

# FOUNDATION *News*

Produced by THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI FOUNDATION FALL 2015

## PRIVATE GIVING SPURS Monumental Gains



Academic  
Support Swells



Health Care  
Tones Up



Rebels Ready  
for New Pad

### INSIDE

Ford Foundation Supports Science p.5 ■ Largest Single Gift for UMMC p.11 ■ Mullins Legacy Still Inspires p. 19



## The University of Mississippi Foundation

is a nonprofit corporation chartered in 1973 by the State of Mississippi to operate primarily for the benefit of the University of Mississippi. The Foundation is responsible for receiving, receipting, investing and distributing all gifts for the benefit of the University of Mississippi. It pursues this mission in an environment of productive teamwork, effective communication and relentless service to our donors, University administrators, faculty, staff and students. Communication of University needs and priorities along with encouraging investment in the future of Ole Miss are integral to our success. Integrity, honor, civility, service and respect for our donors and their wishes serve as the Foundation's guiding principles.

**The University of Mississippi Foundation**  
406 University Avenue, Oxford, MS 38655

www.umfoundation.com

email: umf@olemiss.edu

Telephone: (800) 340-9542

Facsimile: (662) 915-7880

The University complies with all applicable laws regarding affirmative action and equal opportunity in all its activities and programs and does not discriminate against anyone protected by law because of age, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, sex, or status as a veteran or disabled veteran.

## Editor

Katie Morrison

## Contributing Editors

Sandra Guest, Tina Hahn, and Donna Patton

## Contributing Writers

Andrew Abernathy, Bruce Coleman, J.G. Crowe,  
Ruth Cummins, Bill Dabney, Mitchell Diggs,  
Erin Parsons Garrett, Gabrielle Gero, Tina Hahn,  
Jennifer Hospodor, Adam Kauffner, Clay McFerrin,  
Austin Miller, Katie Morrison, Kelley Norris,  
Edwin Smith, Gary Pettus, Matthew Porchivina,  
Jim Urbanek, Augusta Williams

## Graphic Design

Alan Burnitt

## Contributing Photographers

Kevin Bain, Jay Ferchaud, Robert Jordan,  
Nathan Latil, Jack Mazurak,  
Josh McCoy, UM Donors



Using your smart phone, scan the QR code above to visit the Foundation's website.

# IN THIS ISSUE

Message from the Chancellor	1
Message from the Foundation Board Chair	1
UM Foundation Thanks Donors	1
<b>ACADEMICS</b>	
Tim Ford Scholarship Encourages Students to Carry on Torch	2
Pittman Hall Name Honors Generous Donors	2
Hastings Family Supports Summer Geology Camps	2
Leadership of Outgoing Chancellor Jones Inspires Scholarship, Faculty Support	3
Anonymous Gift Strengthens Law Clinics	3
Friends of the Library Celebrate 75 Years of Building Resources	4
Climbing Mountains in the Sky	4
Friends of the Course Tee Up for Ole Miss	4
Fant Provides Arts Residency in Barksdale Honors College	5
Gertrude C. Ford Foundation Commits Major Gift for Science Facility	5
White Promotes Civic Engagement, Strengthens Library	6
Scholarship Honors Teaching of Physicist Bolen	6
An Academic Win Comes from Peach Bowl	6
MIPA Boosts Faser Hall Project with Resources for Pharmacy School	6
Puckett Leaves Major Support for Law Faculty	7
Pre-Med Honors Freshman Earns Embry Scholarship	7
Bateman Recognized as Mentor	7
UM History Dept. Now Bears Name of Arch Dalrymple III	8
Scholarship Honors Contributions of Retired Alumni Director Walsh	8
The Gift that Keeps on Giving: Newcombs, Trotts Celebrate a Legacy	9
Barksdale Award Winners Experience Life in 'the Margins'	9
Croft Institute Announces 2014-15 Scholars	9
Hubberts Make Lead Gift in Band Scholarship Initiative	10
Cherished Friendship Leads to Smith Pharmacy Scholarship	10
UM Admits 17 to Prestigious Teaching Program	10
<b>UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER</b>	
John and Sandy Black Make Extraordinary Gift to Public Health	11
New Named Chair of Pediatrics Celebrates Keeton's Contributions	11
Nursing Alum McCormac Seals Legacy	12
MIND Center Surpasses \$10M Fundraising Goal	12
Bravehearts for Batson	12
Thompson Legacy 'in the Books'	13
BankPlus Check Card Pays Off for Batson	13
Sanderson Farms Championship Hits a Hole in \$1M for Mississippi's Children	13
UMMC Invites Medical Alums to Build a Legacy	14
Woodward Heads UMMC as Vice Chancellor	14
Mannings Forge a Healthier Future	14
<b>THE 1848 SOCIETY</b>	
Glass Tips Hat to 'Pop' with Planned Gift for Journalism Faculty Support	15
Readett's Future Gift Honors the Past	15
<b>ANNUAL GIVING ~ THE OLE MISS FUND</b>	
Ignite Ole Miss: Cultivating a New Generation of Donors	16
<b>OLE MISS ATHLETICS</b>	
Ole Miss Athletics Foundation Announces Another Record-Breaking Year	18
Chucky Mullins Remembered: Scholarship Fund Receives Major Boost	19
Gresham Brothers Continue Family Tradition of Rebel Support	19
A Record Year: 2014-15 at a Glance	19
Boatwright Keeps Close Ties to Ole Miss Through Athletics	20
'Instant Fan' Rives Embraces Ole Miss	20
Regions Promotes Financial Education for Student-Athletes	21
Like Father, Like Son: Johnsons support Athletics	21
Rebels Win Array of Academic Honors	22
<b>ACADEMICS</b>	
Catching Lightning in a Bottle: Scholarship Memorializes Kentucky Student	23
Mossing Leaves Lasting Mark at UM	23
Museum Friends Help Support Installation	23
Ed Krei Elevates Accountancy Position to Chair at Couple's Alma Mater	24
UM School of Law is Third U.S. Site Chosen for Justice Center	24
Stamps Scholars' Day of Service	24
Software Gift Becomes 'Game Changer' for Geological Engineering	25
Quinn, McCarthy Support Reconciliation Efforts at UM	25
Cossar Ole Miss First Scholarship Benefits Tallahatchie County Students	25
Burl Hunt Remembered for Dedication to Teachers	26
Bryants' Generosity Provides Ethical Proposition in Liberal Arts	26
Texas Parents Support Nutrition and Hospitality Management Program	26
Khayat Chosen as 2016 OMWC Legacy Honoree	27
Ole Miss Women's Council Celebrates 15 Years	27
Ole Miss Women's Council Honors Overby with Legacy Award	27
Jim 'N Nick's Owner Assists SFA in Documenting Southern Culinary Wealth	28
Chisholm Foundation Undergirds New Program of Study	28
Smith Fellows Experience SFA	28
New Facilities Advance UM's Research Capabilities	29
McRight Advocates for Veterans at UM	29

To read the full, extended versions of each of these stories,  
please visit: [www.umfoundation.com](http://www.umfoundation.com).

# Message from the Chancellor



Acting UM Chancellor  
Morris H. Stocks

It has indeed been a monumental and inspiring year. Our university has earned record growth as more students seek our degree programs and research institutes, securing lifelong members to the Ole Miss family. We've celebrated academic victories fueled by your private gifts: faculty and students earning national regard for dissertations, films, service and research. We've cheered as our Ole Miss men's and women's teams have earned hard-fought wins, supporting them with record-breaking attendance and our 12,000th member to the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation. Our medical center has made huge strides in servicing the growing health needs of Mississippi, bolstered by private giving to its research centers, hospitals and schools.

This year has not been without challenges; we have drawn inspiration from our university community pulling together during adversity, supporting one another and our institution. We were moved when Chancellor Dan Jones asked us to follow our creed and to always encourage civility and respect, urging all to remain steadfast and engaged in this time of transition.

The remaining challenge is to hold strong to that commitment – to the expectation of transformative leadership; to service above self; to standards of excellence in all we do and to always pledge our loyalty and support. As you can see in this issue, we can achieve remarkable things together. For your part in all the ways we are able to serve, we thank you.

# Message from the Foundation Board Chair



Foundation Board Chair  
Rose Flenorl

One of my favorite aspects of serving on behalf of the University of Mississippi is helping bring people together for a common cause. My first term as chair has offered numerous opportunities to do just that as we have grappled with changes in leadership.

A writer once said, "If you are faced with a mountain, you have several options. You can climb it and cross to the other side. You can go around it. You can ignore it and pretend it's not there. You can turn around and go back the way you came. Or you can stay on the mountain and make it your home." I thank you for having the vision to stay on this mountain.

Each time I talk with our students and learn of their goals to improve our communities, nation and world, I am grateful for your generosity. Upon each call to support Ole Miss, you have responded without hesitation. When others might lessen their engagement or take a "wait and see"

approach, you are standing proudly, sustaining our flagship university now more than ever.

My message is an expression of thanks. Ole Miss needs alumni and friends to be a great public university. We need to continue to pool our collective resources to make increased faculty endowments, research dollars, student scholarships, and first-class medical and athletic facilities a reality for all at UM.

It makes me proud to see our Ole Miss Rebels pulling together, preparing for what will assuredly be a bright future. When we believe in greatness, there is no end to what we can achieve.



THE UNIVERSITY of  
**MISSISSIPPI**  
FOUNDATION

IT'S BEEN AN

*Inspiring  
Year*

The 2014-15 academic year was one of major announcements: our first female vice chancellor for health affairs at the UM Medical Center; a transformative gift from the Gertrude C. Ford Foundation to expand science education and research; athletic victories sparking staggering national attention, making Rebel Nation swell with pride; the university's first named academic unit in the Arch Dalrymple III Department of History; and many, many more.

Not without setbacks, we closed the year with record private giving. Throughout highs and lows, our deeply committed donors kept our mission in mind and continued to reach for the sky.

The University of Mississippi has long been a resilient institution thanks to visionary leaders, committed educators and steadfast supporters working together to provide increased access and excellence in public higher education for future generations. Thank you for helping us continue the climb, assisting our students to ascend to greatness.

Silver Pond, named for the late James W. Silver, reflects UM's Luckyday Residential College and Residential College South



## Tim Ford Scholarship Encourages Students to Carry on Torch



Tim Ford

The University of Mississippi mourns the loss of dedicated alumnus Tim Ford, longtime speaker of the Mississippi House of Representatives, successful attorney and strong proponent of education.

The Tim Ford Public Service Scholarship Endowment, created in 2011 in tribute to Ford's legacy of service, continues to grow and will award scholarships for the 2015-16 academic year. Ford, who earned B.A. and J.D. degrees from UM, passed away Feb. 27, 2014.

The scholarship will offset some expenses of a semester internship in Jackson for students interested in working in state government.

"Tim was greatly respected on both sides of the aisle – Republican and Democrat," said Richard Forgette, senior associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and professor of political science. "His public service made a great difference, not only in terms of his community but also to the state of Mississippi and the University of Mississippi."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Denson Hollis, (662) 915-5092 or [dhollis@olemiss.edu](mailto:dhollis@olemiss.edu)

## Pittman Hall Name Honors Generous Donors

A new residence hall was named for Scarlotte and Crymes G. Pittman of Jackson, Miss., to honor their longtime generosity and service. A public dedication celebrated the couple's recent \$1 million gift, bringing their lifetime giving to more than \$6.6 million.

Their recent gift directed \$500,000 to faculty support in the College of Liberal Arts and \$500,000 to the Forward Together athletics campaign.



Crymes G. and Scarlotte Pittman surrounded by family

Outgoing UM Chancellor Dan Jones expressed gratitude for their contributions.

"Scarlotte and Crymes Pittman are outstanding alumni," he said. "We are extremely grateful and proud of their many investments in the University of Mississippi for both academics and athletics. The Pittmans are thoughtful and visionary in their support. They always have the best interests of our students and the future of this university uppermost in their hearts and minds."

The Pittmans have also provided more than \$1 million and a planned gift for the Pittman Fund, which founded and supports the Freshman Seminar at Ole Miss. This program stimulates students' interest in active learning, orienting them with critical participation techniques necessary for seminar classes, while also teaching writing, oral communication and critical thinking skills.

"I have always considered education to be one of the most important things I could provide my children and grandchildren," Pittman said. "I support the University of Mississippi and its School of Law because I identify closely with them. The primary focus of my philanthropic efforts is directed to the university and education."

A distinguished leader in the legal community, Pittman is a partner in Pittman, Germany, Roberts & Welsh of Jackson. Inducted into the School of Law Hall of Fame in 2011 and named Law Alumnus of the Year in 1999, he co-created a scholarship endowment in the firm's name at the UM School of Law to assist law students.

Scarlotte Pittman graduated from UM's School of Business Administration, and Crymes Pittman earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, followed by a Juris Doctorate. They have two grown children, Lucy Pittman Culver and Crymes M. Pittman, and four grandchildren. Their daughter, son and daughter-in-law all earned degrees at UM.

**MAKE A GIFT:** Debbie Vaughn, (662) 915-3937 or [dvaughn@olemiss.edu](mailto:dvaughn@olemiss.edu)

## Hastings Family Supports Summer Geology Camps

The John Hastings family of Houston, Texas, made an unrestricted gift to the Department of Geology and Geological Engineering.

The gift created the Department of Geology Faculty Support Fund to address teaching



John, Harrison, Sarah and Andrew Hastings

needs and student opportunities. Previously, the department relied on other universities to conduct field camps for their students. Now, thanks to the Hastings, the department is hosting its own.

"We wanted to help support Ole Miss and specifically the geology and geological engineering department," John Hastings said. "We are pleased to be able to help their efforts to produce engineers who will go out into the world and make positive impacts through their professional passion and excellence."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Kevin Gardner, (662) 915-7601 or [kevin@olemiss.edu](mailto:kevin@olemiss.edu)

## Leadership of Outgoing Chancellor Jones Inspires Scholarship, Faculty Support



Chancellor Daniel W. Jones

Donations continue to increase in a \$1.5 million fundraising campaign to recognize Chancellor Dan Jones for his commitment to UM through faculty support and a culture of academic integrity.

