March 19, 2019

1. Advisement for Summer/Fall 2019 Ends March 22
Advisement in the School of Communication will begin on Monday, Feb. 25 and end on March 22. Students can start signing up for appointments in the main office, College Hall 106, at 11 am on Wednesday, Feb. 20. Appointments cannot be made or changed over the phone. Advisement forms will be available at the front desk, and students should be sure to look on their SOAR account to see who their respective adviser is before coming to sign up for an appointment.

Email questions to mcj@usm.edu.

2. Internship & Job Opportunities

2.1 MDOT Public Affairs Internship
The MDOT Public Affairs Division is seeking an intern for the 2019 Summer Semester at the MDOT Headquarters in Jackson.

Qualifications:
- Public Relations, Communications or Journalism Major.
- Classified as a Senior or Graduate Student.
- Enrolled at an Accredited College or University.
- Accepted into a Graduate program at an Accredited College or University.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office programs.
- Knowledge of Social Media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, SnapChat and/or LinkedIn.

Position responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:
- Participation in planning internal and external communication strategies.
- Developing and producing key communication materials including press releases, feature stories, social media content and talking points for speeches.
- Developing story-lines and pitches to the media.
- Preparing spokespeople for proactive media relations.
- Opportunity to participate in and help organize special events.
- Opportunity to participate in media training.

**Additional Information:**

- $12 an hour.
- Part time – 25 hours a week minimum.
- No benefits.
- Credit hours available if approved by accredited college or university.
- Opportunity for involvement in the Public Relations Association of Mississippi.
- Copy of transcript is required.

**Position is located in Jackson, MS.**

**For more Information, contact:**

Jason Scott  
Public Information Manager  
Mississippi Department of Transportation Public Affairs Division  
601-359-7225  
jscott@mdot.ms.gov

**II. U.S. Army Cadet Command Summer Internships**

The U.S. Army Cadet Command at Fort Knox, KY has summer internship opportunities for journalism, photojournalism, multi-media, social media, and broadcast journalist students. We are looking for 35 motivated students to cover ROTC Cadet Summer Training at Fort Knox from 15 May thru 18 Aug.

Student's direct supervisor for the internship is Mr. Richard Patterson, Deputy Chief of Public Affairs for Cadet Command. Mr. Patterson has over 20 years of experience as a Public Affairs Officer for the US Army and recently retired from active duty as the former Deputy Chief of Army Public Affairs.

This is not a paid internship; however, students are reimbursed for their travel expenses to and from their home and Fort Knox. Additionally, they will receive a meal stipend to help cover costs for food. Housing will be provided on Fort Knox at no cost to the students. Students will be required to coordinate their travels thru the Cadet Command Public Affairs Office to ensure they will be reimbursed.

Additional information concerning the internship and how to apply can be found at [www.futurearmyofficers.army.mil/pao-internship](http://www.futurearmyofficers.army.mil/pao-internship).

To view some of the products your students please visit our webpage at [www.futurearmyofficers.army.mil](http://www.futurearmyofficers.army.mil) and visit our YouTube page at [www.youtube.com/CadetCommandPAO](http://www.youtube.com/CadetCommandPAO).

Please see attached letters outlining the program and encourage your students to apply. If you or your students have questions concerning the internship feel free to contact me at the number or email below.
Richard T. Patterson
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U.S. Army Cadet Command
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Fort Knox, KY 40121
O: (502) 624–5277

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Jobs
I. WGBC Master Control/Videotape Engineer
Position: Master Control/Videotape Engineer
Company: WGBC
Station(s): WGBC-TV
Job Type: fulltime
Hours: Weekends, Evening and Overnight
Compensation: 9.00 / hour
Job Description: Responsible for recording of Syndicated programs and playing live Network programs. Operations of Spot Server to broadcast commercial breaks in network and taped shows. Computer skills are a must.
Benefits include vacation, sick pay, paid holidays and 401K.
Requirements: High school diploma and basic understanding of computers, along with the ability to monitor various projects at once.
Contact Info: Susan Ross -- susan@wndn.net. Fax: 601–693–9889. Directions: 1151 Crestview Circle Meridian, MS 39301

II. MSBA Manager of Communications
The Mississippi School Boards Association (MSBA) is a professional, nonprofit organization whose mission is to ensure quality school board performance through Advocacy, Leadership Training, Technical Assistance and Information Dissemination. MSBA represents all public school boards of education in the State of Mississippi.
MSBA seeks a dynamic and motivated professional with a proven track record in communications (traditional and social) and who is proactive, a strategic and forward thinker, and an exceptional writer and communicator. The ideal candidate will also have strong graphic and design skills.

This individual will have a minimum of (5) years’ experience, ideally in the area of communications. Candidates should also have excellent prioritization skills; a capacity to partner and coordinate with peers throughout the association; experience overseeing a broad portfolio of projects; demonstrated ability to manage multiple competing deadlines; and direct experience and successful track record of delivering creative, strategically thoughtful projects that deliver measurable impact.
The Manager of Communications will be responsible for developing and implementing an integrated communications program for MSBA. This person will play a significant role in driving communications initiatives to the Association members and partners. To view the full job announcement click here.
Interested parties must submit a letter of interest and résumé via email to Denotris Jackson at djackson@msbaonline.org.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
To be considered, all application information must be received in the MSBA office no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 1, 2019. No phone calls, please.

