Scholarship Endowment, which ranks among the top engineering scholarships in the nation.

The Chucky Mullins Scholarship Endowment, first created for Chucky, now provides scholarships to disadvantaged students.

Memory House is purchased through the generosity of Louis Brandt.

The L. Stacy Davidson, Jr. Chair in Liberal Arts is established.

Jerry Hollingsworth donates $2 million for an athletics complex.

Gwenette P. and Jack W. “Bouncer” Robertson, Jr. establish the Robertson Chair of Insurance.

The Lyceum Society is formed honoring nineteen founding members who have donated $1 million or more.

The McDonnell Barksdale Honors College begins with a gift from James and Sally Barksdale.

The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation gives $16.5 million honoring E. H. “Pat” Patterson. The grant provides $6 million for the University’s School of Accountancy, $8 million for the J. D. Williams Library and $2.5 million for administrative restructuring.

The Eugenia Pichitino estate donates $4.5 million for honors scholarships to top high school scholars.

The Katherine Parker estate provides $1 million for the Harold Parker, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Endowment. An anonymous donor gives $660,000 to complete funding of the Howry Chair of Faulkner Studies in the College of Liberal Arts, bringing the total gifts to the Faulkner Chair to more than $1 million.

SIGNIFICANT OLE MISS EVENTS

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The University of Mississippi School of Business Administration and School of Accountancy move into their new $23 million facility including the new Holman Hall.

The Joseph C. Bancroft Charitable and Educational Trust Fund gives equivalent of $60 million endowment to establish the Croft Institute for International Studies.

Gertrude C. Ford Foundation provides $23 million for the Performing Arts Center.

Dick and Diane Scruggs make a $25 million commitment to enhance faculty salaries in liberal arts.

Alumni Will and Susanne Galtney give $4 million to create a Center for Academic Computing.

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Indoor Practice Facility construction begins.

Rebel Club seating is named in honor of Guy C. Billups.

The student services center is named for Larry and Susan Martindale.

The Seymour Lawrence Gallery of American Art and the Fortune Gallery opens the new wing at the University Museum.

James and Sally Barksdale establish the Barksdale Reading Institute with $100 million gift.

Ole Miss becomes the first public university in Mississippi to be honored with a Phi Beta Kappa chapter.

John and Marianne Whitten give $1 million for the Golf Center.

University launches $5 million campaign to restore and preserve Faulkner’s Rowan Oak.

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Commitment to Excellence Campaign totals more than twice the original goal of $200 million—more than $525 million!

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The Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts opens.
“Our universities are economic development gold mines. Through a structured and consistent dialogue between higher education and business leaders, our universities can better support both current and emerging economic development opportunities and job creation.”

GOVERNOR HALEY BARBOUR, FORMER BOARD MEMBER UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI FOUNDATION

From Left: Vice Chancellor for University Relations Gloria Kellum, Provost Carolyn Ellis Staton, Chancellor Robert C. Khayat
You inspire us. As extraordinary donors who translate your commitment and loyalty to the University of Mississippi into something valuable and enduring, you have helped us — members of the Ole Miss community — build a great American public university. Your significant levels of support have made programs, facilities, research and other academic opportunities — once merely dreams of those who created the University of Mississippi Foundation — awesome realities. Unrestricted annual giving from alumni, parents and friends; realized bequests and other planned gifts; contributions for building and renovation projects; and gifts for endowments have propelled the astounding progress of Ole Miss in the last three decades.

As we all stand together and applaud a remarkable milestone deserving of attention, the University of Mississippi Foundation’s 30-year anniversary, we also savor an unparalleled moment of possibility in the life of a university we love.

What greatness must be ahead for Ole Miss if we can fuel continued momentum! Across the nation’s higher education community, giving in current dollars to education as a whole declined in 2002 for the first time in nearly three decades, according to “Giving USA,” a publication of the American Association of Fundraising Counsel Trust for Philanthropy. Thankfully, we’re the exception to the rule. Energies and resources have converged beyond anyone’s imagination as a result of the Ole Miss family’s coming together to address pressing needs, as well as needs of future generations. The challenge now for all of us is to keep the flame burning bright, and at the University Foundation, to renew a commitment to developing and maintaining strong relationships with you, our supporters, and to nurturing new philanthropists.

The challenge is great — as is the urgency. Together we must ensure Mississippi’s public universities do not risk further loss of faculty, students, external funding and private-sector investment, and this calls for a new era of public-private partnerships. A strong, steadfast commitment from the University community to continue the quest for academic excellence represents a solid investment in life and human lives with an exceptional level of return: a stronger university capacity and reputation; a solid state, regional and national economic impact; increased private support; and perpetual growth in the area of resource development. This kind of innovative and dynamic endeavor will inspire and channel a new surge of enthusiasm and commitment in support of higher education and the University of Mississippi.

With your steadfast and generous support, the University of Mississippi can become all it was meant to be. Thank you for inspiring us.
STUDENT LEADERS BECAME FOUNDATION LEADERS

PAST CHAIRSHIPS

1948
Tom B. Scott, Jr.
Law
UM Foundation
President 1973-75
President Kappa Alpha, Phi Alpha Delta

1957
Thomas L. Joyner
Liberal Arts, MBA
UM Foundation
President 1981-82
Phi Delta Theta

1943
John Norris Palmer
Business, MBA
UM Foundation
President 1982-84
Phi Delta Theta, M Club, Campus Senate

1952
John H. Geary
Business
UM Foundation
President 1980-81
Kappa Alpha, Omicron Delta Kappa, President of A.S.B., Scabbard and Blade, Delta Sigma Pi, Arnold Air Society, LFG, Vice President, Campus Senate (Speaker pro tem), Student Hall of Fame

1959
Henry C. Brevard, Jr.
Liberal Arts
UM Foundation
President 1984-85
Omicron Delta Kappa, M Club

1943
Julius W. King
Business
UM Foundation
President 1987-88
Associated Student Body Treasurer, Hermean Literary Society

1952
Frank O. Crosthwait, Jr.
Business, Law
UM Foundation
President 1978-79
Sigma Chi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Associated Student Body Representative

1959
Paul H. Moore
Education, Medicine
UM Foundation
President 1976-77
Phi Chi, Glass Vice President

1943
Clifford G. Worsham
Engineering
UM Foundation
President 1977-78
Sigma Chi, Omicron Delta Kappa, President of Pi Kappa Pi, President of Sigma Theta Pi, President of Chi Epsilon, Hermean Literary Society, Junior Class President, Executive Council, Mississippian Business Staff

1964
Aubrey B. Patterson
Business
UM Foundation
President 1998-00
Phi Delta Theta, Law Journal

1948
William H. Barbour, Sr.
Law
UM Foundation
President 1975-76
Delta Psi, Phi Delta Phi, Blue Key, Interfraternity Council, Law Journal Staff, Princeton, Interfraternity Tennis Champion

1959
Henry Paris
Business
UM Foundation
President 1986-87
President Phi Epsilon Pi, Head Cheerleader, Cardinal Club, Pershing Rifles, Alpha Phi Omega, Committee of 100, YMCA, Omicron Delta Kappa, Colonel Rebel, Student Hall of Fame

1971
John Paul White
Business
UM Foundation
President 1989-90
Pi Kappa Alpha

1953
Frank R. Day
Business
UM Foundation
President 1990-91
Sigma Chi, Army ROTC

1954
Louis K. Brandt, Jr.
Liberal Arts
UM Foundation
President 1992-94
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