To date, the Chancellor Daniel W. Jones, M.D. Faculty Chair has received \$1.4 million from over 400 alumni, faculty, staff members and friends.

Rose Flenorl, chair of the UM Foundation board, thanked everyone who has embraced the effort.

"Dr. Jones has had a deeply meaningful impact during his administration," Flenorl said. "The Ole Miss family feels a very personal connection to him. We are happy to have this chance to thank him for his service and give back to UM in a way that illustrates his example."

At his 2010 inauguration, Jones highlighted attracting faculty support as a priority. Since, the university has assembled almost \$40 million in endowed funds to continually strengthen teaching and research on the part of UM faculty. It is estimated that UM must recruit



Chancellor Jones and student Jiwon Lee

200 new faculty members in coming years to stay on par with enrollment growth.

Jones' leadership tenure at UM helped assemble a six-year total of approximately \$575 million in private support. Each of the last four years of private fundraising for the university has exceeded \$100 million.

"Without question, the trust that Dan Jones engendered from supporters of the University of Mississippi helped achieved new possibilities for scholarships, research and faculty support and increased our ability to plan future development and growth," said Wendell Weakley, president and CEO of the UM Foundation. "His leadership has been an embodiment of his inaugural remarks regarding our duties to service and transforming lives through education."

Prior to commencement, leaders from the graduating Class of 2015 led an initiative to raise \$25,000 for the Chancellor Dan Jones Service Before Self Scholarship Endowment as its class gift to UM. More than successful, the campaign added an additional \$27,560 to the scholarship fund.

A true public servant for education in Mississippi, Jones' commitment to student well-being, academic integrity and heightened expectations of the flagship university garnered both confidence and admiration from donors, national and state leaders, faculty and staff members as well as students and parents.

"I love Ole Miss," Jones said. "I leave this position with great joy in my heart. The opportunity to be a part of this university for 30 of my 66 years is the greatest professional privilege of my life."

**MAKE A GIFT:** (662) 915-5944 or [www.umfoundation.com/makeagift](http://www.umfoundation.com/makeagift)



Lydia and Dan Jones with Rose Flenorl and Suzan Thames

## Anonymous Gift Strengthens Law Clinics

An anonymous \$100,000 gift to the UM School of Law will provide discretionary support for the school's clinical programs.

Clinical programs – including Child Advocacy, Criminal Appeals, Elder Law, Housing, the MacArthur Justice Clinic, a Mediation Practicum, the Mississippi Innocence Project, Street Law, Tax Practicum and Transactional Law – provide a capstone experience for second- and third-year law students, offering substantive real-world client experience.

"The clinics afford the opportunity to practice law under supervision," said Richard Gershon, former dean of the School of Law.



Marie Cope, director of the Transactional Clinic, accompanies law students in the Clinical Program in providing free legal and business consultations to farmers

"The ability to serve real clients is a great educational experience, which provides much-needed legal assistance to our community. We are truly proud of the work of our clinics."

The programs also provide students an understanding of ethical obligations and a commitment to broadening access to the legal system.

This generous gift exemplifies how vital private gifts from UM alumni and friends are to the

success of the law school, enabling the school to continue to improve educational opportunities.

"The variety and size of the clinical programs are one of the school's great strengths," said Debbie Bell, interim dean of law. "The law school has made a real, meaningful commitment to hands-on legal education with service to the community."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Debbie Vaughn, (662) 915-3937 or [dvaughn@olemiss.edu](mailto:dvaughn@olemiss.edu)



## Friends of the Library Celebrate 75 Years of Building Resources for Academic Community

Two forces of nature – the late English professors John Pilkington and Charles Noyes – were relentless in building support to purchase books and an array of other resources for the J.D. Williams Library. “A library is the absolute heart of a university,” Noyes said.

Following in their footsteps are other alumni, friends, faculty and staff, who have taken up the mantle of building support. They are encouraging others to join them during the Friends of the Library’s 75th anniversary.

The Friends’ endowment is nearing \$1 million, with annual income enhancing library assets. For decades the organization has purchased library resources. Records show that during one calendar year, the Friends may purchase as many as 4,800 new books or resources, with purchases based on requests from faculty and librarians.

Carole Lynn Meadows of Gulfport, Miss., a former Alumni Association president, heads



Noted writers and professors Tom Franklin, Beth Ann Fennelly and Curtis Wilkie, with Dean of Libraries Julia Rhoads and reception host Ralph Vance

up the committee of Friends anniversary events, which will continue through 2016. Dr. Ralph and Douglas Vance have already opened their Oxford home for a reception honoring faculty and authors Beth Ann Fennelly, Tom Franklin and Curtis Wilkie.

“If you described the whole university as a wheel, the hub would be the library,” Meadows said. “Supporting this hub is no longer just about purchasing books; we have to attract funds for an array of technological resources that our students need to succeed in their classes and to increase their understanding of the world.”

Any anniversary observance would have to

include a tribute to Pilkington and Noyes, who wrote letters to their former students asking them to join the Friends. “They are monumental figures at our university,” said Stephen Monroe, assistant dean of the College of Liberal Arts and president of the Friends of the Library. “These two men were devoted scholars, teachers and servant leaders. Their commitment to the library, in particular, is an ongoing inspiration.”

Giving levels available: students, \$15; faculty and staff, \$25; supporting, \$30; contributing, \$75; sustaining, \$150; and life, \$1,000.

**MAKE A GIFT:** Angela Barlow Brown, (662) 915-3181 or [ambarlow@olemiss.edu](mailto:ambarlow@olemiss.edu)

## Climbing Mountains in the Sky



The late Charlie King, a UM graduate student

At the age of 2, Charlie King had already started filling his pockets with rocks. At the age of 25, he was honing his skills as a scholar in geological engineering and geophysics.

The UM graduate student lost his life after a climbing accident on Mexico’s Mt. Orizaba in early 2014, but his memory will continue to make an impact through the Charles Dunbar King Memorial Scholarship Endowment. Created by his parents Kerry and Terry King of Dillon, Colo., the scholarship will assist graduate or undergraduate students in geology and geological engineering.

Adnan Aydin, professor of geology and geological engineering, was King’s adviser, giving him “the privilege of knowing this extraordinary young man.”

“Charlie was a brilliant independent thinker, ready to embark on a great academic journey and leave his lasting mark on the world. He was the most decent person, a perfect student, a dear friend and a young colleague,” Aydin said “He was a compassionate and unifying person.”

“There has been a great outpouring of support for the scholarship,” said Terry King. “We’re so happy the endowment continues to grow and serve as a tribute to our son. There are many students who find they are literally broke after earning college degrees, and we want this fund to help.”

**MAKE A GIFT:** Kevin Gardner, (662) 915-7601 or [kevin@olemiss.edu](mailto:kevin@olemiss.edu)

## Friends of the Course Tee Up for Ole Miss

On the heels of the Ole Miss Men’s Golf Team receiving its first bid to the NCAA championships since 2011, the Ole Miss Golf Course reminds alumni and friends of the benefits of becoming a Friend of the Course.

With minimum gifts starting at \$250, friends are recognized on the Pro Shop donor wall and receive an attractive high bag tag.

2014 proceeds provided new Pro Shop software for online reservations and payment, driving range improvements and a grassed fairway bunker on the 15th hole.

“The great staff makes playing there a fun experience,” said Ron Guest, UM Foundation executive director of services and founding Friend. “It is a good value and venue for thousands of students each year. I know keeping that value and making enhancements isn’t easy. Friends of the Course allow me to help.”

**MAKE A GIFT:** Ron Guest, (662) 915-5907 or [rguest@olemiss.edu](mailto:rguest@olemiss.edu)



## Gertrude C. Ford Foundation Board Commits Major Gift for Science Facility



Ford Foundation board members from left, John C. Lewis, Cheryle M. Sims and Anthony T. Papa with Acting Chancellor Morris Stocks

UM's reputation in science research and teaching will be bolstered by the addition of a new science building, thanks to a \$20 million lead gift from the Gertrude C. Ford Foundation of Jackson.

The facility will be a significant addition to "Science Row" along University Avenue and All American Drive. It comes on the heels of the completion of the Thad Cochran Research Center's West Wing – an addition of more than 96,000 square feet that is described as the most technically sophisticated research building in the Southeast – and an expansion of Coulter Hall, adding almost 36,000 square feet.

The building will be critical to serve continuing enrollment growth. Fall 2014 opened with 23,096 students on all campuses, the largest enrollment in the state, leading *The Chronicle of Higher Education* to name UM among the nation's fastest-growing colleges.

Founded by the late Gertrude Castellow Ford, the Ford Foundation has already contributed \$25 million to UM, namely for the Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts, the Gertrude C. Ford Ballroom in The Inn at Ole Miss and the Suzan Thames Chair of Pediatrics at the UM Medical Center. Foundation board members are Anthony T. Papa, Cheryle M. Sims and John C. Lewis, all of Jackson.

"We have been very pleased with the university's utilization of the Foundation's support," said Tom Papa, president of the foundation board. "Chancellor Dan Jones said a gift from the Ford Foundation would inspire others to support the science building, and I do believe that will occur. The Ford Foundation's \$20 million contribution comes with great confidence in the University of Mississippi's future."

The total projected cost is around \$100 million, and the size is expected to be approximately 200,000 square feet. UM will seek additional private funding, state and federal funding, and use internally generated cash and borrowed funds to cover remaining costs.

"This pledge represents our first major commitment to science education," said John Lewis. "We hope a state-of-the-art facility will further education in the sciences for generations to come."

Acting Chancellor Morris Stocks expressed appreciation for the Ford Foundation's leadership and vision.

"The Ford Foundation board members have demonstrated a tremendous commitment to helping meet the needs of our university, with the overarching mission of making a significant impact throughout our state and far beyond," said Stocks. "This new science building will increase the university's capacity to educate students in the STEM disciplines. We believe this new facility will provide a platform to increase student research through hands-on education and active learning, while encouraging collaborative research between students and faculty."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Debbie Vaughn, (662) 915-3937 or [dvaughn@olemiss.edu](mailto:dvaughn@olemiss.edu)

## Fant Provides Arts Residency in Barksdale Honors College



Bruce Levingston, Artist-in-Residence

Playing music and changing lives are Bruce Levingston's passions. So when the renowned pianist was invited to combine artistry and altruism at UM, he immediately obliged.

Levingston was named the Chancellor's Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College Artist-in-Residence, a new position created by a generous endowment from Lester "Ruff" Fant of Washington, D.C., through the Lester G. Fant III Charitable Lead Annuity Trust.

Throughout the year, Levingston invited students to attend his performances around the country for a look at how concerts are staged, to meet key players and act as ambassadors for Ole Miss.

Honors College Dean Douglass Sullivan-Gonzalez anticipates that Levingston will continue to have a significant impact.

"Bruce has already touched our students' lives with his extraordinary work, introducing them to the world's best at the Boston Ballet and at Carnegie Hall," Sullivan-Gonzalez said. "He brings a vision of what the arts can be in Mississippi and in the nation with his dedication to the highest expression of arts."

Levingston's contributions extend across campus. A 2015 performance he produced at the Gertrude C. Ford Center brought together musicians, poets, athletes and others for a multidisciplinary show that inspired participants and attendees alike.

"People can really inspire one another regardless of coming from different disciplines and places," Levingston said. "My hope is that whether or not students pursue a career in the arts, they will learn to be thoughtful, innovative and resourceful, so that they may build fulfilling and meaningful lives for themselves and for the communities in which they live and work."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Debbie Vaughn, (662) 915-3937 or [dvaughn@olemiss.edu](mailto:dvaughn@olemiss.edu)



## White Promotes Civic Engagement, Strengthens Library



Jessie L. White Jr.

Jesse L. White Jr., a 1966 UM graduate and adjunct professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has committed \$50,000 to launch the Dr. Jesse L. White Jr. Civic Engagement Endowment for

the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation and pledged \$25,000 to create the Jesse Lamar and Marguerite East White Memorial Endowment for the J.D. Williams Library.

"I've always considered the library to be the heart of a university," said White. "I'm also a proud Mississippian, and the Winter Institute and Chancellor Dan Jones have honored (former Mississippi Gov.) Winter's legacy in ways that make me especially proud. There is no work being done that is more important than what the Winter Institute is doing at the University of Mississippi. I hope this motivates others to support its work similarly."

Proceeds from the Lamar and East White Endowment will be used at the discretion of the dean of libraries, while the White Civic Engagement Endowment will aid the Winter Institute's civic/community engagement minor at UM. It is also a foundation for the institute to increase support through private giving.

White said his parents "loved and trusted Ole Miss."

"They supported my staying on campus after the Meredith integration crisis my freshman year, while a lot of parents pulled their children out. It changed my life."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Nikki Neely Davis (662) 915-6678 or [nlneely@olemiss.edu](mailto:nlneely@olemiss.edu)

## Scholarship Honors Teaching of Physicist Bolen



Lee N. Bolen

Lee N. Bolen, professor emeritus of physics and astronomy, is being honored through a new scholarship endowment. The longtime professor's colleagues and friends established the fund to pay tribute to his contributions to UM and provide assistance to students. The Dr. Lee N. Bolen, Jr. Scholarship Endowment will fund awards for full-time undergraduate and graduate students in the Department of Physics and Astronomy as selected by the department chair. Bolen joined the UM faculty in 1967 and became a full professor in 1970. He has been awarded both service and teaching awards.

**MAKE A GIFT:** Denson Hollis, 662-915-5092 or [dhollis@olemiss.edu](mailto:dhollis@olemiss.edu)

## An Academic Win Comes from Peach Bowl



The 2014 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl lived up to its reputation as college football's most charitable bowl game by exceeding the \$1 million mark in charitable and scholarship contributions, including \$100,000 to UM for scholarships.

"We are driven to do what we can to help and elevate those who have supported us," said Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl President and CEO Gary Stokan.

## MIPA Boosts Faser Hall Project with Resources for Pharmacy School



Mississippi Independent Pharmacies Association board of directors

The Mississippi Independent Pharmacies Association has pledged \$100,000 to support the School of Pharmacy's Faser Capital Initiative.

