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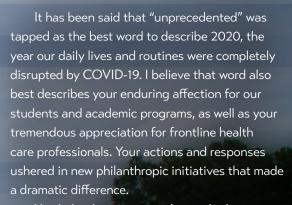
he daily rhythms of a typically spectacular year at the University of Mississippi were totally upended by a global pandemic, and we felt the impact of all that we missed. With the onset of social distancing, what we missed amplified what we enjoyed most - the daily interactions with deeply committed alumni and friends, students, faculty and staff. Bolstered by your generous support, our university community rose to overcome daunting and unforeseen challenges this year.

Your gifts totaled more than \$127 million - a 26% increase over the last fiscal year. You and other devoted donors supported numerous areas across our academic programs, the University of Mississippi Medical Center and Ole Miss Athletics. For the ninth consecutive year, private support exceeded \$100 million, signaling that you believe our students and programs are worthy of major investments.

Whether you directed your support to students, faculty, staff, athletic programs or facilities, your gifts helped uphold and expand excellence across all of our campuses. As a result, we are able to ensure that future students enjoy enriching experiences, and our flagship university enables our scholars to build their personal legacies in ways that will improve life around our state, region and the world.

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You helped us assist students who lost parttime employment and funds for housing, food and medical expenses. You helped provide personal protective equipment to health care providers at our Medical Center and showed up month after month with lunches, dinners and more to uplift those caring for gravely ill COVID-19 patients. This demonstrated, once again, that the University of Mississippi community is stronger together, even when we are not physically close.

For the many ways you support Ole Miss, we are so grateful. Your deep commitment, inspiring passion and incredible generosity both humble us and make us proud. COVID-19 is relentless, but so are our students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends in their enduring commitment to excellence.

We stepped into a year full of promise and ended it even stronger because we pulled together – a hallmark of our beloved university. Thank you.

Glenn F. Boyce, Chancellor The University of Mississippi

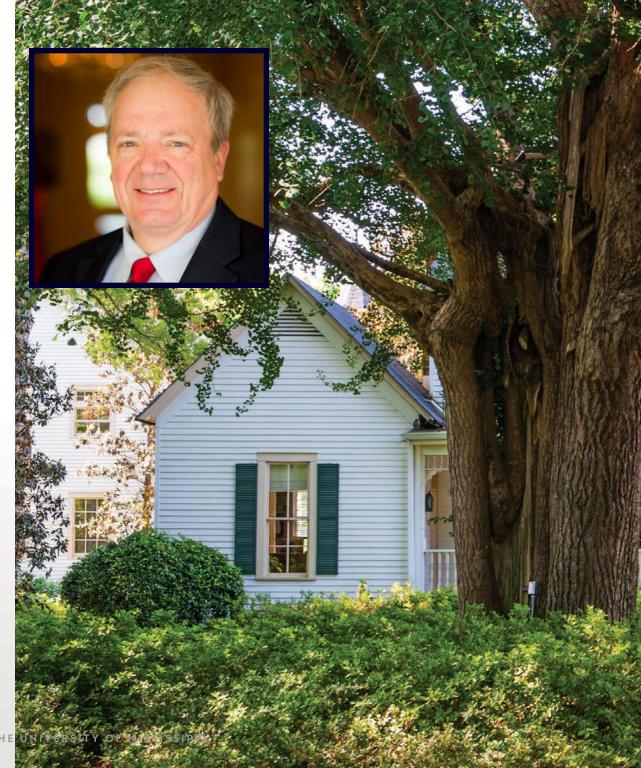
#### LETTER FROM THE UM FOUNDATION President

Purpose of the University of Mississippi's Annual Report on Philanthropy is to provide an account of the year in review, a look back. But remembering 2020 – a year marked by seemingly endless months of challenges associated with a global health crisis – is likely something few desire to do.

From our standpoint, however, a number of achievements must be observed as we acknowledge your strong commitment to sustaining the University of Mississippi, the University of Mississippi Medical Center and Ole Miss Athletics. Your extraordinary allegiance in the face of a pandemic is worthy of reflection and celebration. Among highlights to remember:

- You and other alumni and friends swiftly responded to a campaign to assist Ole Miss students with needs created by COVID-19. Alumni and friends contributed more than \$220,000 to relief funds and crucial student services that saw increased demand during this time.
- Other philanthropic giving came from more than 22,000 alumni and friends, and that number included 3,441 new donors. We are pleased to develop relationships with alumni and friends

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who can carry forward a deep commitment to providing stellar educational, research and service opportunities for future generations. Your gifts exceeded \$100 million in private support for the ninth consecutive year at an increasing rate. You showed a great understanding of the individual and collective power of giving to fulfill the great responsibilities we have as a flagship university. Donor counts by generation showed that baby boomers (born 1946 to 1964) made the most gifts, and Generation X (born 1965 to 1980) came in second. The average gift was \$2,300, up from \$1,600 in fiscal year 2019.

Due to their herculean efforts, Ole Miss administrators, faculty and staff transitioned from in-class to virtual instruction in less than two weeks due to COVID-19. We also completely changed the working environment to keep operations moving and our community safe.

The Chancellor's Office was reengaged with all stakeholders, as Dr. Glenn F. Boyce began his tenure at the helm.

The UM Foundation board elected alumni leader and philanthropist Louis Brandt of Houston, Texas, as the inaugural emeritus board member. This honor recognizes Louis' 30 years of involvement and the extraordinary impact he has made.

Your commitment was needed more than ever in fiscal year 2020 and, as always, you came through. Thank you for standing with us to meet new challenges.

Wendell W. Weakley, President/CEO The University of Mississippi Foundation



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020 tested all of us in unpredicted ways, yet with your powerful support, our University of Mississippi continued to be strong enough to rise and meet the challenges we faced.

Unparalleled needs sprang from COVID-19, a pandemic that swept the globe and impacted our communities. Never before had the university been prompted to develop so many contingency plans to ensure safe operations. While our University of Mississippi Medical Center professionals courageously remained on the front lines of patient care as COVID-19 raged, our students and faculty also persevered with academic and research pursuits through online classes.

And how you responded! More than 22,000 donors made gifts totaling \$127.2 million directed to the University of Mississippi, University of Mississippi Medical Center and Ole Miss Athletics. For the ninth consecutive year, new gifts you designated for our present and future exceeded \$100 million. These resources enabled UM to continue providing exceptional experiences for students, faculty, researchers, health care patients and providers, citizens served by outreach efforts and visitors to our campuses.

State support as a percentage of total revenue available for the university's operations was 12.9%, making private support crucial to providing the level of achievements and excellence expected of a flagship university.

Your support also was felt when the pandemic created a heightened demand for personal protection equipment that far surpassed

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the supply. You gave PPE and other types of support such as meals for those on the front lines. Your response was reflected in a sign held on the Medical Center campus when people cheered for our health care workers as they came to work: "Courage. Commitment. Compassion."

We hope you share our pride in the University of Mississippi Medical Center, which provided leadership on COVID-19 for the entire state, cared for gravely ill patients, produced emergency ventilators, set up mobile testing sites and researched treatments and cures. Among research projects is one between Medical Center and Oxford campus faculty members who are developing a nasal spray aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Perhaps most notable is that during the challenges of this year, the university through all its campuses stepped up to offer its expertise to serve during the global pandemic and to continue its commitment to teaching and research. Once again, we claimed our place in the nation's top 100 public universities and as the highest-ranked university in Mississippi, according to U.S. News & World Report, which also recognized UM as a top Best Value School among public universities.

