March 26, 2019

1. Call for Entries: 2019 Student Showcase, 4/7

Entries are now being accepted for the annual School of Communication Student Showcase. Students are invited to submit entries in 14 categories (categories & descriptions are attached) to earn recognition during the School's awards reception on April 23, 2019 from 4 – 6 p.m. in the Thad Cochran Center ballroom on the Hattiesburg campus.

General guidelines:

1. Entries for each category can be from classes, a campus publication/airing or an outside venue.
2. Students may enter multiple categories with only two entries per person, per category. Group entries will be accepted in most categories, but it should be noted in the description of the entry listing all group members (only one trophy awarded).
3. All entries must be submitted electronically via the Student Showcase Entry Form. Each entry must include a link where judges can view the entry online.
4. Incomplete entry forms will result in disqualification of the contest category, and past winning entries are not eligible for entry.
5. Students named a finalist in any category should be present at the spring awards reception. Finalists will be announced via email notification no later than April 19.

Submission Process:
All entries are to be submitted via the Student Showcase Entry Form. A separate entry form must be submitted for each entry.

Entry Deadline: April 7, 2019 (by 11:59 pm)

Selection Process:
Entries will be judged by members of the School's advisory board which consists of professionals and
educators representing all areas of mass communication as well as alums and various local professionals.

What if I have questions?
Direct questions regarding contest entries to the MCJ Office at 601.266.4258, or email mcj@usm.edu.

To review categories and descriptions: https://www.usm.edu/school-of-journalism-and-media-studies/2019-student-showcase-call-entries

2. Internship & Job Opportunities

Internships

I. MDOT Public Affairs Intern
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 Public Relations Association of Mississippi.
- Copy of transcript is required.
- Position is located in Jackson, MS.

For more information, contact:
Jason Scott
II. Jay Hughes for Lt. Governor Campaign Intern
Jay for Mississippi is seeking interns to work with the Jay Hughes for Lt. Governor campaign. They are seeking motivated students who are interested in politics and the campaign process. This opportunity will yield a hands on, insightful experience with the campaign and an inside look at every aspect of conducting a successful state wide race from the ground up.
Students will be expected to dedicate 12–15 hours per week in order to receive 3 hours of credit.
The internship will consist of:
• Recruiting volunteers
• Assisting in volunteer organization
• participating in voter outreach tasks which will aid students in establishing connections throughout the state of Mississippi
If you are interested in this opportunity and would like to find out more information, please contact the campaign manager, Garrison English at 601.502.3543 or garrison@jayformississippi.com.

III. Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History Summer 2019 Internship
The Office of Special Events at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History is currently accepting applications for its summer 2019 internship Additional information on the internship including qualifications, responsibilities, and learning objectives can be found here. Step by step instructions on how to apply can be found here. Be sure to list Special Events as your project choice! Applications are due Monday, April 1st. However, the application review process begins this week! While unpaid, we offer a one–time $500 stipend to help with travel and transportation expenses.

IV. Fund for American Studies Summer Internship
The Fund for American Studies (TFAS) has openings in its Summer 2019 Journalism + Communication Academic Internship Program in Washington, DC.
As a reminder, our programs include:
• An internship placement in journalism, communications or public relations
• Courses for credit in ethics and economics for journalists
• Exclusive lectures with top journalists + editors, briefings and professional development seminars
• On–campus housing in the heart of Washington, DC
The special extended application deadline is April 3. More information on our program may be found at www.DCinternships.org/JComm.

VI. Editorial Internship – University Press of Mississippi
The University Press of Mississippi is accepting applicants for an unpaid editorial internship for the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. This is a great opportunity for English majors or anyone interested in book publishing.
The student intern should be available to work 8–15 hours/week (between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm), and will assist with a variety of editorial tasks including the following:
proofreading book descriptions, captions, and indexes
preparing letters, reports, and checklists
checking permissions
filing, copying, and mailing

We would be happy to work with the student so that he/she could receive college credit. The editorial internship is available each fall, spring and summer semester, with the following deadlines for application:

- **Fall:** July 10
- **Spring:** November 10
- **Summer:** April 10

All interns will be required to work at the Press offices in Jackson, Mississippi. To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to Assistant to the Director, Emily Snyder Bandy, at ebandy@mississippi.edu

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Jackson, MS 39211
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Jobs

I. **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.
II. WTOK Job Postings

Sales Assistant
WTKO–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
WTKO 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
WTKO–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
WTKO 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/applynov
3. 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)

4. 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 can 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.

5. 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 year's 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.

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 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.
7. Media and Business Expert Speaker

An accomplished and highly regarded media and business professional will speak at the University of Southern Mississippi Wednesday, April 10 at, about his 35-year career, focusing on diversity, public education, and the Mississippi economy.

Ronnie Agnew, executive director of Mississippi Public Broadcasting, will present “Tales from the Field: From Sharecropper’s Son to News Executive” from 11:30 until 12:30 at the Thames Polymer Science Research Center, room 101, on the Hattiesburg campus.

For more information about this event, contact the Southern Miss School of Communication at 601.266.4258. For information about the School, including its degree programs and faculty, visit www.usm.edu/mcj.

8. 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.

9. 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).
10. 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

Follow this link to the Survey:

Take the Survey

Or copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser:
https://furman.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8qAhpLbTSG98rhH?Q_CHL=email

11. Dissertation Research for Jackson State University Doctoral Student

James Fisher, a clinical psychology doctoral student at Jackson State University in Jackson, MS, is currently recruiting people to participate in his dissertation research. His research is on traumatic stress and the perceived racial discrimination among African American male college/university students in Mississippi.

Participants must be men between the ages of 18 and 25 who identify as Black/African American and who are currently enrolled in a college or university in the state of Mississippi.

The study is online and should take approximately 30 to 40 minutes to complete. Every tenth person who participates in the study will receive a $15 Amazon gift card.

This research is supervised by Dr. Jacqueline Reese-Smith, Ph.D. and has been approved by Jackson State University’s Institutional Review Board (Protocol # 0168-17). This distribution of this study has been approved via an Institutional Authorization Agreement between Jackson State University and The University of Southern Mississippi.

To begin the study, click the following link:


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.

13. ALLEX Foundation Scholarships – Study Chinese or Japanese

The WUSTL–ALLEX Intensive Chinese and Japanese Institute will offer intensive beginning level classes in Japanese and Mandarin Chinese at Washington University in St. Louis for seven weeks this summer. Each class meets for 2 hours per day, 5 days a week for 7 weeks. The course is intensive and requires 3–5 hours of mandatory self-managed study per day.

This program is designed to train students to speak and listen to Chinese or Japanese, and to introduce students to reading and writing the language. At the end of the course students will be expected to perform in all four skills—speaking, listening, reading and writing—at a basic level of proficiency.

Students will not only learn to speak the language; they will also develop an understanding of Chinese or Japanese interpersonal behavior. The ultimate goal is to teach students not just to speak Chinese or Japanese, but to function successfully in Chinese or Japanese culture—to present yourself as an intelligent person in the culture using the language.

Students will learn to speak and perform correctly in a variety of social situations.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION:


Call 978–485–0085

Study Chinese or Japanese: http://www.allex.org/summer–chinese–or–japanese/