The initiative supports the recent renovation of Faser Hall, including a state-of-the-art skills laboratory for students.

MIPA serves to provide a unified voice for independent pharmacists in public-policy discussions.

"We felt like we needed to give back to an institution that has given us so much," said Robert Dozier, MIPA executive director. "Our members feel very strongly about Ole Miss and the pharmacy school – they want to help the school and its students in any way they can."

Dozier pointed to the school's leadership as motivation for the organization's support.

"We are very excited about Dean David Allen and the work he has done since he has been on board," Dozier said. "We feel confident in his ability and leadership."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Raina McClure, (662) 915-6967 or [rmclure@olemiss.edu](mailto:rmclure@olemiss.edu)



## Puckett Leaves Major Support for Law Faculty



Jessie D. Puckett

Mississippi native Jessie Puckett was defined by his deep-seated beliefs about commitment, respect and good manners; among his passions were church, family, community and his work.

He also loved the University of Mississippi School of Law.

A 1953 law graduate, Puckett's support of the School of Law began in the early 1980s. In 1987, he created the Jessie D. Puckett, Jr. Law

Endowment with a \$2,000 gift designed for faculty support.

Puckett, 88, died in 2014 in Brandon, Miss. Through his estate, more than \$507,000 has been directed to the Puckett Endowment, bringing his lifetime giving to UM to more than \$620,000.

"Uncle June was a wonderful, humble man," said Charlene Dear of Brandon, his niece. "He sought no 'pats on the back' or recognition. He loved his law school and was happy he could do something for it."

Richard Gershon, former dean of the law school, agreed.

"Mr. Puckett never expected anything in return for his generosity," Gershon said. "He understood that small, regular gifts can grow into substantial endowments and support our university. His gifts undergird outstanding scholarship and teaching by our faculty members."

Dear said Puckett used his legal background to strengthen his career in oil and gas.

Throughout his career with ExxonMobil and Forest Oil Co., Puckett traveled widely and lived in Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Florida. He purchased his parents' "old home place" after retirement and dedicated time to the community and Puckett Baptist Church, where his grandparents were founding members.

Puckett was the youngest of seven children born to Jessie Daniel and Linnie Mae Puckett. He graduated from Central High School in Jackson, Miss., in 1943 and served honorably in the U.S. Navy. He earned an undergraduate degree in economics from Millsaps College in 1949 before attending the UM School of Law.

"He always had kind words and compliments and used his manners," said Dear. "He was cordial and tried to make everyone happy. He was the last of the old Southern gentlemen."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Debbie Vaughn, (662) 915-3937 or [dvaughn@olemiss.edu](mailto:dvaughn@olemiss.edu)

## Bateman Recognized as Mentor



Hugh Bateman, former pre-med advisor, center, is being honored with the Dr. Hugh Bateman Scholarship Endowment. Providing the lead gift is Dr. John Harrison of Huntsville, Ala., a pathologist, right. Harrison recognized Bateman for the guidance he provided and encourages others to contribute. When the fund is fully endowed, the Bateman Scholarship will be awarded to pre-med undergraduate students. Also pictured: Senior Associate Dean of Liberal Arts Richard Forgette, left.

**MAKE A GIFT:** Ron Wilson, (662) 915-1755 or [jrwilso3@olemiss.edu](mailto:jrwilso3@olemiss.edu)

## Pre-Med Honors Freshman Earns Embry Scholarship



Honors College Dean Douglass Sullivan-Gonzalez and student Kajah Coleman

Kajah Coleman of Calhoun City, Miss., is the 2015 recipient of the Joey Embry Memorial Scholarship.

Embry, a graduate of Bruce High School, was an active member of the Ole Miss Fellowship of Christian Athletes and an offensive lineman on the Rebel football team. Embry tragically lost his life in 1998, but his legacy lives on.

The scholarship is intended for students from Calhoun and Yalobusha counties.

The Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College student plans to pursue a career in medicine.

"To receive this scholarship is really inspiring," said Coleman. "I thank the generous family of Joey Embry who made this possible."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Sandra Guest, (662) 915-5208 or [sguest@olemiss.edu](mailto:sguest@olemiss.edu)

## UM Department of History Now Bears Name of Arch Dalrymple III



Martha Dowd Dalrymple and Chancellor Jones unveil plaque for Arch Dalrymple III Department of History



The family of the late Arch Dalrymple III gathered with friends, colleagues and university officials for the announcement

Martha Dowd Dalrymple, daughter and business partner of the late Arch Dalrymple III, has enabled the first named department on the Oxford campus: the Arch Dalrymple III Department of History.

Through a transformative \$5 million gift, the endowment will be a lasting benefit to the Department of History's faculty and students, enhancing research and teaching in historical scholarship.

The late Dalrymple would likely have become a history professor, yet his father's untimely death kept the young UM graduate at home to run the family's businesses and care for family.

Dalrymple came to UM in the early 1940s, left to serve as an officer in the U.S. Army during World War II and then returned to earn an undergraduate degree in history in 1947. As the Amory, Miss., native developed into a highly successful businessman and civic leader, he found avenues to pursue his love of history

and contribute to his state's historic preservation efforts, including 32 years as a trustee of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. He also served as president of the Mississippi Historical Society.

"Daddy was passionate about history. One of his final wishes before his death in 2010 was that an endowment be created for the university's Department of History. He always felt our lives are shaped by the lessons we learn from history," said Martha Dalrymple.

Outgoing Chancellor Dan Jones and Martha Dalrymple unveiled a large bronze plaque before family, friends and colleagues to be installed in Bishop Hall.

"We are extremely proud for our Department of History to bear the name of such a brilliant man, a dedicated scholar and influential leader," said Chancellor Jones. "When students, faculty, visitors and others see the Arch Dalrymple name, we want them to be

inspired by his deep commitment to history and by his tremendous commitment to service. Our state and now his alma mater are stronger because of Arch Dalrymple."

Arch and his wife, Adine Lampton Wallace Dalrymple, also previously funded the Dalrymple Lecture Series in Mathematics at UM.

Dalrymple was a passionate sportsman and conservationist, tireless advocate for public education, and generous philanthropist, serving on the boards of numerous national, state and community organizations. He also created the Dalrymple Family Foundation to benefit the arts, culture, education, humanities and conservation in Northeast Mississippi. Martha Dalrymple serves as president of the foundation. Her husband is James L. Cummins, the executive director of Wildlife Mississippi.

**MAKE A GIFT:** Debbie Vaughn, (662) 915-3937 or [dvaughn@olemiss.edu](mailto:dvaughn@olemiss.edu)

## Scholarship Honors Contributions of Retired Alumni Director Walsh



Tim Walsh

The Ole Miss Alumni Association's board of directors has honored retired Executive Director Tim Walsh with a scholarship.

"Because Tim has been a valuable part of the Ole Miss family, we wanted to show our appreciation," said Alumni Association President Trentice Imbler. "In honor of Tim's long career supporting Ole Miss, we created the Timothy L. Walsh Scholarship Endowment."

Walsh, a Memphis native, became executive director of UM Alumni Affairs in 2008. An Alumni Affairs staff member since 1990,

he previously served as senior associate director and associate dean for development for the School of Law. He retired on March 1, 2015, accepting a position as assistant vice president for alumni affairs at the University of Florida.

"I am honored that the Alumni Association established this scholarship in my honor," said Walsh. "It creates another scholarship offered by the Alumni Association for children of Ole Miss graduates."

Walsh earned both his bachelor's degree in public administration and master's degree in higher education from UM.

"Our goal was \$25,000," said Ole Miss Alumni Association Past President Jimmy Brown. "Tim dedicated 25 years to the University of Mississippi, and we are happy to honor him with this permanent legacy in his name."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Emily Briggs (662) 915-7375 or [emily@olemiss.edu](mailto:emily@olemiss.edu)



## The Gift that Keeps on Giving: Newcombs, Trotts Celebrate a Legacy



Back, from left, Steven Trott, Don Newcomb, John Trott, front, from left, Billie Trott, Judy Trott, Emily Newcomb and Caren Trott Robbins

Guy Newcomb graduated in 1950 and built an empire of pharmacies in Osceola, Ark. He helped others to attend college, including Don. After studying chemistry at UM, Don Newcomb completed his degree at the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry in Memphis. He practiced dentistry in the U.S. Navy and later at a veteran's hospital before moving to Oxford.

With a successful dental practice, Newcomb then launched a flourishing career as a restaurateur, initiating a family business later joined by sons Chris and Neil.

Both Dickie and Judy Trott, son and daughter of Dick and Helen, forged meaningful careers at UM. After a career in the U.S. Air Force, Dickie Trott retired as a math professor, like his father. Upon his death in 2011, he and wife Billie were married 50 years. To this day, a member of the Trott family has been employed at UM since 1947.

Judy Trott's service to Ole Miss was a life's calling. After earning degrees from UM in 1961 and 1964, Judy Trott provided leadership from 1966 to 2001, helping UM adopt Title IX and the Americans with Disabilities Act, retiring as dean of students.

"The boys loved my dad and they loved him," Judy Trott reflected. "Guy looked after my grandmother, sending her medications until she died. Don was our dentist and never charged us a dime. This is perfectly characteristic of that family."

Don Newcomb hopes people realize the power they have to help others.

"Dr. and Mrs. Trott couldn't have known what the future would hold, but their generosity did not affect Guy alone; you never know the full impact you will have through just one act of kindness."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Denson Hollis, (662) 915-5092 or [dhollis@olemiss.edu](mailto:dhollis@olemiss.edu)

## Barksdale Award Winners Experience Life in 'the Margins'



Honors College Dean Douglass Sullivan-Gonzalez congratulates Joe Bell and Kate Lindsay

UM Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College students Joe Bell and Kate Lindsay are the 2015 winners of the Barksdale Awards, chosen to pursue adventures in experimental learning in Uruguay and North America.

The \$5,000 award supports creative, courageous projects by students willing to take risks for ambitious, independent programs of study, research or humanitarian work. The Barksdale Awards, established in 2005, encourage students to test themselves in environments outside the built-in safeties of the classroom, lab or library.

Douglass Sullivan-Gonzalez, dean of the Honors College, said all Barksdale Award applicants have "dreamed a little bigger and brighter," he said.

"From horseback and from the campfire, Joe will be recording cultures already on the margins and, perhaps, soon to disappear," Sullivan-Gonzalez said. "Kate will be reporting between the deaf world and the hearing world. The stage she has chosen is the stage itself."

"Both Joe and Kate are genuine, self-directed citizen-scholars. They're folding their academic training into experience and evolving public space, in an effort to bring us all closer to what is happening and what could happen."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Sandra Guest, (662) 915-5208 or [sguest@olemiss.edu](mailto:sguest@olemiss.edu)

## Croft Institute Announces 2014-15 Scholars



Seven freshmen were the recipients of the prestigious Croft Scholarship this year: Matthew Forgette, Sydney Green, Kate Hill, Sarah Meeks, Matthew McInnis, Natalie Gagliano and Alexandra Gersdorf.

Two Croft sophomores, Hadley Peterson and James DeMarshall, were also awarded the Rose Bui Academic Excellence Scholarship.

"To be chosen for the Croft Institute for International Studies is an honor and a blessing," DeMarshall said. "You see the success of those ahead of you and you want to push yourself to achieve what they have achieved."

The Croft Institute is home to

some 214 international studies majors from six foreign countries and 28 different states.

Founded in 1997, the Croft Institute for International Studies was established with generous funding from the Joseph C. Bancroft Charitable and Educational Fund. The Bancroft Fund continues to champion the international studies curriculum at UM, having contributed \$45 million to UM to sustain Croft's globally-competitive degree program, elite faculty and motivated undergraduate students.

## Hubberts Make Lead Gift in Band Scholarship Initiative



Charles Hubbert, David Willson and Margaret Hubbert

When Charles Hubbert joined the UM band, exceptional cultural opportunities awaited. Some 57 years later, the physician and his wife Margaret have made a lead gift to a current initiative for band scholarships.

Hubbert had not traveled outside Mississippi or the country when he enrolled at Ole Miss. Thanks to the Ole Miss Band, he traveled to festivals in Holland and Belgium.

"These trips were financed by band supporters. Without this assistance most students would not have been able to travel abroad, missing an invaluable part of their education," said Dr. Hubbert, a neurologist and psychiatrist in Memphis, Tenn., who earned his medical degree from the UM Medical Center.

"The Hubberts' support will impact hard-working students," said David Willson, director of bands. Ninety-five percent provide their own instruments; all commit many hours to rehearse in all types of weather. Willson's goal is to build a \$2 million scholarship endowment.

Dr. Hubbert said small-town public schools' bands and glee clubs continue to be essentially the only "free" music instruction available to many students, enabling them to one day participate in collegiate groups.

"Hopefully, news of our support will lead others to consider giving so that students might broaden their experiences whatever their goals might be."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Ron Wilson, (662) 915-1755 or [jrwilso3@olemiss.edu](mailto:jrwilso3@olemiss.edu)

## Cherished Friendship Leads to Smith Scholarship in School of Pharmacy



Bob Buchanan, Sara Taylor Jenkins, Gloria Smith and UM School of Pharmacy Dean David D. Allen

The Ben Taylor Smith Memorial Pharmacy Scholarship Endowment has been created to honor a UM School of Pharmacy alumnus and provide support for students.

"Ben Smith was one of the closest and dearest friends I have ever had," said Robert Buchanan, Smith's college roommate. "Pharmacy was a very important part of our lives."

A gift from Buchanan and his wife Georgia initiated the scholarship. Upon learning of their gesture, Gloria Franks Smith, Ben Smith's widow, also contributed to the scholarship. Their gifts assure permanent recognition of Smith while meeting the needs of future pharmacy students.

Gloria Smith said she was delighted that the Buchanans chose to honor her husband's legacy. She hopes students who benefit from the scholarship will be dedicated to pharmacy and honor what her husband stood for: the patients.