All the year's accomplishments are the result of the hard work and exceptional talent of our faculty and staff as well as the essential resources provided by you and other loyal alumni and friends. Together, we continue to see the University of Mississippi recognized for producing outstanding leaders, professionals and change agents; pursuing world-class research, innovation and health care; and

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facilitating the successes of highly competitive student-athletes.

Although we continued to survive and thrive, the omission of many in-person experiences struck a significant blow to our university community.

We missed our top Ole Miss seniors being inducted into the Hall of Fame and new Associated Student Body officers being sworn into office. We missed ceremonies applauding our amazing scholars and academic excellence – Taylor Medals, Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi.

We missed the Residency Match Day being in person for the School of Medicine Class of 2020 – once aptly described as a combination of the Academy Awards and the NFL draft. Perhaps even more significantly, we missed seeing our Medical Center patients have the comforting presence of family and friends as they battled an unknown and frightening disease.

We missed band concerts and senior recitals, student art shows and family activity workshops at the University Museum. We missed performances in the Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts and the Oxford Film Festival.

We longed for the rituals of spring on all campuses. We missed attending the Double Decker Arts Festival, as well as the Grove Bowl with new Head Football Coach Lane Kiffin. We missed singing "Sweet Caroline" at Swayze Field, as the national spotlight shined brightly on our Rebel baseball team, and we missed the conclusion of other spring sports seasons that offered a stage for our incredible student-athletes.



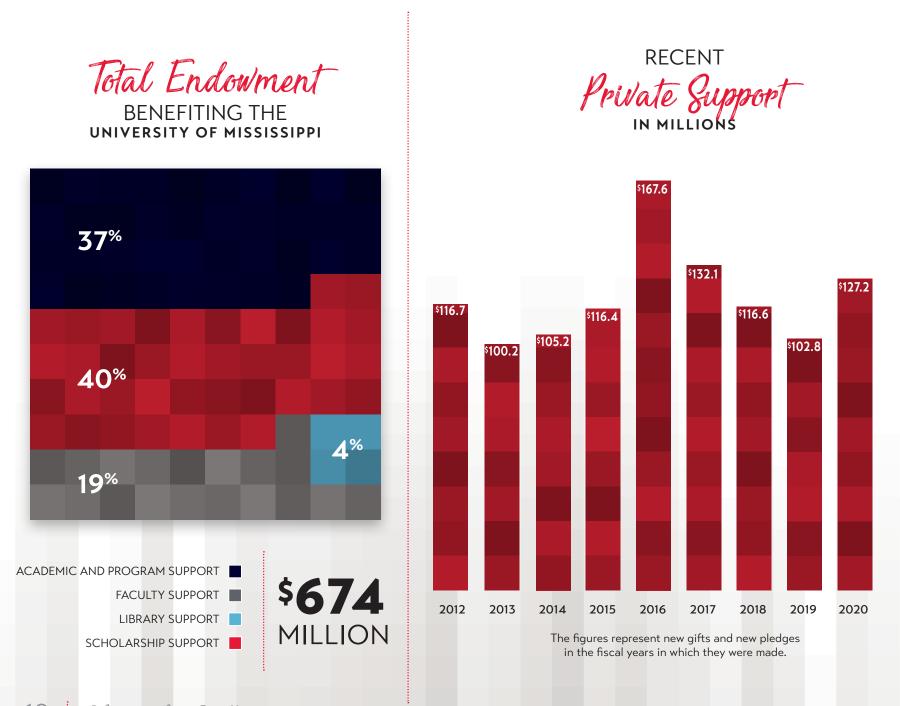
Although we appreciated the technology that enabled virtual events, we longed for graduation ceremonies on the Medical Center campus and in the Grove at Ole Miss. Life celebrations like none other – tassels turning, families hugging and memories tugging – were missed by graduates who should have been seated together for their last hooray. We missed orientation on campuses, where incoming students and families are welcomed, and we missed summer campers – a new generation of young people looking with expectation at college through our variety of offerings.

But most of all, we missed each other.

The University of Mississippi is a family known far and wide for enduring relationships

and a shared commitment. For all of us to be physically apart was unimaginable months ago, but we look forward to being on campuses together once again.

Thank you for your gifts that are having a transformational impact on today's opportunities and those for the generations to come. We are grateful.



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"It is absolutely crucial to our state's future to have an educated STEM workforce. In addition, we want to see talented high school graduates in our state have exceptional opportunities to prepare for some of the most rewarding careers possible. It's what they deserve, and it's what Mississippi needs."

Thomas Duff

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ON THE GIFT HE AND HIS BROTHER, JIM DUFF, GAVE TO THE DUFF CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION CENTER



#### THANKING Major Donors in () Ole Muss

our generous investments in students, faculty, researchers, health care professionals and staff bolstered our ability to meet new challenges by strengthening our efforts to make the future better and safer for the state, region, nation and society at large. As donors, you directed major gifts this year to the University of

Mississippi, University of Mississippi Medical Center and Ole Miss Athletics.

What a legacy you are building! Your support directly impacts our reputation for top-tier performance and outcomes, as your resources help prepare students, enhance facilities, assist faculty, award scholarships, fund research discoveries and improve health care outcomes. With a proven record for transforming lives, we can and do compete successfully on national and international levels in academics, research and athletics.

Thank you, donors, for committing gifts and pledges, further helping us turn new challenges into even greater opportunities. Among your significant contributions\*:

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"I truly believe that every challenge and triumph in my life has led me to where I am today. I'm so blessed to be in the position that I am to give back to my community. It's my way of being part of something that is bigger than myself."

Dr. Jane-Claire Williams

SAID OF BEING RECOGNIZED BY THE OLE MISS WOMEN'S COUNCIL AS AN EMERGING PHILANTHROPIST

#### LETTER FROM THE UM FOUNDATION Board Chaip

hat a year we have experienced! While a daunting global pandemic raged, you focused your attention on providing extraordinary support to the University of Mississippi, the University of Mississippi Medical Center and Ole Miss Athletics. When we could have been defeated by a public health crisis and other complex issues never experienced before, the Ole Miss family showed incredible resilience and concern.

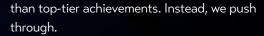
Through your gifts, you expressed your belief that education, research, health care, faculty, researchers and students ultimately will help overcome these new challenges. Thank you for standing with us and giving our great institution the resources needed to push through the hardships and continue to make significant contributions for the public good.

I am reminded of a quote by Catherine DeVrye, author of *The Gift of Nature*: "Like tiny seeds with potent power to push through tough ground and become mighty trees, we hold innate reserves of unimaginable strength. We are resilient."

"Tough ground" is an appropriate way to describe what the Ole Miss family encountered this year, but difficult times never mean that we falter, slow progress or settle for anything less



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The year saw a 26% increase in private gifts from you and other dedicated alumni and friends – a level of support that inspires all of us to redouble our efforts and fuels our vision and work. You and other alumni and friends always step up when needed.

We can trust in your engagement and support of our overall university, students, academic community, athletic programs and our Medical Center. Likewise, you can trust the UM Foundation and the university to be good stewards of the resources you provide. There is really no limit to the University of Mississippi's achievements with this kind of support. We are grateful beyond words.

When reflecting on the challenges of 2020, we are also thankful many voices were heard regarding the relocation of the Confederate monument from The Circle to the campus cemetery, where it now stands much closer to those who fell while serving their country. This important issue brought on a meaningful change. While we may not always agree with each other, the ongoing commitment to strengthen our campus as a positive, productive and welcoming educational environment for everyone is a worthy goal.