III. WTOK Job Postings
Sales Assistant
WTOK-TV is accepting applications for the position of a full time Sales Assistant. Duties will include, but are not limited to, entering and managing commercial insertion orders, effectively communicating with
advertising agencies and clients, assist Account Executives in preparing proposals and PowerPoint presentations for their sales efforts and other duties assigned by the General Manager and General Sales Manager. Candidates should possess excellent computer skills, be proficient in Microsoft Office and similar software, and have the ability to learn and master proprietary broadcast software and systems. Candidate must have excellent communication, organizational and time management skills and work under tight deadlines. This is an excellent opportunity to learn Broadcast TV and Internet sales and advance into outside Sales. Candidate must be detailed oriented, resourceful, a team player, and reliable. Experience in a broadcast environment is preferred, but not required.

**Evening Anchor/MMJ**
WTOK has an immediate opening for an experienced News Anchor for our Monday–Friday 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm newscasts. This position also requires the candidate to generate daily, enterprising news stories as an MMJ reporter. The candidate must be willing to serve as a fill-in producer and fill-in anchor on other shows, as needed. We are looking for a team player and newsroom leader. This candidate must be comfortable and connected with all broadcast journalism platforms including television, social and digital media.

**Producer/Videographer**
WTOK–TV, a Gray Television, Inc., station is seeking an experienced News Producer/Video Journalist. Responsibilities include providing supervisory backup to News Assignment Desk, assisting with scheduling and story planning, booking and coordinating satellite times for SNG vehicle and setting up microwave live shots for newscasts. They must be able to demonstrate a creative use of live elements, graphics, teases and pacing. This person will also be responsible for updating and maintaining the news section of our station's website during their shift. Applicant must also be skilled in camera shooting, reporting and possess excellent writing and editing skills. Applicant must also be aggressive in getting to the bottom of stories and be able to shoot with a crew or individually. A college degree and one year experience is preferred.

**Sports Anchor/Reporter/MMJ**
WTOK TV is looking for a passionate and energetic Sports Anchor/MMJ that knows how to go after the big, “local” sports story. We are in the heart of SEC Country–Mississippi State University and the University of Alabama are short drives away. C–USA’s Southern Mississippi is also a short, one-hour drive from Meridian. While we cover these schools regularly, we don’t want someone who only covers professional and college sports or reads national highlights. We’re looking for a creative, outgoing sports journalist who knows how to put together compelling, LOCAL sports stories and features. The ideal candidate will also be a team player and be able to communicate effectively with management, staff, WTOK viewers and our community.

All candidates should please apply online at [https://gray.tv/applynow](https://gray.tv/applynow)

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3. Kinney, Fernandez, and Boire Scholarship
The KF&B Scholarship was created to help students get the education that they need to take the journey into adulthood. The Tampa personal injury attorneys at KF&B understand that education is expensive and want to help one lucky student take a little bit of the stress away from wondering how they’re going to afford school.

Applicants will be required to submit a 500-word essay by no later than March 31, 2019, and the winner will be awarded a $1,000.00 scholarship by April 31, 2019.

Eligibility:
You are eligible to apply for this $1000 scholarship if you meet one of the below requirements.
A high school senior that has been accepted into a college or university
A current college student that is not in their final year.

Guidelines:
KF&B wants to hear your answer to the question, “What is one law that you think should be implemented to make the world a better place and why?”, in 500 words or less.

Submission Deadline:
The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2019. Applications submitted after this date may be considered for the following years scholarship.

Winner Selection:
Committee members will review all of the applicants and present the top contenders to the greater scholarship committee for the selection of one winner. The winner of the $1000 KF&B Scholarship will be contacted in April 2019 and will have two weeks to respond before a runner up is selected.

4. SPRF Scholarship

Goal: To assist a student in earning an undergraduate degree in a communications-related field of study. Special consideration will be given to students pursuing a career in public relations.

Award: A $1000 Tuition Scholarship

Eligibility: Any SPRF junior or senior student member currently enrolled full-time in a four-year university and pursuing an undergraduate degree in a communications-related field of study who meets the eligibility requirements may apply.

Requirements:

• Must have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
• Must be a rising junior or senior.
• Must be a full-time student.
• Must be enrolled in a communications-related field of study.
• Must be a member of SPRF. Membership is gained by joining a local affiliated organization.
• One-page essay submission (500–1,000 words) on an explanation of your goals and desired roles in the public relations field.
• A written summary of public relations activities, both professional and volunteer
Two letters of recommendation, one from faculty and one from an SPRF member other than your faculty member.

Resume.

Consideration to attend the annual SPRF Conference.

Official transcript

All paperwork must be received by April 15.

Note: All applications should be sent in a Word document. Names will be removed before sending to judges for a blind review of applications. Please email application to lvdarnell@una.edu.