**MAKE A GIFT:** Raina McClure, (662) 915-6967 or [rmclure@olemiss.edu](mailto:rmclure@olemiss.edu)

## UM Admits 17 to Prestigious Teaching Program



The Mississippi Excellence in Teaching Program offers an elite scholarship to prepare secondary English or mathematics teachers. The 2015 cohort represents eight states and a 29.1 average ACT score.

"As teachers, you're not only going to make a difference in the lives of students but also in the future of our state as a whole," outgoing Chancellor Dan Jones told the group.

The most valuable education scholarship ever offered in Mississippi, METP was established with a \$12.95 million grant from the Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation as a joint program with Mississippi State University. All recipients commit to teach in Mississippi public schools for five years.

"This is probably the most signature, high-quality undergraduate teacher preparation program in the nation right now," said David Rock, dean of the School of Education.

**MAKE A GIFT:** Billy Crews, (662) 915-2836 or [wlcrows@olemiss.edu](mailto:wlcrows@olemiss.edu)



## John and Sandy Black Make Extraordinary Gift to Public Health UMMC announces record private contribution



Seated: Elisabeth Culbertson, John Black II, Sandra Miller Black and John Black III. Standing: Kate, Kyle and Brady Culbertson, John Louis Black IV, Jack Culbertson, Amelie and Madeleine Black.

When Madison residents John and Sandy Black were pondering the best use of their philanthropy to make a difference for Mississippi, they didn't have to look far.

After supporting a fitness program for UMMC employees for several years, the couple decided to donate the six Courthouse fitness centers to UMMC to continue their commitment to wellness and further UMMC's mission of achieving a healthier Mississippi. In addition, the Blacks contributed an extraordinary cash gift bringing the value of their total gift to \$11 million, the largest

donation ever received by UMMC in a single year.

"This is transformative for our medical center and for our community," said UM Chancellor Dan Jones, who on Sept. 15 becomes director of clinical and population sciences research at UMMC's Mississippi Center for Obesity Research. "John and Sandy Black enable us to fulfill our responsibility to patients and our community to offer opportunities not just for healing when ill, but for wellness. We are grateful that they have entrusted to us the resources developed by them over a lifetime of work."

"We're longtime Ole Miss supporters, and it occurred to me that other major institutions, such as the Mayo Clinic and Ochsner Hospital, had affiliations with health clubs," John Black said.

By converting the facilities using a wellness model that includes exercise, healthy living and better integration to medical services, UMMC will address alarmingly high rates of diabetes, hypertension and obesity.

Through talking to longtime friend Dr. James Keeton, former UMMC vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine, "we saw that was a big void at UMMC," Black said. "It seemed like a perfect marriage to donate the Courthouses."

"The centers' wellness focus is another key step in our journey to a healthier Mississippi," said Dr. LouAnn Woodward, vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine.

"I thank John and Sandy Black for their generous contribution to the University of Mississippi Medical Center," Gov. Phil Bryant said. "This will immediately help bolster their wellness presence in and around the capital city."

"We can treat people once they get sick, but that's only half the job. We also have to encourage them to be healthy and stay healthy," Keeton said. "That's been a gap in what we can offer. We're grateful to John and Sandy Black for enabling us to do this."

**MAKE A GIFT:** (601) 984-2300 or [umc.edu/givenow](http://umc.edu/givenow)

## Named Chair of Pediatric Urology Celebrates Keeton's Contributions

Dr. Edwin P. Harmon, chief of pediatric urology, has been named the first James E. Keeton, M.D. Chair of Pediatric Urology, a newly endowed chair established with a \$1 million gift from Friends of Children's Hospital.

Friends of Children's Hospital surprised Keeton, former vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine, with the principal gift to establish the chair to enhance research and clinical care in pediatric urology. It is the pediatrics department's fourth endowed chair.

Dr. Dan Jones, outgoing UM chancellor, noted Keeton's many talents, namely his ability to bring people together. "If you want to know something about compassion and caring for other people, he's your man."

"This is a personal honor for me, but that's not what this is about," said Keeton. "This is about the children of Mississippi. This is about improving health care in Mississippi. That's our whole mission at the Medical Center."

Keeton led the Medical Center through five challenging years, including an economic recession and the rollout of the Affordable Care Act.



Chancellor Dan Jones, James Keeton, Bill Ray, LouAnn Woodward, Sara Ray, Edwin Harmon, Gov. Phil Bryant

Keeton currently serves as Distinguished Professor of Surgery/Pediatrics and adviser to the vice chancellor.

**MAKE A GIFT:** (601) 984-2300 or [umc.edu/givenow](http://umc.edu/givenow)

## Nursing Alum McCormac Seals Legacy



Julia and Duncan McCormac

In 1989, Julia and Duncan McCormac bought a spacious house in Lafayette, Ala. More than 25 years later, the home is serving a greater purpose – as a continuous benefit to graduate students in UMMC's School of Nursing.

Built in 1925, the McCormacs enjoyed 14 wonderful retirement years in the historic house. When Duncan died in 2003, it became a bit overwhelming for Julia McCormac.

McCormac, 72, became more involved with the School of Nursing after moving to Brandon, Miss. Maintaining the house from a distance for several years, a 2014 UMMC event prompted McCormac to consider donating it to the school.

A former School of Nursing chapter president of UMMC's Alumni Association, McCormac has a history of giving to the school. She established the Duncan McCormac Memorial Nursing Scholarship Award in 2004, and the sale of her house creates an endowment for the scholarship, presented annually to graduate nursing students.

"The recipients are students who really need the money," said McCormac. "Many have families and need to work, for one reason or another. Part of their program is clinical, and when they go into clinical, they can't work. There aren't many scholarships for them, and they're most grateful."

McCormac also initiated a giving campaign among fellow graduates of the Class of 1965 to honor a former classmate, Hazel Winstead Herr, who died in a 1997 airplane crash. The raised funds furnished the Class of 1965 Winstead-Herr Conference Room in the School of Nursing. The Class of 1965 continued to give in subsequent years and established the Class of 1965 Scholarship Fund.

In addition to her real estate gift, McCormac is working on a planned gift to endow a fund for upkeep of the Winstead-Herr Conference Room.

McCormac said the donation of her Alabama property brings her relationship with the School of Nursing full-circle. And as an added bonus, the home was purchased by a Lafayette native; he and his wife plan to do just what the McCormacs did – live out their retirement years in the historic home.

**MAKE A GIFT:** (601) 984-2300 or [umc.edu/givenow](http://umc.edu/givenow)

## MIND Center Surpasses Fundraising Goal



Tom Mosley, Patricia McClure and Amb. John Palmer

Jackson, Miss., businessman and former U.S. ambassador to Portugal John N. Palmer donated \$1 million to the MIND Center, a UMMC institution dedicated to fighting dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Palmer, the chairman and founder of GulfSouth Capital Inc., presented the gift to the Memory Impairment and Neurodegenerative Dementia Research Center.

"I am convinced that continued support from the private sector will help our UMMC researchers find effective treatments for this disease," Palmer said.

The fight against Alzheimer's is personal for Palmer, whose wife Clementine Palmer and her mother Clementine Brown succumbed to it several years ago.

Dr. Thomas Mosley, director of the MIND Center, added that his gift enables the center to "ramp up" the recently created partnership with UMMC's Telehealth program to offer dementia care to underserved parts of the state.

Also this year, Gladys Knight's talent and powerful voice helped raise awareness and money for the important work at a benefit concert March 22, bringing in more than \$240,000 from attendees and corporate sponsors.

The gift from Palmer and concert proceeds pushed donations to the MIND Center above the \$10 million mark – a goal set in 2010, the year it opened.

"Alzheimer's disease is arguably the biggest challenge facing medicine for the next 100 years," said Mosley.

**MAKE A GIFT:** (601) 984-2300 or [umc.edu/givenow](http://umc.edu/givenow)

## Bravehearts for Batson



Kicking off the 2015 Zippity Doo Dah Festival Weekend, Batson Children's Hospital's palliative care patients got a new ride thanks to proceeds from 2014's festival.

The theme was "Bravehearts for Batson." The event also honored writer/producer Randall Wallace (Braveheart, The Man in the Iron Mask), who donated a majority of the cost of a specially equipped Ford E250 van for transporting palliative care patients on "field trips" outside the hospital.

The Sweet Potato Queen Jill Conner Browne, back row, right, Wallace, back row, second from right, and Fondren Renaissance Foundation executive director Jim Wilkison, back row, second from left, present the van's keys to Friends of Children's Hospital board chair Sara Ray, back row, third from left, and Dr. Rick Boyte, back row, seventh from right, professor and division chief of pediatric palliative care. Also joining in the presentation are Members of the Queens Classy Mates, Friends board members and palliative care patients, front row, from left, DeAsia Scott, Deontay Isaac and William Currie.



## Thompson Legacy 'in the Books'



Lauren Craig, Russell and Lucy Thompson, Michael Cosulich and Robert Brodell

the James Grant Thompson M.D. Textbook Endowment to help dermatology residents and fellows buy required textbooks.

"I believe my father would have said this is the perfect blend of his passion for education and dermatology," said Russell Thompson, a UM School of Law graduate who also worked at the Medical Center as a biochemistry lab assistant in the early 1960s. There he met Lucy, a 1959 UMMC's School of Nursing graduate.

A medical pioneer, James Thompson was the state's first board-certified dermatologist and first president of the Mississippi Dermatological Society. Before earning his medical degree from the University of Tennessee in Memphis, he graduated from UM in 1929 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

A professor of dermatology at UMMC, his many achievements include being listed in Notable Americans of the Bicentennial Era, and receiving, in 1974, the Wilson Award of Honor by the Wisdom Society for the Advancement of Knowledge, Learning and Research in Education.

**MAKE A GIFT:** (601) 984-2300 or [umc.edu/givenow](http://umc.edu/givenow)

In the field of dermatology, the late Dr. James G. Thompson helped write the book. Today, a gift in his name is helping UMMC residents pay for it.

For the benefit of the Department of Dermatology, the Thompson family, including his son Russell Thompson and wife Lucy of Ocean Springs, Miss., has established

## BankPlus Check Card Pays Off For Batson



Eli Manning and Bill Ray, front row second from right, president and CEO of BankPlus, with Friends of Children's Hospital and UMMC representatives

It's the "little check card that could," says BankPlus President/CEO Bill Ray.

The BankPlus Friends of Children's Hospital Check Card, first issued in November 2011, has raised \$627,195 to date.

It carries a \$12 annual fee donated entirely to Friends. BankPlus matches those fees for the first 4,000 cards each year and donates an additional five cents each time a card is used. The 11,000 active cards average 200,000 swipes per month.

"You might think those are small amounts, but that's the power of people working together," Ray said. "We're thankful to our customers."

The card is expected to raise \$25,000 to \$30,000 a month and continue to grow.

**MAKE A GIFT:** (601) 984-2300 or [umc.edu/givenow](http://umc.edu/givenow)

## Sanderson Farms Championship Hits a Hole in \$1M for Mississippi's Children

Mississippi children's lives, Gov. Phil Bryant said, have "literally been saved" thanks to generous gifts benefiting Friends of Children's Hospital from the professional golf tournament now known as the Sanderson Farms Championship.

Officials from Sanderson Farms and the tournament's host organization, Century Club Charities, presented a record \$1.1 million gift to assist Batson Children's Hospital.

"The magnitude of contributions from the 2014 tournament is overwhelming, and it will enable Friends of Children's Hospital to fund our commitment to the Children's Heart Center sooner than planned," said Sara Ray, chairman of Friends' board of directors.

Sanderson Farms, Inc. stepped up to the plate as the tournament's title sponsor in 2013 at a time when Mississippi verged on losing the PGA Tour event.

The gift comes as Friends is fulfilling its pledge to raise \$2 million for a new Children's Heart Center. More than 1,000 children receive



From left, Steve Jent, Johnny Lang, James Keeton, Gov. Phil Bryant, Sara Ray, Mayor Tony Yarber, Joe Sanderson and Rob Armour

life-changing and complex treatments each year from the Children's Heart Center.

The Children's Heart Center is currently spread throughout Batson and UMMC. The space it occupies represents but a fraction of what's needed for procedures, staff, patient beds, and imaging equipment to diagnose and treat congenital heart defects, which affect nearly one out of every 100 babies born.

"We're at a very critical point in the development of the Heart Center," said Dr. Jorge Salazar, chief of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery and co-director of the Children's Heart Center.

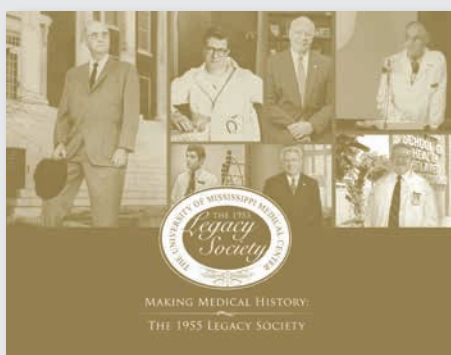
Century Club Charities last year presented \$500,000 in tournament proceeds to Friends

— an amount more than doubled by this year's \$1,102,700 donation.

"None of this would have happened without a lot of help from a lot of people," said Joe F. Sanderson, Jr., president and board chair of Sanderson Farms Inc.

"We are pleased to have a part in the evolution of the Children's Heart Center, and are excited to see what the future holds for this hospital," Sanderson said. "The reason the tournament exists is to raise money for Friends of Children's Hospital and make Mississippi's only children's hospital a health-care destination."

**MAKE A GIFT:** (601) 984-2300 or [umc.edu/givenow](http://umc.edu/givenow)



## UMMC Invites Medical Alums to Join THE LEGACY SOCIETY

Since 1955, medical students have met in the same classrooms and teaching labs. A few improvements have taken place, but largely things remain the same.

Today, dump trucks, backhoes and piles of rebar in the heart of the UMMC campus signal that change is coming. In spring of 2017, UMMC will have a new state-of-the-art medical education building.

For UMMC's leaders, the new building signals an opportunity to write the next chapter in the state's medical history – but it will take more than the state's \$74 million construction allocation to make it so.

"We are going to have a new medical school, but we need to fill it with the best teachers, the latest technology and brightest minds our state has to offer," said Dr. James E. Keeton, former vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine. "We're dreaming big."