Thank you for your love and support of the University of Mississippi.

Suzan Thames, Chair The University of Mississippi Foundation

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## More than 22,000 DONORS

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OUR ENDOWMENTS PROVIDED

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\$3.7 FOR FACULTY SUPPORT A+

\$10.2 FOR ACADEMIC/ PROGRAMMATIC SUPPORT

MORE 5,000 THAN 5,000 Graduates IN 2020

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NAMED IN **TOP 100 PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES** ACROSS THE NATION FOR LAST DECADE BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

Highest Kanked UNIVERSITY IN MISSISSIPPI PATTERSON SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY'S PROGRAMS RANKED AMONG NATION'S **TOP 20** BY THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTING REPORT **EACH YEAR SINCE 2008** 

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SCHOOL OF PHARMACY TO **TOP** 25 OF NATION'S **BEST** PHARMACY SCHOOLS BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

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**Best Value School** (NO. 34) AMONG NATION'S PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

RECORDED FIRST-YEAR RETENTION RATE OF **86.8%** 

**SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S UNDERGRADUATE** PROGRAMS (NO. 61) IN NATION BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

GRADUATES Best in State AT FINDING EMPLOYMENT AND KEEPING IT OVER 10-YEAR

SPAN, ACCORDING TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IMPACT TOTALS **\$2.9** Billion AND ENABLES **43,121 JOBS** ACROSS THE STATE

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STRONG RETURN ON INVESTMENT BY GENERATING \$4.40 IN STATE TAX REVENUE AND PUBLIC SECTOR SAVINGS FOR EVERY \$1 IN STATE FUNDS THAT SUPPORTS OLE MISS NAMED **A GREAT COLLEGE TO WORK FOR** CAMPUS FOR THE **12TH YEAR IN A ROW** BY THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN ITS RESPECTED WORKPLACE STUDY

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# Positive Path for the Future



Campus temporarily changes, donor support remains high for academic opportunities

he world as we know it was turned upside down by a relentless global pandemic this year, but the University of Mississippi, as always, showed resilience, perseverance and commitment.

Alumni and friends stepped up with even greater financial resources; faculty and staff adapted to online and hybrid instruction for continued high-caliber academic preparation; and our students kept excelling. Top-performing students on the Oxford campus were selected as the university's 27th Rhodes Scholar and 14th Goldwater Scholar – Arielle Hudson and Addison Roush, respectively. Other Ole Miss students won prestigious Gates-Cambridge, Fulbright and Boren scholarships, and another was a Truman finalist.

In a jaw-dropping achievement, six students from the Patterson School of Accountancy received the Elijah Watt Sells Award, the most prestigious certified public accountant exam award in the world. Of nearly 75,000 individuals, only 137 candidates met the criteria to receive the award.

Breaking down the Sells Award achievement further, 13 students from Southeastern Conference universities earned this honor, with six coming from UM and seven from all the other 13 SEC institutions combined. UM students were Jason Dinsmore, Sarah Heuerman, Austin Huckaby, Hayden Poer, Ryan Rosenbaum and Kellie Shannon.

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Genevieve Verville, a 2020 graduate in the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, became one of only four Portz Scholars in the country tapped by the National Collegiate Honors College for best honors thesis.

"The general public would be interested in my research because the phenomenon known as the hydrophobic effect has many implications in developing new treatments for disease and in drug design and effectiveness," said Verville, who will spend the next two years working as a post-baccalaureate research fellow at the National Institutes of Health before pursuing a doctorate.

Another recent accountancy grad, Lauren Graham, became one of the nation's top student veterans, as a result of her persistence in overcoming challenges and excelling as a student, volunteer and leader. Graham received the G.I. Jobs Magazine 2020 Student Veteran Leadership Award.

Andrew Newby, assistant director for veterans and military services, called the honoree a "change catalyst" who championed a shift in campus culture for military-connected students.

"Lauren has driven change for student veterans, traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for them at the national level and has connected the community to campus through her work with Veteran and Military Services and military families," Newby said.

The achievements continued with the Stamps Scholars Program – the university's top academic scholarship – setting records for growth. Ole Miss is the only university in Mississippi and only one of six SEC schools that award Stamps Scholarships. The new class also brings the total number of recipients on the Oxford campus to 49, making Ole Miss the nation's second-largest in the Stamps Scholars Program.

Chosen for their academic excellence, leadership experience and exceptional character, Stamps Scholars are an accomplished network of highly driven individuals committed to leaving an impact on their local and larger communities. The program is funded by E. Roe Stamps IV and the Stamps Foundation in partnership with the university.

The student awards, too numerous to list, were matched by research and faculty accolades. Our researchers secured \$153.7 million in external



funding during the year, the largest university total in nine years. The external funding was awarded to the Oxford and University of Mississippi Medical Center campuses – a nearly 15% increase from the previous year – to support research, creative achievement and other sponsored projects that transform the lives of Mississippians and people around the world.

"We continue to advance and expand the impact of our research at the University of Mississippi, and that is reflected in our steady growth of externally funded programs," said Josh Gladden, vice chancellor for research and sponsored programs. "Through the support of our traditional areas of strength, our expansion of interdisciplinary programs and our recruitment of highly talented faculty and staff, we have been able to grow our external funding by almost 35% in the last five years.

"It is thrilling to see the hard work and creativity on the Oxford campus and at UMMC moving the needle in both our communities and our nation."

Among outstanding faculty members were sociology professor Annie Cafer, who was named an Andrew Carnegie Fellow – the first faculty member from any Mississippi university to receive this fellowship. The award is accompanied by a \$200,000 grant for her work in the field of community resilience.

Frances Kneupper, associate professor in history, has been honored as a 2020-21 senior fellow at the Institute of Advanced Studies at Central European University. The first senior

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fellow at the institute from UM and one of only 30 around the globe, Kneupper is traveling to Budapest to work on her second book.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS BEGIN WITH ROBUST SUPPORT

The level of exceptional educational opportunities that develops bright minds is only possible with the generous private support of Ole Miss alumni and friends, as state support accounts for 12.9% of the university's operating revenues.

In a stunning development, business leaders and brothers Jim and Thomas Duff of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, gave \$26 million toward the construction of a state-of-the-art science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) facility to boost job opportunities and the economy.

Chancellor Glenn F. Boyce announced the lead gift for the 202,000-square-foot facility, which

will be the largest single construction project in Oxford campus history, with a \$160 million total project budget. The Jim and Thomas Duff Center for Science and Technology Innovation will be among the nation's leading student-centered learning environments for STEM education.

Jim Duff said his family values education and understands its impact on Mississippi.

"Tommy and I are impressed that part of the STEM facility's mission will involve outreach to our



state's kindergarten-through-high school teachers," Duff said. "We need our teachers introducing the idea of STEM fields to their students, inspiring them to major in STEM fields in college.

"This outreach will also include STEM activities for the community, improving the overall science literacy of our state and region."

Also finding the university community worthy of a major investment were Reba White Williams and Dave Williams, who gave the university \$3 million to administer the celebrated Willie Morris Award for Southern Writing. Named for the late-great Mississippi author, the gift moved the program from New York to the university and Oxford – known far and wide for being a "place where words and writers are valued."

The donors, now of Connecticut but originally from Mississippi and Texas respectively, created the awards in 2008 to promote Southern writers, while also preserving the life and legacy of Morris, their longtime family friend.