5. National Survey of Student Engagement, 4/15

On February 14, 2019, USM freshmen and seniors were emailed a unique link to a 20–30 minute online survey for student engagement and Southern Miss needs your help to exceed the national average for student responses. We encourage you to check your emails from February 14, click on the link and complete the survey before April 15, 2019.

Prizes!!

In appreciation for participating, all students who complete the survey by April 15, 2019, will receive 20% off a regularly priced single clothing item at the USM Barnes & Noble Bookstore (offer valid in-store only and cannot be combined with other discounts) and will be automatically entered in a random drawing to win 1 of the following 3 prizes.

- Prize 1 is a $400 gift card.
- Prize 2 is the Freshman Big Win of a reserved parking space in the Parking Garage for the 2019/2020 school year (awarded to a Freshman participant).
- Prize 3 is the Senior Package including an Alumni Association membership, 2 reserved parking spaces at commencement, a free cap & gown rental from Barnes & Noble, guaranteed degree clearance within 3 days of graduation, a free transcript, and a $100 gift card (awarded to a Senior participant).

6. The Backdoor Coffeehouse Show

Chosen by ROLLING STONE as one of ten new Country / Americana artists You Need To Know, “Sounds Like: Country—folk songs about America in all its pain and glory with the literate, Southern gothic
The sensibility of Flannery O'Connor. — Rolling Stone. Emily Robinson has been racking up praise from BILLBOARD Magazine and SONGWRITER Magazine as well as being featured on NPR. We knew we wanted Emily when we discovered she was a good friend of Grace Pettis! So be sure to come welcome her to THE BACK DOOR — and yes there WILL be Al Butler’s Cakes! We’re still at 3200 Arlington in the back door of University Baptist Church and provide nursery workers on site. On April 1st, doors open at 7 pm, Show starts at 7:30 pm with great sound from Golden Eagle Sound & Production in the house.

“As always, concerts at The Back Door are donation only events. To reserve a close table please email us your name and number in your party at coffeehouse@ubchm.org or call or text David at 601–520–1589. You can also join them on Instagram @backdoorcoffeehouse.

*Find Your Way in L.A.*

Hollywood 4–11 has developed a summer camp that helps students with the transition from high school and college life to living in Los Angeles. For those students who are thinking about the big move to L.A., they will have Industry professionals come in and speak with attendees about surviving in the big city.

Located in the entertainment capital of the world, Los Angeles, CA, this camp is unlike any other. From the time you arrive in Hollywood you will be immersed in workshops from morning till afternoon, working with professional producers, talent agents, actors and casting directors. This one week intensive will give students the knowledge to overcome early obstacles that hinder so many artists when first arriving in Hollywood and give them countless invaluable lessons and experiences that our talent have learned along the way. Social activities such as a Hollywood tour and a live studio taping of a television show will also be scheduled. And don't be surprised if a special guest stops by to chat with you! Bring a friend and join them this summer.

If you would like more information, please visit their website: www.hollywood4–11.com or contact their president, Chris Nye, at chrisnye@hollywood4–11.com or 518–464–2662.

8. GRE Bootcamps

The Graduate School is sponsoring two upcoming GRE boot camps. The cost is $100 per student, which includes the cost of instruction and GRE workbooks. Fees are paid online. Each 8–hour boot camp is divided into two, 4–hour sessions which cover key elements of the GRE. Sessions are led by doctoral students from mathematics and English.

**Hattiesburg** – Tuesday, **March 19** and Tuesday, **March 26** from 5:30 to 9:30 pm.

**Long Beach** – Saturday, **March 23** and Saturday, **March 30** from 8:30 am to noon.

Here is a link to the boot camp information and registration forms. [https://www.usm.edu/graduate-school/gre-prep-classes](https://www.usm.edu/graduate-school/gre-prep-classes)

9. 1–Minute Student Behaviors Research Survey

Wailin Danieley, an undergraduate student at Furman University and current Sociology, Politics and International Affairs, and Urban Studies triple major, is conducting research on college students’ behaviors and substance use during Fall 2018 and Spring 2019.

You will find below a link to the 1–minute survey that assesses the variables of Danieley’s study. He appreciates anyone’s time and contribution to his research and if there are any further questions, you may contact him at wailin.danieley@furman.edu.

For verification of IRB certification and further questions please refer to the activity director and Chair of Sociology at Furman University, Kyle Longest: [Kyle.longest@furman.edu](mailto:Kyle.longest@furman.edu)

**Follow this link to the Survey:**

[Take the Survey](#)
10. The Divided State of America Event

Join the Stennis Center for Public Service and the Association of Center for the Study of Congress (ACSC) in a facilitated discussion on The Divided State of America: How can we get work done even when we disagree? At this event we will discuss how people with potentially opposing perspectives can come together to get work done.

The discussion guide for the community dialogue was prepared by the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress (ACSC) in collaboration with the Kettering Foundation. As a member of the ACSC, the Stennis Center for Public Service participated in naming and framing the Divided State of America through a deliberative dialogue process.

This event will be located at The University of Southern Mississippi, Scianna Hall Room 1048 on March 28 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. For questions regarding the event, contact Andrea Myles at the Stennis Center for Public Service at 662.325.8622 or andrea@stennis.gov.