To turn those dreams into reality, UMMC has founded the 1955 Legacy Society, a name that harkens back to the early days when only the original T-shaped structure occupied the site at North State Street and Woodrow Wilson Avenue.

Leaders of each medical alumni class are organizing to help bring the new school to full potential. Participating donors will have their names included on a "legacy wall" – a 150-foot installation recounting the history of the Medical Center from its origins to the present.

The Medical Center, celebrating its 60th anniversary in the coming academic year, has seen continuous growth in infrastructure, staff and its ever-larger mission to achieve a healthier Mississippi – a mission cultivated by legendary figures Pancratz, Guyton, Hardy, Nelson, Conerly and UMMC's graduates.

"We've benefited from a history of strong leadership," said Dr. LouAnn Woodward, vice chancellor and dean of medicine. "But so much of who we are and what we've accomplished is reflected in the physicians and other health professionals we've sent out to serve humanity. That's our most enduring legacy."

Joining the 1955 Legacy Society, Woodward added, is the best way to ensure that legacy is sustained. "It's an investment in those who are coming behind us to serve future generations."

**MAKE A GIFT AND JOIN THE 1955 LEGACY SOCIETY:** Natalie S. Hutto (601) 984-2306 or [nhutto@umc.edu](mailto:nhutto@umc.edu)

## Woodward Heads UMMC as VC



Dr. LouAnn Woodward

Dr. LouAnn Woodward, previously the second-in-command at UMMC, has succeeded mentor Dr. James Keeton as the first woman to lead the institution.

A board-certified emergency room physician and professor of emergency medicine, the Mississippi native has been part of UMMC for a quarter century, first as a 1991 graduate and now as vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine.

"Dr. Woodward has earned a national reputation in medical education and has contributed to our medical school's recognition as one of the best in the country," said outgoing Chancellor Dan Jones. "I am grateful for her leadership here at home."

"I could not have done my job without our partnership," said Keeton, who will continue as a distinguished professor and advisor to the vice chancellor.

Woodward is responsible for 10,000 employees, 3,000 students, four teaching hospitals, two community hospitals, five health professions schools and an annual operating budget of \$1.6 billion.

"We are grateful for our community partners willing to make an investment in us and enhance our ability to improve the health of Mississippians," she said.

## Mannings Forge A Healthier Future



Eli Manning visits Batson Children's Hospital

Football legends Archie, Eli and the rest of the Manning family are rallying support to help their home state through the new Manning Family Fund for a Healthier Mississippi.

The donor-supported program will boost UMMC's commitment to improving Mississippians' health. The partnership is raising money to attack the state's most pressing health challenges.

"We know that people in Mississippi will help, all we got to do is get them lined up," said Archie Manning, a Drew native who lives in New Orleans.

Gifts to the Manning Family Fund directly impact the Medical Center's ability improve the health of every Mississippian.

More than \$1.1 million has been raised with 69 percent of donors being new supporters of UMMC. The campaign's second phase is set to launch in fall 2015.

**MAKE A GIFT:** (601) 984-2300 or [umc.edu/givenow](http://umc.edu/givenow)



## Glass Tips Hat to 'Pop' with Planned Gift for Journalism Faculty Support



Wendell Weakley, John Glass and Adam Lee

John Glass of Memphis, Tenn., has committed a planned gift of \$2 million toward two new endowments, including a named faculty chair honoring his father.

The William Quintard Glass Chair in the Meek School of Journalism and New Media is a nod to his father's long career at the helm of the Glass Printing Company and *The Newbern Tennessean* newspaper. His gift also creates the John D. Glass Endowment for Business Excellence in support of UM's School of Business Administration.

"I have always loved my father and the University of Mississippi," said Glass. "My Pop only had a fifth-grade education. His father died when he was young, leading him to quit school and work to support his family. Even so, he was a great believer in college and always encouraged me to give my best efforts. I earned undergraduate, master's and law degrees, all because of him."

Glass hopes the holder of the William Quintard Glass Chair of Journalism will mentor UM students, as his father mentored him. After a long career in banking, Glass and a partner formed Sentry LLC, a private wealth management firm. "Because of Pop's guidance, I chose to pursue banking from 1960 to 2009 in the trust department. He told me this area was the best way to learn how to make and manage money; that turned out to be very good advice."

Glass recalled a feeling to which many Ole Miss alumni relate. "When I arrived on campus, I felt as though I was 'home.' If you love home, you always come back," he added. "I'm thankful for every opportunity that I was given. I want to bless Ole Miss for what it's done for me."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Sandra Guest, (662) 915-5208 or [sguest@olemiss.edu](mailto:sguest@olemiss.edu)

## Future Gift Honors the Past



Robert and Josephine Scott at a 1950s U.S. Navy ROTC ball at UM

With a testamentary gift of \$150,000, Marion Scott Readett of Fort Mill, S.C., has created a scholarship endowment at the university her family loved. The Scott Family Scholarship Endowment recognizes Readett's late parents and UM alumni, Robert and Josephine Scott, and Ole Miss patron Lenore Carrier.

Readett recalled childhood memories at Carrier House, now the chancellor's home since donated in 1971 by her great aunt Lenore "Noie" Carrier.

"Once, standing in the entryway, Johnny Vaught suddenly started dancing with me. I was only six years old, but I will never forget that."

Robert Scott practiced law before a career in banking, while Josephine Scott was a teacher. A proud Tri Delt, she served as president of several UM Alumni Association chapters and was active with the Delta Delta Delta sorority.

"My parents had a very personal relationship with Ole Miss," said Readett. "Their passing rekindled my Ole Miss memories, reminding me of where I came from and what shaped me."

Readett displays her 1848 Society plaque in her home. Each time she passes it, she said, a warm feeling gives her pause as she remembers those who were important to her.

"It means a lot to me to be able to do this, but I also know it would mean a lot to Noie and my parents."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Sandra Guest, (662) 915-5208 or [sguest@olemiss.edu](mailto:sguest@olemiss.edu)



*The*  
**1848**  
*Society*

Since 1848, The University of Mississippi has benefited from the foresight and generosity of people who have invested in the university through their wills. Each year these planned gifts increase the university's endowment and provide funds for professorships, research, facilities, scholarships, lectureships and more to enhance academic and athletic excellence.

Established in 1998, the university's 150th year, the society recognizes alumni and friends of the university who have funded or planned a deferred gift, such as a bequest or a life income plan.

### PLAN YOUR LEGACY:

visit [umfoundation.planmylegacy.org](http://umfoundation.planmylegacy.org)

*"When donors include the University of Mississippi in their estate and financial plans, they support our students and programs far into the future."*

**—Sandra Guest,**  
vice president of the UM Foundation



## CULTIVATING A NEW GENERATION OF DONORS

*Ignite Ole Miss provides new high-tech avenue for support*

Crowdfunding may be an unfamiliar word, but you've probably heard of websites like Kickstarter, GoFundMe or DonorsChoose. These websites have allowed groups and individuals around the globe to enable projects that might have otherwise seemed impossible; and now, the University of Mississippi is utilizing that same technology to unite and conquer on behalf of Ole Miss.

This form of micro-philanthropy encourages potential donors to become a part of giving back to UM by offering a format that is user-friendly. The online donation platform of Ignite Ole Miss reaches a wide audience through emails and social networks like Facebook and Twitter. Ignite Ole Miss also gives donors the ability to connect with the projects that are most meaningful to them.

Since its inception, Ignite Ole Miss has attracted over \$1.4 million for various initiatives from scholarships to service projects. In fact, Ignite Ole Miss was recognized nationally by Evertrue, a social donor management company, as one of the top 20 higher-education crowdfunding programs this year.

Suzanne Thigpen, UM director of annual giving, values this opportunity to attract new donors and show the tangible impact of their gifts.

"Donors can share and promote their favorite projects with their social networks, see real-time results as their causes are funded and interact with the beneficiaries of their gifts."

In partnership with the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation, Ignite Ole Miss was launched in fall 2014 to raise funds to replace damaged infrastructure following Ole Miss football fans' Oct. 4 victory celebration after defeating No. 1 Alabama. More than \$100,000 from 916 donors was contributed in 48 hours.

"We could not have predicted how successful our first campaign would be," Thigpen said.

Michael Thompson, senior director of communications with Ole Miss Athletics, believes that crowdfunding meets the needs of donors, especially younger ones, and is excited about its prospective growth. "As consumers' perceptions and feelings evolve, we must be in a position to give Ole Miss fans

### REBELS FOR HAITI

Beneficiary: Ole Miss Football Mission Trip to Haiti

SUPPORTIVE  
DONORS

167

FUNDS  
RAISED

\$27,910

Purpose: To partner with Water Missions Intl. and help install clean water access in Camp Marie

Special Perk: N/A



### I WEAR 38

Beneficiary: The Chuck Mullins Scholarship

SUPPORTIVE  
DONORS

251

FUNDS  
RAISED

\$150,266

Purpose: To honor the legacy of Chuck Mullins and boost the scholarship fund in his name, which benefits those with physical disabilities and exceptional financial need

Special Perk: Powder blue football helmets worn by Ole Miss Rebels



### ARMY ROTC EGG BOWL RUN

Beneficiary: Ole Miss Army ROTC Fund

SUPPORTIVE  
DONORS

53

FUNDS  
RAISED

\$5,683

Purpose: To support the Ole Miss Army ROTC Fund, addressing the program's greatest needs

Special Perk: Orange pylon from Hollingsworth Field signed by Coach Hugh Freeze



### UM CLASS OF 2015 LEGACY GIFT

Beneficiary: Chancellor Dan Jones Service Before Self Scholarship Endowment

SUPPORTIVE  
DONORS

205

FUNDS  
RAISED

\$27,560

Purpose: To provide scholarship support to assist students who have servant-leader qualities

Special Perk: N/A





### MUSEUM FREE FAMILY DAYS

Beneficiary: University Museum

SUPPORTIVE  
DONORS

FUNDS  
RAISED

68

\$6,321

Purpose: To expand Family Activity Days, events offering enriching arts opportunities free of cost

Special Perk: Family level membership to UM Museum



### UM LIBRARIES STUDIO ONE

Beneficiary: J.D. Williams Library

SUPPORTIVE  
DONORS

FUNDS  
RAISED

54

\$24,061

Purpose: To purchase and install "one button" digital recording technology for student use

Special Perk: "White Glove Tour" hosted by the Department of Archives and Special Collections



### MEEK SCHOOL STUDENT ENTREPRENEURSHIP FUND

Beneficiary: Meek School of Journalism and New Media

SUPPORTIVE  
DONORS

FUNDS  
RAISED

20

\$9,905

Purpose: To support the publishing of Ed Meek's *RIOT: Witness to Anger and Change*, a photo-history documenting the 1962 integration of UM; sales proceeds from *RIOT* will provide financial support for independent student and faculty reporting projects

Special Perk: Signed copy of *RIOT: Witness to Anger and Change*



### OLE MISS VS. ALABAMA FOOTBALL VICTORY CELEBRATION

Beneficiary: Ole Miss Athletics

SUPPORTIVE  
DONORS

FUNDS  
RAISED

916

\$105,597

Purpose: To implement improvements and repairs to Vaught-Hemingway Stadium

Special Perk: 3- and 6-inch pieces of the steel goalpost torn down by Rebel fans



### DANIEL W. JONES, M.D. CHAIR FOR FACULTY SUPPORT

Beneficiary: Faculty support on the Oxford campus

SUPPORTIVE  
DONORS

FUNDS  
RAISED

428

\$1.043 MIL

Purpose: To honor the legacy of Chancellor Jones and assist in recruiting and retaining top scholars as UM faculty

Special Perk: N/A

opportunities to stay involved in contributive, meaningful ways."

Ignite Ole Miss supports various projects and offers giving levels that range from \$5 to \$5,000. Campaigns even offer unique rewards for giving, including the opportunity to fire the cannon at a football game in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium.

Plans are underway to launch new projects this fall. The UM Museum will initiate a campaign for refurbishments at Rowan Oak, the museum home of Nobel Prize winner William Faulkner. The Division of Student Affairs will seek support for a partnership with the National Pan-Hellenic Council to construct a garden honoring the nine historically and traditionally African-American fraternities and sororities.

UM Foundation officials hope these new and varied efforts will resonate widely among supporters.

"Ignite Ole Miss allows everyone with a stake in the University of Mississippi to leverage their circles of influence – via social media, email, blogs or otherwise – to help share more about our institution to a larger audience and bring awareness to projects that will benefit a range of organizations on campus," said Thigpen.

Thompson appreciates the opportunity that crowdfunding offers for insight and communication. "We want to listen to our fans and customers and provide innovative ways for them to stay connected to this great university."

## HOW TO CONNECT



facebook.com/IgniteOleMiss



twitter.com/IgniteOleMiss



ignite.olemiss.edu



# Ole Miss Athletics Foundation Announces Record-Breaking Year in Rebel Giving

Due to the continued generosity of Rebel Nation, the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation is excited to announce contributions of \$35.2 million from donors in the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2015, breaking the previous record of \$27.4 million in cash donations set the previous fiscal year.

The Foundation consists of members who make gifts to support Ole Miss Athletics. Along with increased cash donations, membership has grown to 12,000 and counting.

"I want to personally thank each and every member of the Ole Miss family who made a gift in 2014-15. Rebel Nation continues to grow, and your generous donations demonstrate the profound commitment to Ole Miss and our student-athletes," Ole Miss Director of Athletics Ross Bjork said. "Our mission is to provide Ole Miss student-athletes with a world-class experience while following our core values. With the generosity from more than 12,000 members of the Ole Miss family, we continue not only to maintain that experience but also expand it as well. We are certainly not finished in this endeavor, as we continue to move forward together."

Annual giving, which is made up of Ole Miss Athletics Foundation membership and priority seating donations, accounted for \$15.6 million (44.4 percent) of the \$35.2 million in cash gifts.

The Vaught Society received \$8 million in cash donations for Ole Miss Athletics this fiscal year. With only 29 charter members in 2010, the Vaught Society now has more than 360 members who have committed pledges of \$25,000 or greater over the course of five years.