"Reba and I are very pleased that Ole Miss is taking over something we hold dear," Dave Williams said. "When we visited Oxford last spring, we were favorably impressed by the town, the department, the beauty of campus and the enthusiasm of the leadership of the university. We think the awards have found a happy home."

The Department of Writing and Rhetoric will take the lead on the project and engage faculty and friends from across the community.

Proven career-ready graduates are another touchstone of having dedicated donors who continually strengthen the academic community. This year, the university celebrated having its graduates for the fourth consecutive year named the state's best at finding employment and keeping it, according to U.S. Department of Education data compiled in a ranking from Zippia.com.

The data indicated that after 10 years, 91% of Ole Miss graduates are still employed. That's the best percentage of all Mississippi schools, and it tops a number of institutions nationwide.

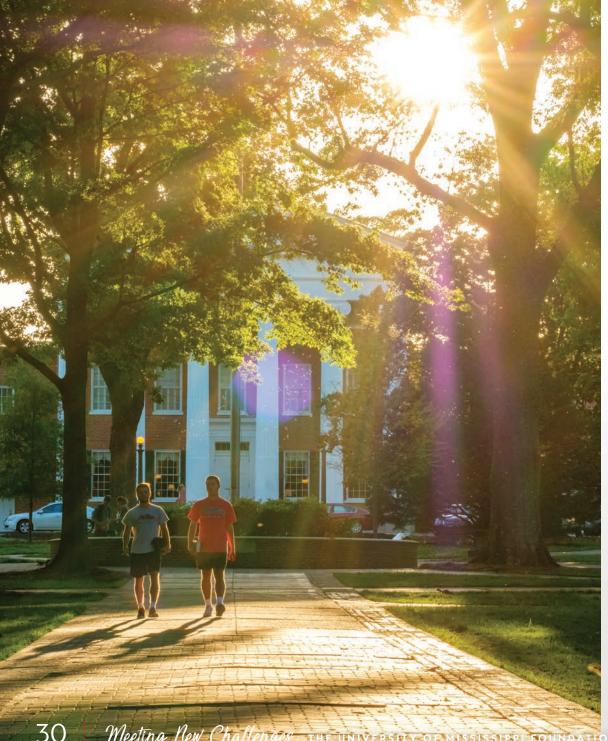
Other major donors directed their gifts to student scholarships, faculty recruitment and retention, facilities, child development and early education, the cultural arts, a learning community, speech services, research grants, faculty summer writing grants, alcohol and drug education and support, high school journalists' conferences, Southern Foodways, unrestricted gifts to meet pressing needs and much more — all contributing to academic excellence and service to society.

#### AND THEN THERE WAS COVID-19

What no one could have anticipated when the year looked bright with promise at the outset was that a global pandemic would strike. Donors joined students, faculty and staff to emphasize the point of being "stronger together" in spirit and effort, if not in close proximity. Thus, the year remained bright while we worked to overcome new challenges.

When classes had to transition to online, remote and other instruction, Ole Miss students were hit hard by COVID-19related circumstances. Rebel Aid – grassroots social media campaigns to help students –





saw donors respond swiftly with more than \$220,000 in gifts. The resources assisted students with grants averaging \$200 to \$500 each to take care of pressing needs, including those related to food, housing and health care.

Among units benefiting from gifts were the Ole Miss Food Bank (now named Grove Grocery), the Christopher Holman Memorial Student Emergency Fund, University Counseling Center, University Career Center, Ole Miss Health Center, Rebel Retention Fund, Academic Support Fund, Fins Up Fund and more.

The commitment to seeing Ole Miss students thrive has never been stronger and encouraged alumni and friends to join the effort, said Charlotte Fant Peques, interim vice chancellor for student affairs.

"Just like people everywhere, our students are grappling with an unknown future and have many needs," she said. "No matter what the coming months hold, our university's priority is helping students have the resources and preparation necessary to enjoy meaningful careers and lives."

The university reached out to help in a number of ways. The Provost's Office and faculty members formed a Keep Teaching team, a university-wide faculty learning community described as a "robust and resilient model" by Noel Wilkin, provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs.

"The beneficiaries of this work are the students," Wilkin said. "By learning to develop their courses using resilient pedagogy, our faculty



will help to ensure that the learning objectives of our courses are 'disruption-proof' and that a student will get a high-quality, well-developed education, regardless of the course format."

When the economy stumbled, the Mississippi Small Business Development Center, part of the School of Business Administration, helped walk business owners through the application process for the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury and Disaster Loan program and the federal Paycheck Protection Program. In addition, Ole Miss students involved in the McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement continued serving communities in this time of distress.

#### NEW NORMAL, CHALLENGES MET

The world has changed and, while the future remains uncertain, we are encouraged. In 2020, the University of Mississippi faced a global pandemic and triumphed over the challenges it brought. As we now move forward, we can feel secure, knowing future challenges will be faced with equal fervor. We are grateful to the thousands of deeply committed faculty, staff, alumni and friends who worked or gave resources to sustain our great university through this unusual season. With your generous support, you have helped ensure that we continue to prepare leaders, innovators and change agents – not for perfect times but for all times – and in unprecedented moments.

You and others have made certain the Ole Miss experience will endure and thrive in its effort to equip generations of students to share their education with the world.

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"Institutionally we have to be aware of the narrative of our school and be steadfast in trying to welcome, recruit and offer the highest quality education to all students, especially diversity students."

John Robin Bradley

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"The Ole Miss family has always responded well when asked to take care of our own, and Rebel Aid reflects that exceptional compassion and generosity. Our university community is special because it is defined by relationships and support for each other in both good times and in challenging times."

Chancellor Glenn F. Boyce

ON THE RESPONSE TO REBEL AID FOR STUDENTS FACING HARDSHIPS BROUGHT ON BY COVID-19

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### LETTER FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR Health Affairs

t was quite a year at UMMC!

The COVID-19 pandemic plunged the Medical Center into a whirlwind that continues to spin even as I write this. This has been a historic time, one that we would not have chosen, but one that chose us.

Through it all, our UMMC family has shown courage, compassion and perseverance. As I said at the outset of the pandemic, "When others are asked to step back, we are asked to step up."

I want to say how proud I am of every one of our 10,000-plus employees and our nearly 3,000 health professions students. Many have put their own welfare on the line to care for our patients. Others have endured personal hardships as they confronted the economic and social impact of the virus while fulfilling our essential health care role. And our students have put their dreams on hold but never complained, rather looking at the pandemic as an opportunity to serve and to learn.

Largely due to our experience with Hurricane Katrina, in which our vulnerabilities were exposed, UMMC was ahead of the curve in terms of our institutional response. That response included standing up a command center in January, when many still regarded the virus as a minimal threat; retrofitting 127 patient rooms to negative air pressure recommended for highly infectious



patients; developing an in-house testing capability in just two weeks, normally at least a four-month process; partnering with the state Department of Health to open a major testing site at the State Fairgrounds and at more than 200 "pop-up" locations across Mississippi; participating in 15 clinical trials of novel therapies that enrolled more than 300 patients; and providing care to more than 1,400 patients (at this writing) confirmed to have COVID-19.

Through a spring lockdown and then a resurgence of the virus over the summer, UMMC took a leadership role to promote mask-wearing, social distancing and letting science guide the public response to the pandemic.

