Mississippi's Health, Mississippi's Future
College of Health Forum Series 2013
Baby Boomers - How are we going to care for all of these people?
Tuesday, April 23, 2013  |  5:30 p.m.  |  Thad Cochran Center
There is no cost to attend, and refreshments will be served.
Sponsored by Hattiesburg Clinic

Calendar of Events:

Memorial Day Holiday
May 26, 2014
Summer night classes begin

Summer Day Classes Begin
May 27, 2014

Last Day to Register Late for Full-semester Classes
May 30, 2014

Deadline for Fall Freshman Admission
June 30, 2014

Deadline for Fall Transfer Admission
August 15, 2014

Deadline for Fall 2014 Readmission
August 19, 2014

Independence Day Holiday
July 4, 2014

Fall Classes Begin
August 20, 2014

Homecoming 2014
November 8, 2014
Golden Eagles take on Conference USA rival Marshall at M.M. Roberts Stadium

Bennett Inaugurated as 10th President of The University of Southern Mississippi
By David Tisdale
Saying he “looked forward to our future together,” Dr. Rodney Bennett was officially inaugurated as president of The University of Southern Mississippi Friday, May 2 on the Hattiesburg campus during a ceremony held at Bennett Auditorium. An inauguration ceremony was also held at Southern Miss Gulf Coast in Long Beach May 1.

Dr. Hank Bounds, State Commissioner of Higher Education, officially invested Bennett with the office of president of the University during the ceremony along with Aubrey Patterson, president of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning. “Through the experience he (Bennett) has gained throughout his career, he is prepared for this moment,” Bounds said.

Bennett thanked Bounds and the board for entrusting him with the presidency, and reiterated his commitment to move the university forward by helping students achieve their goal of obtaining a degree, supporting faculty research and instruction and working as a partner with public and private entities to improve the quality of life in the state and region.

“I can’t tell you how much joy I have in my heart,” Bennett said in addressing the audience. “Thank you so much for this moment.”

Children’s Center at Southern Miss Celebrates 40th Anniversary
By Van Arnold
Graduation festivities at The Children’s Center for Communication and Development at The University of Southern Mississippi carried special significance this spring as the Center celebrated its 40th commencement service on Friday, May 16 at the J.B. George Building on the Hattiesburg campus.

Twenty-five children, ages 5-and-under, with disabilities “graduated” from The Children’s Center in a 40th graduation and anniversary celebration. Southern Miss President Rodney D. Bennett handed out diplomas. Mississippi’s First Lady Deborah Bryant also joined in the celebration.

The Children’s Center opened its doors in the fall of 1974, pioneering early intervention services in Mississippi for children with disabilities. Today The Children’s Center provides direct transdisciplinary services to more than 100 children ages birth through age 5 from more than 25 counties.

Alumni Spotlight
Rebecca Turner, MS, RD, CSSD, LD, is a registered dietitian and certified specialist in sports dietetics (CSSD) with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. She serves as nutrition affairs program manager for the Southeast Dairy Association, for whom she conducts television, radio and print interviews on nutrition throughout Mississippi and Louisiana. As a credible resource, she appears on WLBT and contributes to Well-Being Magazine, the Clarion Ledger’s fitness page, and others. In addition, she is the official dietitian for Mississippi Public Broadcasting, Fit to Eat. Connect with Rebecca and download her free app, Search Rebecca Turner Nutrition in your App Store. Rebecca graduated from The University of Southern Mississippi with both a Bachelor (’07) and Master of Science (’09) degree in nutrition and food systems.
Southern Miss Graduate Students Complete LEND Program Training

By Van Arnold

Three graduate students from The University of Southern Mississippi have completed extensive training through the Institute for Disability Studies’ Leadership Education in Neurodevelopment and Related Disabilities (LEND) program.

Amelia Hutto (Speech & Language Pathology), Mallory McCann (Counseling Psychology), and Rebekah Rayburn (Counseling Psychology) each completed more than 300 hours in leadership, research, and clinical practices. Their accomplishment has prepared these future graduates to assume leadership roles for improving the health care delivery system within their respective fields for children with developmental disabilities and their families.

Experimental Foods class spent the semester learning the chemistry of food and were required to use this information to develop a new food product.

In order to emphasize the importance of eating local and supporting farmers, they were also required to incorporate a Mississippi product in their new food.

Examples of foods included: Venison Pizza and Quiche, Goat Cheese Fruit Pizza, Butter Bean Burgers, Catfish Cakes, Beet Aji Sauce, Buckwheat Banana Muffins, Crawfish Pasta and Crawfish Casserole, Pecan Poppers, Sweet Potato Brownies and Muffins, Strawberry Gummies and Strawberry Salsa, and Sweet Potato Salsa.

The Expo was a huge success and the students used ratings from visitors tasting their products to report acceptability and preference of the newly developed food products.

Rehner Inducted into Center for Community and Civic Engagement Hall of Fame

By Hanna Knowles

Karolyne Rehner, a therapeutic recreation senior in The University of Southern Mississippi’s School of Human Performance and Recreation, was inducted into the Center for Community and Civic Engagement Student Hall of Fame at the center’s Annual Awards Ceremony on April 22.

Rehner was recognized for her history of service, including volunteer service with the Association for the Rights of Citizens with Disabilities (ARC), efforts in planning a workshop on human trafficking and mission work in the Philippines and Zimbabwe. To complete internship requirements for her degree, Rehner is headed to Nova Scotia. She has accepted a graduate assistantship to pursue her master’s degree at The University of Mississippi in the fall.

Margaret Rose Shaw demonstrated her student project, “Evaluation of the difference in flavor, tenderness, and color of strawberry pie and strawberry pastry puff” at the First Annual Food Expo.

Nutrition and Food Systems Students Utilize Mississippi Products in First Annual Food Expo

The First Annual Nutrition and Food Systems Food Expo held on April 17, 2014 was a showcase of talent and knowledge. Undergraduate students in the

Southern Rotary Club of Hattiesburg presented the DuBard School for Language Disorders at The University of Southern Mississippi with a check for $4,600 on Tuesday, June 1. The club recently hosted a 5K run/walk and chose to give the proceeds to DuBard School.

Margaret Rose Shaw, therapeutic recreation senior, with her advisor, Dr. Rick Green.