In addition to Vaught Society contributions, \$10.7 million was provided through Forward Together Capital Gift Agreements.

"This accomplishment is a direct result of the passion and commitment of Rebel Nation. Through fans' generosity we were able to reach new fundraising heights," said Executive Director of the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation Keith Carter. "We asked our members to step up, and we continue to be blown away by their response. We cannot thank them enough for what they do for Ole Miss Athletics."

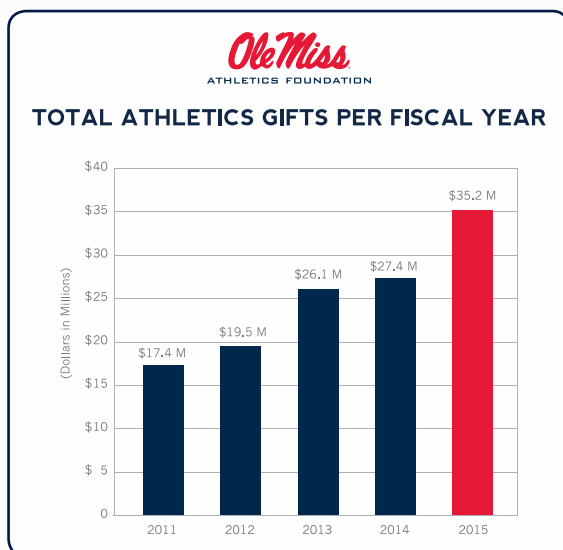
The Forward Together campaign has topped \$137 million in commitments to date with \$25 million in new pledges for the fiscal year, nearing the total campaign goal of \$150 million.

As part of the Forward Together capital campaign, Ole Miss Athletics is adding 30 luxury suites and 770 club-level seats to the south end zone and refurbishing all west side suites of Vaught-Hemingway Stadium. While those updates will be completed this fall, the facility's biggest changes are slated for 2016 with additions of a new south end zone field club and an exciting new "front door": The north side of the stadium will feature a plaza, bell tower and green space extending the Walk of Champions from the Grove all the way to the stadium. Closing in the north end zone seating will bring stadium capacity to 64,038 and put the polishing touches

on one of the nation's elite college football facilities.

The campaign also will help wrap up the completion of the new home for the Ole Miss men's and women's basketball teams, the Pavilion at Ole Miss. A 9,500 seat, state-of-the-art facility nestled next to Vaught-Hemingway Stadium, the Pavilion at Ole Miss is set to open in January 2016.

**MAKE A GIFT:** (662) 915-7159 or [givetoathletics.com](http://givetoathletics.com)





## Chuck Mullins Remembered: Scholarship Fund Receives Major Boost from Fans



From left, Chancellor Jones, Phillips family, Coach Billy Brewer, Mullins scholarship recipient Acacia Santos, Carver Phillips and AD Ross Bjork

For the last 25 years, Chuck Mullins has touched the lives of the entire Ole Miss family, and with the formal dedication of "Chuck Mullins Drive," Ole Miss honored his life and influence in a visible, memorable and enduring way.

"His name has become a symbol for all of the things that we most value in ourselves: toughness, leadership, fun, respect, courage, hope and legacy," Athletics Director Ross Bjork said. "Those who have worn the No. 38 jersey know exactly what I'm talking about and so do their teammates."

"Chuck's spirit has been, and continues to be, a unifying force for Ole Miss like no other," said outgoing UM Chancellor Dan Jones.

His legacy endures today, Bjork said, because he was the quintessential Ole Miss Rebel. "He was a fighter," Bjork said. "He didn't automatically receive a college football scholarship. He sat in Coach (Billy) Brewer's office and pledged his name that he was worthy and then he earned it. He didn't have the speed of a lot of players, but he made up for it with heart. That's a cliché that we use in sports too often, but it applies when talking about Chucky."

As part of the September weekend's festivities, funds were raised for the Chucky Mullins Scholarship, awarded each year to students who either have a physical handicap or who have exceptional financial need. In the stands of Vaught-Hemingway and online, fans contributed more than \$150,000 to increase the scholarship fund.

"I don't see 38 fading away," said Carver Phillips, Mullins' guardian. "Year by year, it's getting stronger, and we're going to need to continue to keep this fight going."

**MAKE A GIFT:** (662) 915-7159 or [givetoathletics.com](http://givetoathletics.com)

## Gresham Brothers Continue Family Tradition of Rebel Support

Walton Gresham, president of Gresham Petroleum Co., and his brother Tom Gresham, president of Double Quick, Inc., have each made new \$100,000 commitments to the Vaught Society/Forward Together campaign. The benefactors from Indianola, Miss., also continue to endow the William W. Gresham Entrepreneurial



Louise, Tom, Ann, Walton and Laura Gresham, from left

Lectureship. Established in memory of their father, the fund supports the School of Business Administration's entrepreneurship program.

"There is a lot at play for universities outside of academics," said Walton Gresham, who serves on the UM Foundation Board. "It is important to excel in all areas."

Tom Gresham, a Southern Methodist University alumnus, agreed: "It's important to give back to both academics and athletics. If Mississippi is going to grow and prosper, we need Ole Miss to produce our next generation of leaders. We hope our entrepreneurship endowment will help prepare students to go out, take a risk, and start their own businesses."

Bill Gresham, 1948 UM graduate, and his wife, Ann, also gave the brothers their love for Ole Miss Athletics.

"The 1969 football season is one I will always remember," Tom Gresham recalled. "My dad took our entire family to New Orleans for the Sugar Bowl. Watching Ole Miss beat Arkansas in Tulane stadium will always be a great memory."

"If we can continue to be successful at recruiting coaches and student-athletes and increasingly improve athletic facilities, then our alumni and fans will continue having those great experiences that will be passed along for generations to come," said Keith Carter, executive director of the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation.

**MAKE A GIFT:** (662) 915-7159 or [givetoathletics.com](http://givetoathletics.com)

## A RECORD YEAR: 2014-15 AT A GLANCE

- **The highest yearly GPA in the history of Ole Miss Athletics**  
394 student-athletes had academic year cumulative GPA of 2.90
- **A record 11,122 OMAF members generated \$35.2 million in cash donations**  
as of June 30, 2015
- **Your Ole Miss Rebels were one of only two NCAA Division I programs**  
to participate in a New Year's Six Bowl game, NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament and NCAA Baseball Regional
- **Our highest finish ever:** Third place in SEC all sports standings in Men's sports
- **The first program ever recognized by the NCAA for Diversity and Inclusion efforts**  
with the renaming of Chucky Mullins Drive and other initiatives in partnership with the Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation

## Boatwright Keeps Close Ties to Ole Miss Through Athletics



Steven and Kim Boatwright

*"The University is respected. But Ole Miss is loved. The University gives a diploma and regretfully terminates tenure. But one never graduates from Ole Miss."*

This Frank E. Everett Jr. quote rings true for Steven Boatwright.

"I was leaving the University of Mississippi but wasn't leaving Ole Miss," Boatwright said of his 1988 graduation from the UM School of Pharmacy.

Boatwright, owner of Boatwright Pharmacy in Millington, Tenn., found he felt connected to Ole Miss by supporting its programs. In fact, he became a university donor within a year of graduation – a rare yet welcomed act.

"You don't have to be fully established to give back," said Keith Carter, senior associate athletics director for development and executive director of the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation. "Any amount can support our programs. We greatly appreciate the Boatwrights and their gift to our campaign."

Steven and his wife, Kim, recently committed a major gift to the Vaught Society/Forward Together Campaign.

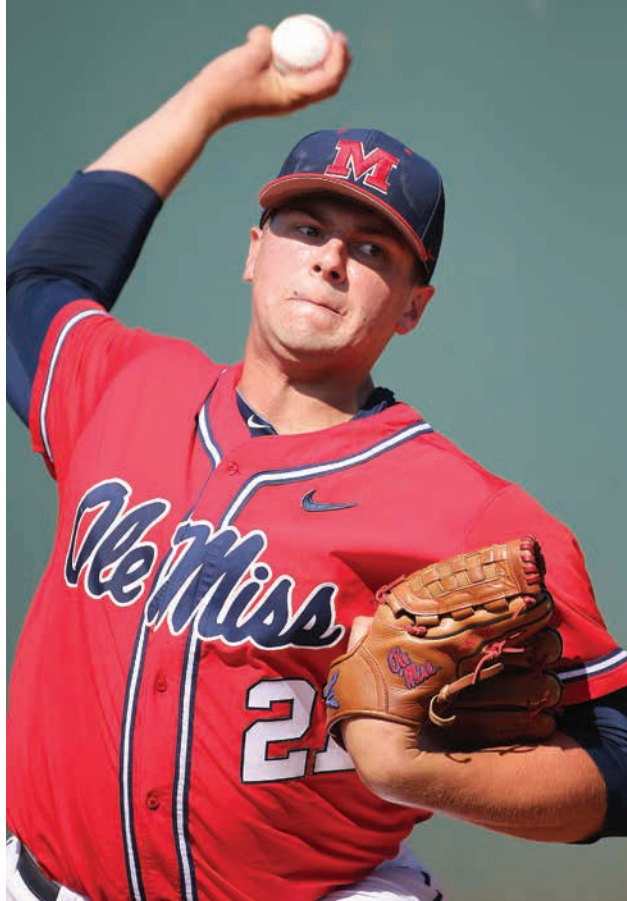
"I love Ole Miss. It's part of me," said Steven Boatwright, a five-year Vaught Society member.

Boatwright hopes his gift, combined with others, will help Ole Miss have a competitive edge.

"I want us to have a shot at a national championship in my lifetime," Boatwright said, adding his particular admiration for Coach Hugh Freeze. "We share a lot of the same values. He's a man of faith. I know winning is a top priority, but I also respect how he impacts young men's lives spiritually and in a mentoring way and helps them face life in general."

**MAKE A GIFT:** (662) 915-7159 or [givetoathletics.com](http://givetoathletics.com)

## Diamond Rebs' Bramlett Named Vice Chair of NCAA Student Athlete Advisory Committee



## 'Instant Fan' Rives Embraces Ole Miss



Claude Rives with AD Ross Bjork

Claude Rives of Shreveport, La., attended a 1986 Ole Miss-LSU football game and, though he had graduated from Regis University in Denver, Colo., he instantly became a Rebel fan.

"What I loved about Ole Miss was the spirit," recalls Rives. "We might not have had the facilities, equipment or sup-

port that other teams had, but the philosophy was, 'Why not?' I loved that."

Rives made many visits to Oxford in the years prior to his son Christopher's graduation in 1999. After his retirement in 2006, Rives bought a second home in Oxford. An avid football fan, he's also frequently found cheering for Ole Miss volleyball, tennis, basketball and baseball.

A lifetime member of the Ole Miss Alumni Association, Rives recently contributed a major gift to the Vaught Society/Forward Together campaign – a gift that has added to his history of generosity to Ole Miss Athletics.

"We have modern leadership that understands today's requirements for the success of a big-time program: to bring in the best people and the best athletes," he said. "I want this gift to provide facilities, services and be a part of accomplishing the vision and goals that are beginning to take shape."

"I want Ole Miss to be competitive in all sports and have the hope to be champions in any sport," he continued. "Through the vision of the administration, we now have the beginning of a program that will allow us to really be able to ask, 'Why not?' and mean it."

**MAKE A GIFT:** (662) 915-7159 or [givetoathletics.com](http://givetoathletics.com)





Athletics Foundation Director Keith Carter with Jimmy Brown

## Regions Promotes Financial Education for Student-Athletes

Regions Bank, the official banking institution of the Southeastern Conference, has committed \$500,000 in multiyear support to develop a first-of-its-kind financial education program for UM student-athletes.

Regions' gift, part of the Vaught Society/Forward Together campaign, will also support the Ole Miss Opportunity scholarship program and student-athlete development initiatives.

"The more that we are able to guide young people toward smart money management decisions early in their adulthood, the more positive impact we are going to have," said Jimmy Brown of Grenada, Miss., area president for Regions North Mississippi.

"It's a great fit," said Keith Carter, executive director of the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation. "These programs will work hand-in-hand to help prepare our student-athletes for life beyond athletics. We greatly appreciate Regions' generous donation."

Regions Bank's financial education program for student-athletes has been designed from the ground up. While it's unique to Ole Miss, Brown believes the bank can use it as a model to develop similar programs across the SEC.

"Education is at the heart of Regions' commitment to our communities," he said. "It's our goal to support both financial education and additional life skills that will serve students well as they begin their careers and plan for the future."

**MAKE A GIFT:** (662) 915-7159 or [givetothletics.com](http://givetothletics.com)



## Lady Rebels Excite Fans with Clutch Wins Over Kentucky and LSU

## Like Father, Like Son: Johnsons Support Athletics



Larry Johnson and son Michael

Michael Johnson of Jackson, Miss., grew up an avid Rebels fan – a legacy instilled in him by his father, Larry L. Johnson. Now, through their family foundation, they have committed \$250,000 to the Vaught Society/Forward Together campaign.

The Larry and Michael Johnson Family Foundation's gift is one of many contributed to UM by the late Larry L. Johnson, founder of The Landmark Companies. In addition to support of the Ole Miss Alumni Association and Ole Miss Athletics Foundation, Larry Johnson established two Ole Miss First academic scholarships in memory of his parents.

Today, Michael Johnson continues his father's commitment.

"Forward Together symbolizes our shared values and commitment to excellence," said Keith Carter, executive director of the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation and senior associate athletics director for development. "We are truly thankful for the Johnsons. Larry gave through the Vaught Society and instilled the value of giving in his son, Michael, who will now carry on that legacy for years to come."

Michael Johnson continues to run the family business and treasures the time he spent at work and at Ole Miss with his father.

"My first memories of Ole Miss are going to football games," Johnson recalled. "I remember the days of cars in the Grove, and I think



Michael and Larry Johnson

I remembered our seat numbers before I could my own home address.

"Those countless hours – laughing, complaining and having heartbreak about Ole Miss sports – are priceless," he continued. "It created a bond that I will cherish forever. Ole Miss Athletics via my father taught me so about wins and losses in life. Winning the game is important – but winning in life is what it's all about. And I believe that is why, given the current state of Ole Miss, he wanted to do this."