As you'll read in the following pages, while private support for UMMC continued for initiatives such as our Children's of Mississippi expansion, the community response in support of our front-line health care heroes has been truly overwhelming. Words alone cannot express my gratitude for all that you have done to rally our spirits in this fight against the pandemic. Your generosity inspires and sustains us. Thank you.

LouAnn Woodward, M.D. Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs Dean, School of Medicine

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STATE APPROPRIATION **172** (10% OF TOTAL BUDGET)

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### 22,369 TOTAL JOBS GENERATED

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### NEW EXPANSION OF Children's of Mississippi

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## Stands Tall ()

Meeting new challenges with leadership, outpouring of community support in pandemic

t the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC), like so many other places, it was a tale of two years. And the last half of 2019 and the first half of 2020 could not have been more different.

Last year, UMMC development was going gangbusters, headed toward a strong financial year and excelling in each of its three mission areas – education, research and patient care. The Medical Center entered the home stretch on construction of a new hospital/clinic tower for Children's of Mississippi and the \$100 million capital campaign that will underwrite more than half of the \$180 million cost.

Then the bottom fell out, courtesy of something truly unheard of – a virus that, despite being underestimated and even dismissed by many, ravaged the world and particularly the United States. Humans like to look for silver linings, and there is one to be found here. Despite all the dashed expectations, the disastrous financial impact, the uncertainties posed to new graduates and the disability and death caused by COVID-19, UMMC rose to the occasion and became a leader in the state's response to the pandemic.

Whether it was erecting high-throughput testing sites or developing an in-house COVID laboratory test in record time or even

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inventing a makeshift ventilator for use in dire emergencies, UMMC stood tall and delivered calm, confident leadership amid the crisis.

From a philanthropic standpoint, the Children's Hospital expansion project again dominated the focus for the first half of the year.

The seven-story hospital/clinic expansion includes an outpatient specialty clinic, 32 large pediatric intensive care rooms, a dozen operating suites and an imaging center designed just for children. The neonatal intensive care unit will provide 88 private rooms – a far better environment for fragile newborns and their parents than the current open ward that is frequently packed beyond capacity.

By the end of the academic/fiscal year June 30, a total of \$80 million had been raised toward the \$100 million goal in the ongoing four-year campaign.

"These continuing gifts for our new Children's of Mississippi patient care tower are answering a huge unmet need for a modern facility that matches the quality of our pediatric teams," said Dr. LouAnn Woodward, vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the UM School of Medicine.

"Even though the building will be fully operational in November, we're still soliciting support to reach our fundraising goal. COVID-19 slowed us down, but we've come roaring back and want to finish strong," the leader said.

Among the more noteworthy donations toward the project:

A \$1 million gift from the Joseph C. Bancroft Charitable and Educational Fund will support a waiting area – a place where families can comfortably prepare to go home after a hospitalization. The area will be named for Bob Bird, who became chairman and president of the Bancroft Fund after the death of its namesake, and still serves as a director.

"Bob's service to Croft and the Charitable Fund spans 35 years and is ongoing," said Gerald M. Abdalla, director of the McComb-based nonprofit. "His name being given to an area where children will transition to home from a hospital stay is an honor that reflects his values."

Another continuing source of funds for the project derives from the Sanderson Farms Championship. Last year the golf tournament provided \$1.3 million, via Century Club Charities' donation to Friends



of Children's Hospital. In the six years since Sanderson Farms became the title sponsor, the tournament has donated \$7.6 million to Friends.

"Every child deserves a future, and that future can begin here with Children's of Mississippi," said Melanie Morgan, Friends board chair. "We want to see children back on the playground, back in their schools and communities and living lives of joy and happiness."

A longtime mainstay of the Friends of Children's Hospital, Sidney P. Allen, was remembered with a \$1 million commitment from the Friends organization and Allen's family. A former chair of Friends and prominent business executive, Allen passed away on Nov. 10, 2018.

The gift in his name will support the Child Life program at Children's of Mississippi, which helps patients and families cope with the stress of a hospitalization through play.

On January 27, 2020, UMMC activated its incident response plan to begin preparing for what, at that time, seemed like a very distant and remote threat. Soon, the normalcy of 2019 would seem very far away. And UMMC's fundraising priorities changed.

As physicians and administrators assessed the Medical Center's capacity to respond to a pandemic, obvious chinks in the armor against the virus were depleted stockpiles of personal protective equipment (PPE) and a disrupted international supply chain.

That's when the Medical Center issued a call for masks – manufactured and hand-sewn



- rubber gloves, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes and anything that would help protect caregivers and patients against the virus. The community answered in a big way.

Individuals and businesses around the state responded with donations of PPE and home-sewn masks.

"I always knew that UMMC relied heavily on its community for support, and that support has never been more important," said Jennifer Hospodor, director of community partnerships at UMMC. "They have stepped up in every way. It's been really amazing to witness."

Every cause has a champion. Dr. Laura Vick, associate professor of general surgery at UMMC and a longtime seamstress, became Mississippi's biggest promoter of masks and another example of how to meet new challenges.

One night in March after work, Vick sat down in her dining-room-turned-sewing-room, which is packed with fabrics and several sewing machines. She started sewing different styles of masks, and the next morning brought three prototypes of surgical masks for Dr. Matthew Kutcher, UMMC assistant professor of surgery, to try.

She and Kutcher selected the most universal and useful design. She then returned home and made a video demonstrating how to make the masks, which are cotton on the front and flannel on the back.

Her goal was to produce additional masks and other equipment for use by health care professionals in low-risk settings to free up precious PPE for employees taking care of high-risk patients with suspected and confirmed COVID-19.

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"What we're trying to do is prepare, not panic," Vick said in the video, which went viral on Facebook and was viewed over 100,000 times.

Vick and others' efforts resulted in more than 3,000 hand-sewn masks and thousands of items of PPE being donated by community members over the next month. As a result, the Medical Center never faced the shortage feared most.

"We are so grateful to our community for stepping up and supporting us during this time," said Woodward. "What we are doing in response to this outbreak in Mississippi would not be possible without the help of the people of this state." Businesses around the state also started to pitch in to support the health care workers at UMMC. Shuttered medical and dental offices, hardware stores and corporations delivered badly needed PPE.

Regions Bank offered up to \$50,000 to match cash donations designated for the COVID-19 response, and by early May, donations had exceeded that amount, at more than \$150,000. This dollar-for-dollar match inspired giving and enabled the Medical Center to meet immediate and unexpected needs.

Cathead Distillery provided the Medical

Center with thousands of bottles of hand sanitizer at a time when traditional sources for the product had dried up.

