September 2, 2020

Dear Golden Eagles:

As we prepare for our football season opener, we have a tremendous opportunity to share our Southern Miss Spirit on a national stage.

As the first NCAA Division I game featuring two FBS opponents, all eyes will be on The University of Southern Mississippi, the City of Hattiesburg, and the State of Mississippi tomorrow night.

We can set ourselves apart from so many other athletics programs, so many other institutions, and so many other states – but we will only be successful if we work as a team, together.

Each of us has a role to play in this spotlight – whether we are on the field, in the stands, or in our community – and the choices we make will determine the lasting impression of The University of Southern Mississippi on this national platform.

I ask you to continue to be our partners in following our Gameday protocols, helping support the health and well-being of our community, and showcasing our Athletics program, our University, and our state in ways that could position us for additional opportunities in the future.

Southern Miss To The Top – Together,

Rodney D. Bennett
President