**MAKE A GIFT:** (662) 915-7159 or [givetothletics.com](http://givetothletics.com)



## Ole Miss Defeats Mississippi State 31-17 in 2014 Egg Bowl



## Vaught Society

The Ole Miss Athletics Foundation also thanks these additional Vaught Society members who made new commitments at or above \$125,000 in 2014-15:

- ♦ Bert and Dot Allen
- ♦ Bob and Deborah Berry
- ♦ William and Christina Busch
- ♦ Allen and Leah Crosswell
- ♦ James and Sherry Hudson
- ♦ Bill and Shannon Jordan
- ♦ Larry and Kathy Kerr
- ♦ Johnny and Renee McRight
- ♦ Bruce and Karen Moore
- ♦ David and Susan McCormick
- ♦ Ray and Nancy Neilsen
- ♦ Crymes and Scarlotte Pittman
- ♦ Shepard Smith
- ♦ Mike and Jane Strojny
- ♦ Dr. James Warrington
- ♦ Walter and Polly Watkins
- ♦ Robert and Amy Weaver

## Rebels Win Array of Academic Honors

With another successful season ended, 76 Ole Miss student-athletes were named to the 2015 Spring SEC Academic Honor Roll.

Fourteen members of the diamond Rebels made the SEC Academic Honor Roll, including three-time honoree Scott Weathersby, who graduated and was drafted and signed with the Houston Astros.



Ross Bjork with Jamie Morgan, Lauren Lindsey, Marina Parra and Allison Brown

Men's and women's track and field combined for 31 on the honor roll, including three-time honoree Jonathan Redding, who graduated with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Women's tennis placed six of seven eligible student-athletes on the honor roll, including three-time honorees and graduates Julia Jones, Erin Stephens and Iris Verboven. Men's tennis had four honorees, including three-time honoree William Kallberg, who posted a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Nine softball players made the cut, including three-time honorees Allison Brown and Lauren Lindsey.

Men's golf placed six on the list, including Academic All-American and SEC Men's Golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year, Forrest Gamble, with a perfect 4.0 GPA in physics. Women's golf also had six make the roll, led by Taylor Medalist Stani Schiavone.



*Mens' Basketball  
Celebrates Fifth NCAA  
Tournament Win in History*



## Catching Lightning in a Bottle: Scholarship Memorializes Kentucky Student



Fenton, Harrison, Rush, Jane, and Stephen Kottkamp

"In honor of Fenton, please love one another," read the last line of the obituary for UM senior John Fenton Kottkamp, of Louisville, Ky.

Fenton Kottkamp lost his life in a tragic Feb. 25 accident in Oxford. He and his identical twin brother, Rush, were both slated to graduate from UM's Patterson School of Accountancy.

His influence continues through the Fenton Kottkamp Memorial Scholarship Endowment, created by John Schnatter, president and CEO of Papa John's Pizza, and Archie Manning, businessman and Mississippi football icon.

"As Rush said to Jane, 'Fenton and I caught lightning in a bottle when we chose Ole Miss,'" his father said. "Fenton and Rush hit their stride in the Ole Miss environment. Our family will strive to make Ole Miss our happy place again."

Schnatter encourages others to support the scholarship fund. "Fenton and Rush served as interns at Papa John's headquarters. Ole Miss clearly had an impact on Fenton; he embodied all of the qualities we want from a young professional."

Manning agreed, adding, "Our hearts continue to be with the Kottkamp family. We hope others will remember this extraordinary young man by helping build this endowment to help others experience Ole Miss."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Brett Barefoot, (662) 915-2711 or [bmbarefo@olemiss.edu](mailto:bmbarefo@olemiss.edu)

## Mossing Leaves Lasting Mark at UM



Sue and Mike Mossing, center, surrounded by their children Christopher, Caroline, Daniel and Sam plus their hosted exchange student Matthias Goeller

Michael Mossing, professor of chemistry and biochemistry at UM, has committed a generous gift to the UM Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning to honor his late wife, former associate director of CETL, Susan Mossing.

The Susan Lynn Mossing Memorial Endowment will provide support for CETL, continuing her sustained efforts to assist struggling students.

"Sue Mossing was a valued mentor, colleague, friend and advocate to so many individuals," CETL colleagues said. "She found purpose and meaning in helping others and saw the positive qualities in people that were often overlooked. She fostered the development of those who were struggling, and encouraged them to move past their challenges and persevere despite difficult circumstances."

Even after her diagnosis, Sue remained committed to advocating for academic student support measures," said Morris Stocks, now UM acting chancellor. "She was a tireless leader in efforts to ensure access to higher education and understood the importance of classroom success and earning a four-year degree. This endowment from her family will maintain her strong presence of encouragement for those students in need."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Sandra Guest, (662) 915-5208 or [sguest@olemiss.edu](mailto:sguest@olemiss.edu)

## Museum Friends Help Support Installation



Friends of the Museum hosted a recent dinner seeking private funds for the reinstallation of the University Museum's David M. Robinson Memorial Collection of Greek and Roman Antiquities. The project hopes to triple the collection's viewable objects, currently 2,000-plus antiquities with only 137 exhibited. Plans call for touch-friendly technology, new display casework, enhanced on-site study access for research, and improved security. Educational impact to youth and families of the region, university students and faculty, and diverse public audiences cannot be overstated.

**MAKE A GIFT:** Angela Barlow Brown, (662) 915-3821 or [ambrown@olemiss.edu](mailto:ambrown@olemiss.edu)



## Ed Krei Elevates Accountancy Position to Chair Level at Couple's Alma Mater



UM Accountancy Dean Mark Wilder, left, and Ed Krei

graduated from what is now the School of Applied Sciences and enjoyed a career as a speech pathologist in public schools.

Ed Krei said this endowment is meant to provide an eternal flame for what he felt as a student.

"The Patterson School is a worthwhile investment because of the passion of the faculty," Krei said. "It is so evident; they really excite students about their field. I find myself emulating what I learned from them."

Krei is a managing director for the Baker Group, an institutional fixed income firm. For 21 years Krei has helped organizations plan for the future.

"My favorite part of the job is being with people," he said. "I enjoy hearing what's happening in our industry on the ground level."

UM's Patterson School undergraduate degree program has been ranked in Public Accounting Report's top 20 since 2008 and top 10 since 2011.

"The secret is out about the strength of our program," said Mark Wilder, dean of the Patterson School. "During spring 2015, we placed interns in 17 different states, from coast to coast, and in London. Graduates like Ed Krei have helped craft a reputation that is synonymous with success."

"For decades our faculty members have made a world of difference in the lives of our students," added Wilder. "Thanks to the Kreis' generosity, they will continue to be able to do so."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Brooke Barnes, (662) 915-1993 or [brooke@olemiss.edu](mailto:brooke@olemiss.edu)

In 2009, Ed and Barbara Krei of Oklahoma City, Okla., established the Edward Krei Lectureship in Accountancy. This year, they have generously elevated it to a chair, with more than \$1 million committed to sustaining and strengthening the Patterson School's faculty.

"We received great educations here," said Ed Krei, a 2015 Accountancy Hall of Fame inductee. "Professors Gene Peery and Jimmy Davis – they had a big impact on me. This is my way to thank them and the institution for their focus on teaching."

Ed and Barbara Krei graduated in 1973 and married in 1974. Barbara

## UM School of Law Is Third U.S. Site Chosen for Justice Center



Cliff Johnson

new MacArthur Justice Center at UM Law.

Students will have hands-on opportunities to work directly on cases filed by the MacArthur Justice Center through the MacArthur Justice Clinic, part of the law school's clinical programs, under the center's new director, veteran Mississippi attorney Cliff Johnson.

Former Assistant U.S. Attorney Johnson prosecuted civil and criminal fraud cases in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Mississippi and was a partner at the Jackson law firm of Pigott & Johnson.

"The MacArthur Justice Clinic at Ole Miss Law will have a positive impact on the lives of the people of Mississippi, while providing a wonderful learning experience for our students," said Richard Gershon, former law school dean. "It is an honor for us to partner with the J. Roderick MacArthur Foundation in this important endeavor."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Debbie Vaughn, (662) 915-3937 or [dvaughn@olemiss.edu](mailto:dvaughn@olemiss.edu)



## Stamps Scholars' Day of Service

UM Stamps Leadership Scholars partnered with Youth Rebuilding New Orleans to rebuild distressed and fore-closed homes to be sold to teachers in an effort to stabilize neighborhoods and positively impact education.

"I brought my fellow Stamps Scholars to New Orleans to learn about the legacy of Hurricane Katrina," said freshman Kathryn James. "The Stamps Foundation goes beyond providing financial resources; it gives us a community of students who challenge each other to better use our gifts as we strive to be agents of change."



## Software Gift Becomes ‘Game Changer’ for Dept. of Geological Engineering



Kevin Gardner, Louis Zachos, Sam Loree of Beicip, Inc., Gregg Davidson, UM Engineering Dean Alex Chang and Greg Easson

UM graduate students in geology and geological engineering will have a competitive edge in their research and future job potential, thanks to software gifts valued over \$3 million from Beicip-Franlab, an international oil and gas consultancy and software provider.

Beicip-Franlab, with U.S. offices in Houston, Texas, has donated licenses, training and support for their *OpenFlow™ Suite* which allows users to perform modeling and simulation exploration of geologic formations and reservoirs.

Beicip, Inc. CEO Sam Loree connected with Greg Easson, UM professor of geological engineering and director of the Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute, as Loree sought to strengthen the company’s model and analysis of oil and gas potential in the Tuscaloosa Marie Shale (TMS), a boomerang-shaped geologic formation that spans parts of Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. Scientists estimate TMS contains seven billion barrels of oil, meaning vast economic potential for the region.

Loree sees the donation as an investment in the industry’s future. “There aren’t a lot of new people coming in to do this kind of research. If students receive training and know how to use it, companies will value this experience.”

“Sam Loree and Beicip-Franlab have given us a gift like no other: access to some of the top modeling, simulation and analysis software in the world,” said Alex Cheng, engineering school dean. “It will aid in field research and allow our graduates to tell prospective employers of their experience with sophisticated industry tools. When private businesses and higher education partner, we can achieve great things.”

**MAKE A GIFT:** Kevin Gardner, (662) 915-7601 or [kevin@olemiss.edu](mailto:kevin@olemiss.edu)

## Quinn, McCarthy Support Reconciliation Efforts at UM



Quinn McCarthy with parents Jane Quinn and Jeff McCarthy

Jane Quinn and Jeff McCarthy of Chicago, Ill., have committed support to the Dr. Jesse L White Jr. Civic Engagement Endowment for UM’s William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation.

“When I read about Dr. White’s endowment, it seemed fitting for our support at Ole Miss,” Quinn said. “U.S. current events confirm there is no better time to address reconciliation.”

The endowment was created after White expressed confidence in Winter Institute leadership.

“We are incredibly grateful for this gift,” said WWIRR Director Susan Glisson. “Their investment represents great hope and commitment to reconciliation and equality. Our work’s success rests in such service and support.”

**MAKE A GIFT:** Denson Hollis, (662) 915-5092 or [dhollis@olemiss.edu](mailto:dhollis@olemiss.edu)

## Cossar Ole Miss First Scholarship Benefits Tallahatchie County Students



Courtney Ellett and Bill Cossar

When Bill Cossar gave \$125,000 to establish an Ole Miss First Scholarship, the Teasdale, Miss., resident had one intention.

“So many college graduates owe so much money when they get out,” Cossar said. “I’m happy to encourage them to go and help with expenses.”

Courtney Ellett, a Grenada High School graduate from Murphreesboro, Miss., will receive \$18,000 over four years.

“I’m very thankful,” she said. “It will help an awful lot; college is expensive.”

The Cossar Ole Miss First Scholarship is designed for Tallahatchie County residents with academic achievement.

Applicants must submit an essay recollecting a major impact on their life.

“I wrote about my brother Matt who was born with muscular dystrophy and passed away in 2006,” Ellett said. “He was only supposed to live to be 3 to 5 years old, but lived to be 16. Matt couldn’t walk and needed a feeding tube. I want to become a pediatrician and help kids who have similar challenges.”

Ellett will major in biology at UM.

“Courtney is my fourth recipient,” Cossar noted. “They have all been outstanding.”

**MAKE A GIFT:** Debbie Vaughn, (662) 915-3937 or [dvaughn@olemiss.edu](mailto:dvaughn@olemiss.edu)

## Bryants' Generosity Provides Ethical Proposition in Liberal Arts



Chancellor Jones, Frances and Hume Bryant, Richard Forgette

Hume Bryant and his wife, Frances, have established the Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hume Bryant Lectureship in Ethics Endowment through a recent pledge and gift of real estate. The new endowment will offer faculty support to enable additional ethics courses across disciplines, allowing more UM students to carry strengthened reasoning skills into their post-academic life.

"Ethics courses help students learn to think and decipher all the grey areas between what we call 'right and wrong,'" said Bryant.

Bryant, a 1964 engineering graduate, enjoyed his years at UM from youth through graduation. Bryant's family played a major role in UM's history. His mother, Willie Hume, was the niece of Alfred Hume, the first chancellor to possess an earned doctorate. His father, W. Alton Bryant, was chair of the Department of English, provost and later vice chancellor.

On a larger scale, this gift represents foundational beliefs about the importance of a liberal arts education that were shared by Hume Bryant's predecessors. The gift will promote coordination among faculty teaching ethics and will increase visibility for ethics on campus.