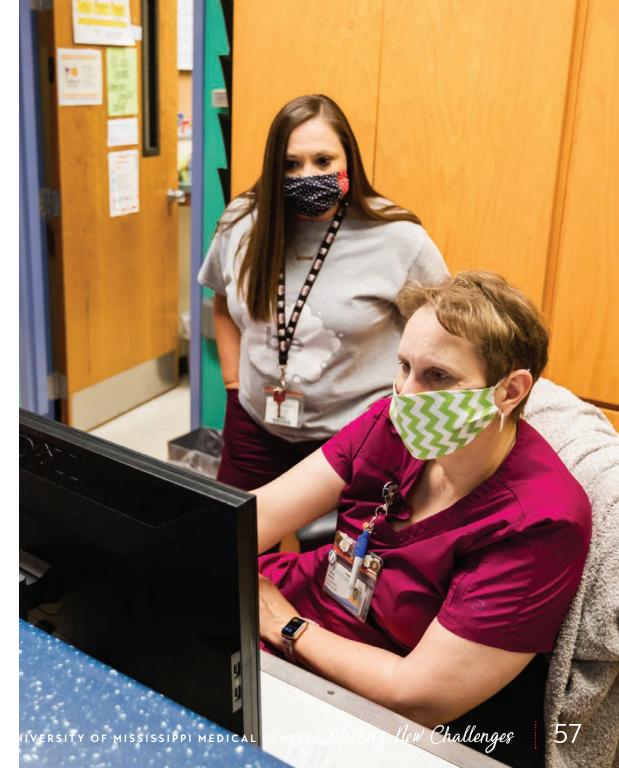
Local businesses and individuals stepped up by offering food and meals from metro area restaurants to UMMC employees. Capital City Beverage donated more than \$6,000 worth of gift cards redeemable at local restaurants – a win-win for Medical Center employees and local businesses impacted by the virus – and the Fondren Renaissance Foundation (FRF) delivered meals three days a week to the adult emergency department for over a month. In all, FRF supporters donated more than \$20,000 to underwrite meals made at local restaurants impacted by the shelter-in-place order and shared with frontline health care workers at UMMC and other hospitals.

In the Children's Hospital, BankPlus, Trustmark, Friends of Children's Hospital and many others provided hundreds of meals and snacks to those employees. Dunkin' Donuts continued to deliver donut decorating kits each Friday morning for UMMC's youngest patients.

"The frontline staff who are working in the COVID units really can't leave their unit," said Hillary Basden, a manager in UMMC's Office of Patient Experience. "We can't account for how much it means to the staff to not have to worry about food and having something to eat and drink while they're working 12- or 13-hour shifts."

Perhaps this outpouring of community support shouldn't have been a surprise. Annual events like Rebelthon, a dance marathon organized by UM students, and Radiothon, a three-day on-air fundraiser, are reminders that the people of Mississippi put their money where their hearts are when it comes to the heroes caring for patients at UMMC and Children's of Mississippi.

The first half of 2020 was different, but the response from donors, alumni and friends reflected long-standing values. The determination to meet these new challenges created by a pandemic and the compassion to serve others shined stronger than ever. Thank you.



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"That's the reason you work hard – so you have the ability to give back to help young people have better opportunities to attend college and be proud of what the university has to offer. I want to see young people have the opportunity to better themselves."

Chip Crunk

ON THE GIFT HE AND HIS WIFE, GINA, MADE TO OLE MISS ATHLETICS

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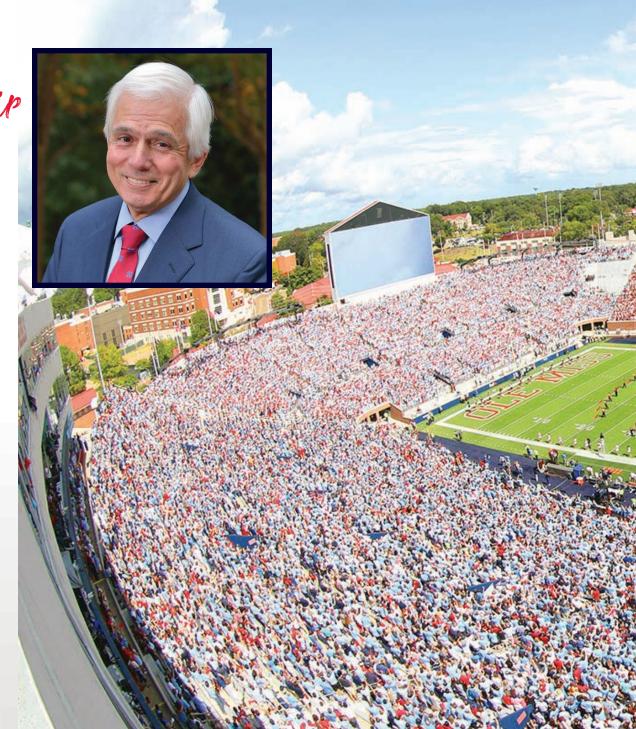
#### LETTER FROM THE OLE MISS ATHLETICS Foundation Chaip

Breathtaking triumphs and stunning losses are expected in sports. But Ole Miss student-athletes, ever-prepared for tough competitors, had to face the challenging season-ending opponent known as COVID-19. The disappointment and disbelief among players, coaches and fans was palpable. Thank you for rallying with us as we confronted the disconcerting news of seasons disrupted and the harsh reality of lost revenues.

Prior to mid-March, Ole Miss Baseball was poised for championship greatness. When our players took the field, their confidence and talent built a 16-1 record. Unable to experience the strong finish for which they were destined, our athletes and fans remained positive. Head Coach Mike Bianco became the first Rebel baseball coach to be named National Coach of the Year – and for that we are very proud.

Women's Golf Coach Kory Henkes was selected as the SEC Coach of the Year. Our student-athletes recorded the highest Academic Progress Rate, with a multi-year APR of 991, higher than the national 983. These and the many other team accomplishments listed in this report could not have been possible without your support.

The year's highlights included welcoming



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Vice Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics Keith Carter, Head Football Coach Lane Kiffin and Head Softball Coach Jamie Trachsel. These leaders and other coaches channeled their energies to a worthy goal: successfully lobbying the Mississippi Legislature to change the state flag. Their influence helped move the state to seek a flag symbolizing a more inclusive and welcoming environment. In addition, Ole Miss coaches and student-athletes organized a Unity Walk and a peaceful protest to advocate for social justice.

And then coaches, staff and players rose up with a tremendous level of determination and commitment to develop and follow an extensive protocol designed to move everyone safely through COVID-19. Your gifts helped fuel our ability to meet new challenges, and we continue to map out strategies to strengthen our programs and keep everyone as safe as possible.

You and other dynamic Ole Miss fans faithfully supported us through COVID-19 challenges and consistently made generous investments in our student-athletes and programs. Thank you for ensuring we can embrace a new year, allowing our studentathletes to do what they do best – compete, grow and win.

Hotty Toddy! Don L. Fruge', Chair Board of Governors The Ole Miss Athletics Foundation

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MULTI-YEAR ACADEMIC PROGRESS RATE (APR)

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POINTS ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE OF 983



Coach OF Year



MIKE BIANCO NATIONAL BASEBALL COACH OF THE YEAR

**KORY HENKES** SEC WOMEN'S GOLF COACH OF THE YEAR

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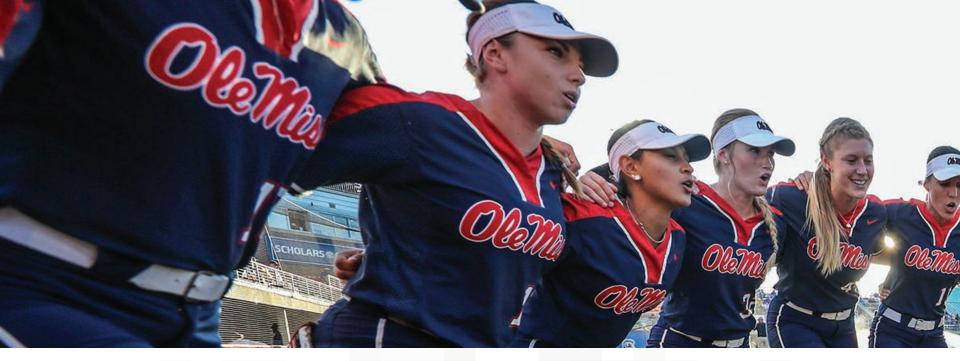
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### Embrace the Future

Excitement for 2020-21 Seasons, Donors Continue Loyal Support

he COVID-19 pandemic brought an early end to a promising 2019-20 academic year for Ole Miss Athletics, but despite the premature conclusion, there was still plenty of on-field success had by the Rebels – and even more excitement going into 2020-21.

