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.
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Calendar of Events:
DuBard School Speakeasy
October 3, 2014
Trent Lott National Center

Fall Break
October 16-17, 2014
College of Health
Dean's Council Meeting
October 17, 2014
Hattiesburg Clinic

Enrollment appointment registration for Spring 2015
October 20, 2014
Open registration for Spring 2015
Tuesday, October 28, 2014

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

Thanksgiving Holidays
November 26-28, 2014

Commencement
Hattiesburg and USMGC students
Friday, December 12, 2014
Bernard Reed Green Coliseum
Hattiesburg, MS
10 a.m. – Colleges of Arts & Letters, Health, and Science & Technology
2:30 p.m. – Colleges of Business, Education & Psychology, and Nursing

Grant Awarded to Education of the Deaf Program at Southern Miss
By Hanna Knowles
Southern Miss' Education of the Deaf program, in its College of Health's Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, has received its second $1.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. This five-year grant provides full-tuition scholarships to support the training of 40 specialists enrolled in the Master of Science in Education of the Deaf with a concentration in Early Oral Intervention.

"We are one of only three such programs in the country that focuses on training teachers of the deaf to become specialists in early intervention," said Dr. Marietta Paterson, director of the Education of the Deaf program and co-author of the grant. "There is a critical national shortage of specialists trained to work with deaf children – especially in the area of listening and spoken language."

Children’s Center at Southern Miss Receives Gift from Heritage Vision
By Hanna Knowles
The Children’s Center for Communication and Development at Southern Miss received a $1,500 check from Kevin Harrison, owner of Heritage Vision Center, on Wednesday, Sept. 10.

Since 2004, The Children’s Center at Southern Miss has been the beneficiary of Heritage Vision Center’s annual July sales promotion. Each year Harrison commits a portion of his total July sales to support The Children’s Center and their work serving families and young children with disabilities.

"I've seen firsthand the remarkable changes that happen for children and families because of The Children's Center," said Harrison, a member of the center’s advisory board. “You feel the passion and energy when you walk through the door. We are fortunate to have a program of this caliber right here on the Southern Miss campus."

Donations from Harrison and Heritage Vision support the Rebekah Elizabeth "Beth" Harrison Endowment Fund at Southern Miss in memory of Harrison's late daughter and Children's Center volunteer.

College of Health Ambassadors Lead the 2014 Organ Donor Challenge for Southern Miss
Please help Southern Miss beat Ole Miss and Mississippi State in the Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency challenge to register the most organ and tissue donors. Register at www.MSORA.org/2014/09/donor-challenge-2014/ by October 17.

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Dean’s Blog:
Click here to see updated posts from Dr. Michael Forster.
Southern Miss Enrolls Most Academically Talented Student Body

By Van Arnold

Southern Miss announced today that its Fall 2014 entering class is the most academically talented in the institution’s recorded history.

With a renewed focus on student recruitment, retention, progression and graduation, the University’s newest students have the highest grade point average of any entering class. In addition, retention and graduation rates have improved.

In all, 14,845 students are enrolled for the Fall 2014 semester, slightly below the total from Fall 2013, when Southern Miss enrolled 15,249 students. With an average GPA of 3.26, Fall 2014 freshmen have also extended a five-year streak of rising grade point averages. In Fall 2013, the average high school grade point average of a first-time freshman was 3.21, up from 3.18 in Fall 2012, 3.15 in Fall 2011, 3.08 in Fall 2010, and 3.06 in Fall 2009. The new freshman class has an average ACT score of 22.5, the highest known in University history.

Additionally, Southern Miss has enrolled more transfer students for each of the past five years than any other IHL institution. This fall, the University welcomes a total of 1,531 new transfers who have an average GPA of 3.00.

“While others across the country may have opted to grow enrollment at any or all costs, including quality, we have chosen a different path,” University President Rodney D. Bennett said. “We have chosen to be intentionally better and stronger.”

“When presented a choice between bigger or better, USM will choose better - every time. Our long-term plan is to grow enrollment with more academically qualified students, supported by a highly qualified and student-centered faculty,” Bennett said.