"On behalf of our university community, we thank Hume and Frances Bryant for their generous support," said Morris Stocks, acting UM chancellor. "This gift will strengthen our liberal arts faculty and help provide meaningful opportunities for our students to develop critical thinking skills and find moral purpose as they endeavor in their academic and career pursuits. The Bryant family has a long legacy of leadership at the University of Mississippi, and we are truly grateful for their commitment."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Denson Hollis, (662) 915-5092 or [dhollis@olemiss.edu](mailto:dhollis@olemiss.edu)

## Burl Hunt Remembered for Dedication to Teachers



Burl Hunt, professor emeritus of secondary education and educational media in the School of Education, passed away Dec. 19, 2014. He and wife, Clara – materials access librarian emerita and assistant professor emerita in the J.D. Williams Library – created the Burl and Clara Smith Hunt Teacher Education Scholarship in 1992 to offer assistance to deserving junior and senior female students based on need, with priority given to nontraditional students. In addition to the many contributions they made as faculty members, the Hunts were faithful university benefactors. Burl Hunt said in a former newsletter article that he and his wife hoped to "continue touching the lives of future teachers" through their scholarships. Clara Hunt maintains their home in Oxford.

**MAKE A GIFT:** Billy Crews, 662-915-2836 or [wlcrows@olemiss.edu](mailto:wlcrows@olemiss.edu)

## Texas Parents Support Nutrition and Hospitality Management Program



The Strong Travel Services Endowment will support the Department of Nutrition and Hospitality Management, thanks to Jim and Kay Strong of Dallas, Texas.

Their relationship with UM began when their son, James, enrolled in 2011.

"We were drawn to Ole Miss because of its graciousness and friendliness," Jim Strong said. "Since hospitality management focuses on service, we felt it was a natural connection."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Debbie Vaughn, (662) 915-3937 or [dvaughn@olemiss.edu](mailto:dvaughn@olemiss.edu)



## Khayat Chosen as 2016 OMWC Legacy Honoree *Sponsorships now available for the coveted UM event*



Chancellor Emeritus Robert Khayat with former Column Society members.

The Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy and presenting sponsor C Spire will honor UM Chancellor Emeritus Robert C. Khayat as their 2016 Legacy Award recipient next April. The Legacy Award honors someone who epitomizes leadership, mentorship and philanthropy, the flagship components of the OMWC program. Khayat was chancellor when the OMWC was formed and continues to be a source of support and encouragement to the council. Proceeds from Legacy Award events help fund OMWC mentoring and leadership programs.

**MAKE A GIFT:** Nora Capwell, (662) 915-2384 or [ncapwell@olemiss.edu](mailto:ncapwell@olemiss.edu)

## Ole Miss Women's Council Celebrates 15 Years



The Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy, celebrating its 15th anniversary, first came together to create scholarships that would provide more than financial assistance alone.

"Thanks to the incredible investments from alumni, friends and council members, our OMWC scholarships and programming are absolutely transforming students' lives – and we intend for our work to impact many, many more individuals," said OMWC chair Karen Moore, pictured far right, joined by Chancellor Dan Jones, Katie Hester, a past OMWC chair, and UM First Lady Lydia Jones.

The scholarships, which have become some of the largest and most prestigious on campus at approximately \$32,000 each, are awarded to scholarly young women and men with a desire to give back to society. But perhaps the most valuable aspects of the scholarship packages are opportunities for mentorship, guidance and lifelong friendship between council members and recipients.

OMWC's past and future will be spotlighted at an anniversary celebration Sept. 25. "We will highlight our scholars, alumni scholars and supporters. It is sure to be an entertaining and inspiring event," said Moore.

**MAKE A GIFT:** Nora Capwell, (662) 915-2384 or [ncapwell@olemiss.edu](mailto:ncapwell@olemiss.edu)

## Ole Miss Women's Council Honors Overby with Legacy Award



Charles Overby interviews Chancellor Jones

The Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy honored Charles Overby, a UM alumnus and champion of the First Amendment and the free press, with its 2015 Legacy Award at a dinner presented by C Spire at Carrier House.

"We are thrilled to honor Charles Overby for his professional, personal and philanthropic endeavors," said Karen Moore, OMWC chair.

For 22 years, Overby was chief executive officer of the Freedom Forum, a nonpartisan foundation that educates people about the press and the First Amendment. He also served as CEO of the Diversity Institute, a school created in 2001 to teach journalists while increasing diversity in newsrooms, and CEO of the Newseum from 1997 to 2011.

The OMWC Legacy Award recognizes philanthropists, leaders and mentors who have made significant contributions to the university, state and nation. OMWC's endowments total nearly \$11 million, with almost 100 students participating in their mentorship and scholarship program.

"This is a huge honor, and I am grateful to the Women's Council for its exceptional philanthropic work," Overby said.

The Overby Center for Southern Journalism and Politics was established at Ole Miss with a \$5.4 million gift from the Freedom Forum to honor Overby's extensive professional contributions, including those as adjunct instructor for the Meek School of Journalism and New Media.

C Spire was the presenting sponsor for the 2015 Legacy Award. Additional sponsors included FedEx Corp., FNC Inc., Kimberley Fritts, Sanderson Farms, Two Rivers Ford, RJ Young, the Freedom Forum and the Mississippi Press Association.

**MAKE A GIFT:** Nora Capwell, (662) 915-2384 or [ncapwell@olemiss.edu](mailto:ncapwell@olemiss.edu)

## Jim 'N Nick's Owner Assists SFA in Documenting Culinary Wealth of the South



Nick Pihakis

Nick and Suzanne Pihakis of Birmingham, Ala., have endowed the Pihakis Foodways Documentary Fellow, a filmmaking and teaching position at UM and its Southern Foodways Alliance. Thanks to their generosity,

stories of Southern food cultures will be filmed, produced and taught.

Nick Pihakis, who founded Jim 'N Nick's Community Bar-B-Q in 1985 with his late father, Jim Pihakis, has generously underwritten documentary work of the SFA for more than a decade.

"Nick and Suzanne have invested time and money in the cultural and culinary wealth of the South," said SFA director John T. Edge. "This gift ensures that important work will continue."

Pihakis began contributing in 2004, with an annual commitment of \$2,500 per store. When the SFA staged its Summer Symposium in Birmingham, Pihakis marshaled resources to make the event a success.

"I thought that what the SFA was doing – telling stories about fried chicken cooks, oystermen, pig farmers and vegetable farmers – was really important," Pihakis said. "I think it's important that our company invest in the documentary work of SFA."

Their contributions top \$75,000 each year. Using Pihakis' innovative giving strategy, Jim 'N Nick's has given more than \$500,000 to support SFA.

"Working with John T. Edge and his colleagues, I learned so much about the culture of food," he said. "My intent is that our gift ensures that great storytelling work continues for generations to come."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Nikki Neely Davis, (662) 915-6678 or [nlneely@olemiss.edu](mailto:nlneely@olemiss.edu)



From left, SFA Fellow Lindsey Kate Reynolds and Professor Catarina Passidomo

## Chisholm Foundation Undergirds New Program of Study

The Chisholm Foundation of Laurel, Miss., has generously contributed to an endowed Southern Foodways professorship at UM. A joint appointment in Southern Studies and Anthropology, Catarina Passidomo was named to the position in 2014, bringing foodways into the classroom at UM's Center for the Study of Southern Culture, helping introduce documentary and anthropological work like that of the Southern Foodways Alliance to students.

"The study of foodways has become a central approach to understanding issues of race, class, gender, economy and identity for scholars of cultural life," said Ted Ownby, director of the CSSC and professor of History and Southern Studies.

"Catarina is proving herself a keen mentor to Southern Studies graduate students," said John T. Edge, SFA director. "Her research on post-Katrina food justice in New Orleans sets a bar for contemporary foodways research. Thanks to the Chisholm Foundation, teachers like Catarina are making UM a national locus of foodways scholarship."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Nikki Neely Davis, (662) 915-6678 or [nlneely@olemiss.edu](mailto:nlneely@olemiss.edu)

## Smith Fellows Experience SFA Symposia



From left, Brook Smith, Emeril Lagasse, Pam Smith

Drawing on academics, chefs, artisans, farmers, journalists, writers, food enthusiasts and more, UM's Southern Foodways Alliance uses food as a cultural compass, guiding the understanding of history, race relations and politics. SFA members Pam and Brook Smith of Louisville, Ky., are helping bring more people to the conversation.

The Smiths contributed \$250,000 creating the Smith Symposium Fellows program to bring notable individuals to SFA symposia.

"There's nothing Pam and I have ever seen that compares to the Southern Foodways Alliance," Brook Smith said. "It's an unmatched organization that is making a difference."

"Our Smith Fellows are at the forefront of their field," said John T. Edge, SFA director. "Through the generosity of Pam and Brook, we're able to invest in their careers and in the future of our region. We're humbled by this gift and determined to leverage their belief in our mission."

President of Smith Manus, one of the nation's largest surety bond agencies, Smith's appreciation for food is both personal and professional. With partners, he launched Post Parade, a Napa Valley cabernet wine project. Across the years, with regular travel, mostly domestically, Smith became a passionate food advocate, checking out a wide array of offerings from the local barbecue joints to white tablecloth fine dining establishments.

"I was pounding the same trails as the SFA," said Smith. "My path has crossed with so many different, interesting and fun people." That led to the Smiths becoming SFA members after SFA's "Taste of the South" at Blackberry Farm in Walland, Tenn.

"John T. Edge has crafted a very well-run organization. We feel fortunate to be able to support such great work."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Nikki Neely Davis, (662) 915-6678 or [nlneely@olemiss.edu](mailto:nlneely@olemiss.edu)



## New Facilities Advance Research Capabilities, Produce STEM Graduates

In 2012, UM acknowledged a critical shortage of STEM-educated workers and committed to producing more graduates from science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

"Our nation can continue as a global leader by encouraging more students to pursue STEM fields," said outgoing Chancellor Dan Jones. "New, state-of-the-art facilities undergird our efforts to provide outstanding teaching and research in these areas."

The 2015 fall semester will open with two such facilities. The \$16 million renovation of Coulter Hall began in 2013, providing needed research and gathering space for UM's growing population. Additions include research laboratories, support offices, a 200-seat auditorium and more. The project benefits not only the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, but serves as a reflection of the unprecedented growth of the university and the strengthening of its research facilities and reputation.

The School of Pharmacy and its Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences also dedicated the new Thad Cochran Research Center West Wing, completing the National Center for Natural Products Research complex, the nation's only university-affiliated research center devoted to improving human health and agricultural productivity through the discovery, development and commercialization of pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals derived from natural products.

Waters Corporation of Milford, Mass., has partnered with the School of Pharmacy in the



The new Thad Cochran Research Center West Wing

creation of a natural products training laboratory to educate professionals and scientists on best practices in natural products and botanical dietary supplements. Waters will loan several pieces of cutting-edge equipment to the university in establishing the laboratory.

"Waters is committed to partnering with world-class experts to foster new ideas and promote innovation," said Richard Ladd, Waters Corp. senior director of pharmaceutical business. "We are very pleased to collaborate with

the NCNPR and UM in establishing the state-of-the-art Natural Products Training Laboratory."

"This year marks the 20th anniversary of NCNPR, so it is fitting that we mark this dedication in 2015," said Larry Walker, NCNPR director. "It is exciting to see the achievement of this milestone, as envisioned by the school's leaders over the years."

**MAKE A GIFT:** Raina McClure, (662) 915-6967 or [rmclure@olemiss.edu](mailto:rmclure@olemiss.edu)

## McRight Advocates for Veterans at UM

Lila Lee McRight (center, seated), a 1946 UM graduate, Miss Ole Miss, Hall of Fame inductee and cheerleader, is being honored by her family through a scholarship endowment in her name. The longtime Ole Miss supporter's son and daughter-in-law, Johnny and Renee McRight of Greenville, Miss., have established the Lila Lee McRight Endowment for Veterans' Success to pay tribute to her contributions to UM and provide assistance to veteran and military students. A UM student during World War II, Lila McRight has long held a passion for veterans, and has spoken to students about the WWII experience on the Oxford campus.

**MAKE A GIFT:** Denson Hollis, 662-915-5092 or [dhollis@olemiss.edu](mailto:dhollis@olemiss.edu)







406 University Avenue  
Oxford, Mississippi 38655

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Jackson, MS  
Permit No. 134

## UM ALUMNI, FRIENDS PROVIDE RECORD \$133M

*Private support sustains and propels academics, research, athletics across campuses*

Enabled by \$133 million in private support in FY 2015, the University of Mississippi is enhancing facilities, strengthening faculty, awarding scholarships, contributing to research discoveries and bettering healthcare outcomes for Mississippians.

Identified as the nation's 13th fastest-growing university by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, UM boasts the largest student enrollment among Mississippi's public universities.

"Our alumni and friends remain dedicated to helping us reach our goals. They understand that our institution is committed to excellence," said Acting Chancellor Morris Stocks. "Thanks to those who invested in our future, we are realizing those goals and the goals of our students."

Many donors cited the visionary leadership of outgoing Chancellor Dan Jones as a key element of their confidence in UM. Under Jones, UM's six-year private support total approximated \$570 million, exceeding \$100 million in each of the four previous years.

Donor impact reached every unit, including the UM Medical Center. 2015 brought UMMC's largest private gift received in a single year on record.

"As Mississippi's only academic medical center, the stakes remain high," said Dr. LouAnn Woodward, vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of medicine. "Our donors help us offer state-of-the-art facilities and care, meanwhile educating the health professionals of tomorrow."

With membership exceeding 12,000, the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation also had a record year, generating more than \$35 million.

"Ole Miss was one of only two programs in NCAA Division I to participate in a New Year's Six Bowl game, the NCAA Men's basketball tournament, and the NCAA Baseball Regional," said Ole Miss Athletics Director Ross Bjork. "The collective efforts of our donors, student-athletes, coaches, staff and fans have made this one of the most inspiring years in Ole Miss Athletics. We are certainly not finished and will continue to move forward together."

UM Foundation President and CEO Wendell Weakley thanked those who supported UM. "The unwavering support of our alumni and friends is shown not just in dollars, but also in the number of those who gave back, an increase of more than 30 percent for the Oxford campus alone since last year. We could not be more appreciative of those who entrusted their hard-earned resources to the benefit of the University of Mississippi and its students."

### PRIVATE SUPPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

\$ 97.8	million cash and realized gifts
\$ 30.4	million new pledges receivable in future years
\$ 5	million in deferred and planned gifts
<hr/>	
\$ 133.2	MILLION TOTAL PRIVATE SUPPORT