In the fall, the men's cross country team defended its Southeastern Conference title, giving Ole Miss Athletics five SEC championships in the last four years. On the gridiron, the Rebels entered a new era, hiring Lane Kiffin as the leader of the program. With Kiffin at the helm, the young Ole Miss squad returns three Freshman All-Americans and enters the 2020 campaign as one of college football's most talked-about teams.

In the spring, numerous teams were off to an outstanding start before the global pandemic disrupted everything. Ole Miss baseball closed with the nation's best record at



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> Women's golf was ranked just outside of the Top 10 nationally, thanks to a program record four tournament wins. Kory Henkes earned SEC Coach of the Year honors, though her squad didn't have the opportunity to defend its SEC title.



Men's and women's tennis were both ranked nationally as well with 10-4 and 9-4 records, respectively. Men's and women's track and field combined for eight All-Americans during the indoor season and were poised for outdoor success as well before spring athletic competitions came to an early end.

With their teams sidelined due to the pandemic, the Rebel leadership has continued to impact the community. Vice Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics Keith Carter, as well as head coaches Kiffin, Bianco, Kermit Davis, Yolette McPhee-McCuin and Connie Price-Smith, successfully lobbied the Mississippi Legislature to change the state flag in June. Earlier that month, Ole Miss student-athletes, led by members of the football program, organized a Unity Walk on campus to advocate for social justice.

Ole Miss Athletics continued to succeed in the classroom as well, breaking the department record for highest Academic Progress Rate score yet again with a multi-year average of 911. Ole Miss recorded a single-year APR score of 986 in this latest report from the 2018-19 school year, and its new multi-year score of 991 sits eight points above the national average of 983.

Within the 16 sports at Ole Miss, the Rebels hold a cumulative average of plus-8.4 points ahead of the national average score, including a sizable plus-14.6 points ahead in men's sports. The football program ranked No. 3 nationally with a 997 APR, while nine other programs posted a perfect 1000 APR. Ole Miss led or tied for the SEC APR lead in six sports.

Under new leadership with Fowler Staines promoted to CEO and chief financial officer, the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation received \$27 million in gifts for the fiscal year 2020, with much appreciation to the continuously generous supporters of Ole Miss Athletics. The gifts were largely designated toward Annual Giving and the Vaught Society.

"The university has a rich history of exciting and successful athletic programs," said Guy Moore of Pascagoula, Mississippi, who with his wife, Lucy, supports the Vaught Society. "We believe that athletics programs are an integral part of the experience of students, alumni and friends, and are important in binding us together in our connection with Ole Miss." BUTT TO DON'T GET SPLIT RA PASS QUICK TO RED SPI S MO CORNER 3'S DENY 1ST 30 BALLS 1ST ON FLOOR

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Athletic programs often do play a significant role in the university's overall student recruitment. Scott Ririe of St. Louis, Missouri, was introduced to Ole Miss in 2005 when he visited campus with his son, Mike – then a junior in high school. The two enjoyed a campus tour, a Rebel football game and festivities in the university's historic Grove.

"We never visited another school after that day," said Ririe, who with his wife, Shelley, made a major gift to the *Forward Together* campaign after Mike and a second son, James, graduated. "You have to have first-rate equipment and facilities to attract high-level talent in a very competitive Division 1 atmosphere."

Shelley Ririe said, "Our family has become attached to Ole Miss through our boys and their love and loyalty to the university."

As the Forward Together campaign nears its completion, the athletics department has continued its widespread facility upgrades, including the ribbon-cutting ceremony for one of college golf's premier practice courses, the Tosh Family Short Course.

All of the progress is happening under the watch of Carter, who was promoted from the interim athletics director position in November. At the announcement, Chancellor Glenn F. Boyce said the former Ole Miss student-athlete had an exceptional background in fundraising and athletics administration.

"This search was committed to finding the right leader who possesses the integrity and character needed to lead Ole Miss Athletics,



a strong and proven record of success and excellent management and interpersonal skills," said Boyce.

"We were looking for someone who wants to be at Ole Miss, and who believes all of our programs can compete and win at every level. Keith Carter is absolutely the best person to lead Ole Miss Athletics to a new era of success." Carter quickly tapped Kiffin to lead the Ole Miss football program into a new era, as well as two other new Rebel coaches who will look to do the same. Kayla Banwarth will bring U.S. National Team experience to the volleyball program. Meanwhile, Jamie Trachsel takes the reins of the softball program after leading Minnesota to the Women's College World Series in 2019.

Whether programs are starting anew under fresh leadership or simply looking to finish what they started in 2020, excitement and energy abound for each Rebel athletic program.

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Talented student-athletes represent Ole Miss well in competitions, academics



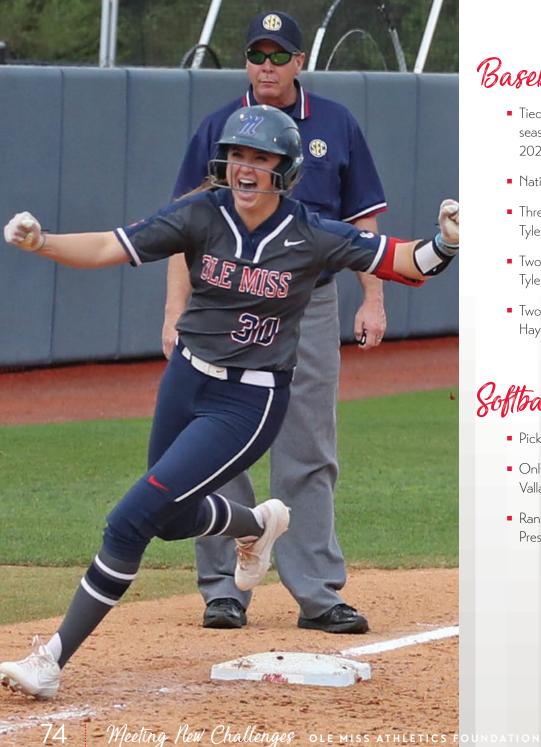
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our generosity ensures that Ole Miss student-athletes perform well on playing fields, courts, courses and tracks this year as well as in academic pursuits and career preparation. Even when the global pandemic shortened the seasons of several spring sports, alumni and friends continued to show remarkable support for the welfare of student-athletes and helped ensure that they have stellar educational opportunities and some of the finest facilities in the nation.

The successes achieved this year in each sport by exceptional student-athletes are outlined here in the following pages:

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## Baseball

- Tied for the nation's best record (16-1) at season's end; concluded season on a 16-game winning streak, the longest in the country in 2020 and the second-longest in program history
- National Coach of the Year by Collegiate Baseball: Mike Bianco
- Three All-Americans: Tyler Keenan, Anthony Servideo and Doug Nikhazy
- Two Major League Baseball Draft Picks: Tyler Keenan and Anthony Servideo
- Two Freshman All-Americans: Hayden Dunhurst and Peyton Chatagnier



- Picked up a win over No. 14 Oklahoma State at Blazer Classic
- Only team to defeat the Mexican National Team at the Puerto Vallarta College Challenge
- Ranked No. 21 in National Fastpitch Coaches Association Preseason Poll



## Men's Basketball

- First Team All-Southeastern Conference (SEC) for second straight year; finished his career ranked sixth in school history with 1,797 points: Breein Tyree
- Kermit Davis earned his 500th career win as a head coach.
- The Rebels were ranked 15th nationally in 3-point field goal percentage defense.
- Ole Miss defeated MSU at home 83-58; the 25-point win was the Rebels' fifth-largest margin of victory in the rivalry's 262-game history.
- Second Rebel player in history to tally at least 54 steals in two different seasons: Devontae Shuler
- As an undrafted rookie, Terence Davis helped the Toronto Raptors finish second in the Eastern Conference.

## Women's Basketball

- Signed SEC's top-ranked recruiting class, which was ranked No. 13 nationally
- Signed ESPN's No. 1-rated transfer: Shakira Austin from Maryland
- Program-record 3.54 GPA in spring 2020
- 15 student-athletes on the Honor Roll, the most in program history

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## Men's Cross Country

- Repeated as SEC Champions, notching a 55-point team win, the largest margin of victory in the SEC since 2015
- Won the fourth NCAA South Region title since 2014, punching the team's sixth consecutive ticket to the NCAA Championships after having never gone prior to 2014; finished 22nd at national meet
- First repeat All-American in program history: Waleed Suliman
- U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association South Region Men's Coach of the Year and SEC Men's Coach of the Year: Ryan Vanhoy
- Five NCAA All-South Region runners and five All-SEC runners
- SEC Men's Freshman of the Year: Cole Bullock

# Women's Cross Country

- Recorded highest national finish in program history, ranked 21st at the NCAA Championships
- Qualified for the national meet after a runner-up finish at the NCAA South Regional, the fourth consecutive season the Rebel women have qualified
- Finished second at the SEC Championships behind No. 1 Arkansas, tied for the highest conference finish in program history
- Four NCAA All-South Region runners
- All-SEC runner: Victoria Simmons
- SEC Women's Freshman of the Year: Skylar Boogerd

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### Football

- No. 3 in the nation in multiyear Academic Progress Rate (APR) at 997 behind only Columbia (999) and Washington (999)
- Beat national APR average by 33, topped SEC average by 17
- Three Freshman All-Americans: John Rhys Plumlee, Jerrion Ealy and Nick Broeker
- Lane Kiffin became the Ole Miss head football coach of the Rebels and prepared for his first season.
- Patrick Willis (2003-06) is inducted into College Football Hall of Fame.

Soccer

- Garnered his 100th win at Ole Miss: Coach Matt Mott
- First Team All-SEC and Second Team All-Region: Channing Foster
- SEC All-Freshman: Mo O'Connor
- First SEC Tournament win since 2013
- Retained Magnolia Cup for record sixth straight season





# Men's Golf

- For the first time in a single-season in program history, three Rebels were named All-America Scholars: Jack Gnam, Charlie Miller and Jackson Suber.
- PING All-Region: Jackson Suber
- Two runner-up finishes as a team during a shortened season

# Women's Golf

- Secured best final rankings in school history in all major polls: No. 11 Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA), No. 12 Golfstat and No. 13 Golfweek
- SEC Coach of the Year: Kory Henkes
- Second-team All-American by WGCA and third-team by Golfweek: Julia Johnson.
- WGCA All-America Scholars: Pi-Lillebi Hermansson, Ellen Hutchinson-Kay, Andrea Lignell, Kennedy Swann and Chiara Tamburlini
- One of only two teams nationally to have four or more wins on the year, setting a program season record
- Five players were ranked in the Top 10 in the SEC in scoring average.



## Rifle

- Finished the season with 10 of the Top 15 aggregate totals in program history
- Reached the highest ranking in program history in the College Rifle Coaches Association poll at No. 5, where the team was recognized for four weeks total
- Remained in the Top 10 of rankings for the entire regular season, a program first
- Set a new air rifle mark by seven points with a 2372, besting West Virginia
- Nine of 10 team members were recognized as College Rifle Coaches Association Scholastic All-Americans.

# Volleyball

- Two American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-Region: Emily Stroup finished the season as the program's all-time kills leader, and Nayo Warnell achieved a ranking in the Top 3 in seven categories, including every blocking category and hitting percentage.
- Tied a program record with 14 consecutive wins during the season
- Led the SEC in both total digs and digs per set: senior libero Nicole Purcell
- The Rebels earned six Player of the Week awards during the season, setting a program record. Freshman Anna Bair became the first Rebel in history to earn back-to-back awards.
- Earned votes in the AVCA Top 25 poll for the first time since 2007

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## Men's Tennis

- Upset No. 12 Illinois to advance to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Kickoff Finals; first ranked win of the season and highest ranked win since 2018
- Won the Blue Gray National Collegiate Tennis Classic after three victories, including ranked wins over Alabama and Princeton; first Blue Gray tournament title since 1997
- Blue Gray MVP and ITA Southern Region Rookie of the Year: Nikola Slavid
- Two All-Americans (doubles): Finn Reynolds and Tim Sandkaulen
- SEC Co-Scholar Athlete of the Year: Simon Junk
- Finished season 10-4, ranked as high as No. 11 the team's best Top 25 ranking since 2015

## Women's Tennis

- Upset No. 14 University of Central Florida (UCF), thanks to a thrilling clinch from senior Terka Janatova for the team's first Top 15 road win since January 2018; snapped a five-match SEC win streak for UCF
- The UCF win catapulted the Rebs to a No. 24 ITA Ranking, the team's highest of the season.
- ITA Southern Region Arthur Ashe Award: Alexa Bortles
- The duo of Alexa Bortles and junior Sabina Machalova were the Rebs' highest-ranked players, coming in at No. 17 in doubles.

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Men's Track and Field

- Three All-Americans: Allen Gordon, long jump; John Rivera Jr., 800-meter; and Waleed Suliman, mile
- Won SEC title in the distance medley relay for the sixth time in the last seven years
- First-Team All-SEC honorees from the distance medley relay: James Burnett, Baylor Franklin, Nick Moulai and Waleed Suliman
- SEC All-Freshman honors in the shot put: Daniel Viveros
- Third Rebel to run multiple sub 4-minute miles: Waleed Suliman

Women's Track and Field

- All-Americans: Deborah Bulai, weight throw; Jayda Eckford, 200-meter dash; Jasmine Mitchell, weight throw; Brandee Presley, 60-meter dash; and Shey Taiwo, weight throw
- First weight throw trio in NCAA history to have all thrown beyond the 22-meter mark in the same season: Shey Taiwo, Jasmine Mitchell and Deborah Bulai
- SEC title in the weight throw and earned First-Team All-SEC honors in the process: Shey Taiwo
- SEC All-Freshman honors: Jalani Davis, shot put; Jasmine Mitchell, weight throw; and Cate Tracht, 3K
- Ranked in the Top 25 all-indoor season, rising as high as No. 14 in Week 4

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"It's important for our teams to be competitive and to do so, especially in the SEC, requires commitment, including financial support, to provide the necessary infrastructure and facilities to go along with the dedication and talent of the student-athletes, coaches and staff."

Guy Moore

SAID OF THE SUPPORT HE AND HIS WIFE, LUCY, DIRECTED TO THE VAUGHT SOCIETY

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"I believe that man will not merely endure: he will prevail. He is immortal, not because he alone among creatures has an inexhaustible voice, but because he has a soul, a spirit capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance."

William Faulkner

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