

Student Support Services



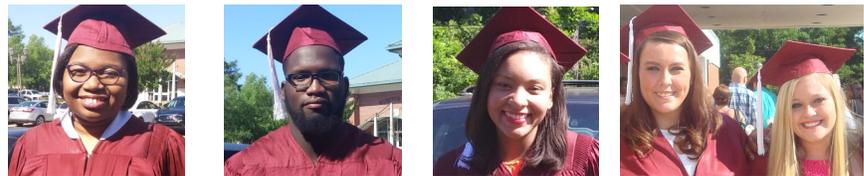
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The year of 2016 was a very exciting year for our SSS-M.O.S.A.I.C. members. They were involved in many activities but the most important activity was GRADUATION! YAY! We were able to take snapshots of just a few of our members who achieved their graduation goal on this auspicious day.

All in the Family



Pictured above are Thomas Gee, class of 2013, with his daughter Ty'Asia Gee, class of 2016

The education road has been long for Mr. Thomas Gee. When his wife gave birth to their daughter, Ty'Asia Gee, Thomas left MS Valley State without completing his bachelor's degree to work more hours. After almost 20 years, he came to Holmes CC determined to continue his education. While here, Thomas became a member of Student Support Services and Phi Theta Kappa. Not only did he finish at Holmes CC in 2014 with his A.A. Degree, he will graduate from Jackson State University in December 2016 with his Bachelor's Degree in Art, and is registered for the Masters of Arts in Education program at JSU which starts in January 2017.

With Thomas' guidance, his daughter Ty'Asia, also came to Holmes CC after taking a few classes at Pearl River CC and enlisting in the National Guard. She also became a member of SSS. While here at Holmes, Ty'Asia was on the Dean's List and participated in our Army National Guard Magnolia GOLD Program. She graduated from Holmes CC in 2016 and is now at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Choosing Your Next Step

Deciding on which university to transfer to can be an overwhelming task for some students; for others, the choice is very clear. Either way, SSS-MOSAIC takes much pride and enjoyment in offering free transfer trips to our participants which help them choose their next step. Each semester, Ms. Angela Boyd organizes and facilitates trips to four-year colleges and universities throughout Mississippi. These transfer trips are much more than just touring universities and seeing all of the niceties, although those are important as well. Our students also have individual department appointments arranged so, with their transcript in hand, they receive face-to-face academic advising, career counseling, and an accurate view of the university departments expectations.

There have been countless times that our students have left our transfer trips with changed minds regarding majors or schools. Our transfer trips are wonderful opportunities for our students to confirm that their school and major of choice are right for them or confirm that they need to see other universities and/or exploring other majors. Because of this, our trips are priceless in assisting students decide their next step.

Below are pictures of only a few transfer trips SSS-M.O.S.A.I.C. has sponsored to Alcorn State, Belhaven, Delta State, Jackson State, Mississippi State, Tougaloo College, and the University of Mississippi.



KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

SSS-MOSAIC was privileged to have Mr. Stephen Brown from Education Services Foundation, Get2College (pictured top right) to do two ACT Workshops for us. He provided priceless pearls of test-taking strategies that guarantee multiple point increases in ACT scores. Students who attended his workshop were given eye-opening tips that would save time, re-

duce test-anxiety, and increase confidence in tackling the ACT. I wish I knew these tips when I was in school! 😊

We were also very honored to have Ms. Jessica Catchings, Esquire from the MS Center for Justice to facilitate many legal workshops for us providing valuable information on various legal issues. She discussed child custo-

dy laws, criminal record expungement process, citizen consumer rights, among many other topics. Our students were quite attentive to the information they were given.



Knowledge is power!



Expanding Horizons

SSS-MOSAIC also sponsors a variety of cultural activities. This year, Mrs. Tess Crenshaw took our students to the MS Museum of Art and the Russell C. Davis Planetarium. Through visual arts, the museum revealed the remarkable history of the Magnolia State and its connection to the world



around us. They also enjoyed viewing the stars and planets at the planetarium and were fascinated by the large dome-shaped projection screen that realistically simulat-

ed the complex motions of the heavens. SSS is committed to exposing students to cultural activities, affording them the chance to expand their horizons and gain unique insights into their community, culture, and country.

"A mind is a terrible thing to waste but a wonderful thing to invest in...."

-UNCF AD Council

Annual Awards Banquet

SSS-MOSAIC hosts an awards banquet each year to honor and recognize our students for their academic efforts. We know that our students thrive when they are encouraged to continue their pursuit of a degree. Student success, community service, and graduation completion are the highlights of the night. We cele-

brate our SSS students because many of them are President's and Dean's List scholars, members of Phi Theta Kappa, Student Government Association, the choir, the HCC band, scholar athletes and Ambassadors. These outstanding students have been equipped with the skills to navigate through college successfully

and to make an impact in their career fields and communities.

In the words of Nelson Mandela, "Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world."



SSS 2016 Graduates



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

LACURTIS ALLEN
 ATLIA ANDERSON
 DANEVA ARANA
 TERON BURROUGH
 JOSIAH COATNEY
 TANGINIKA COATS
 BRANDON COCHRAN
 STEPHANO COFFEE
 WILLIE COOPER
 BRITTANY DANCE
 DEJOHNESSA DIXON
 KATELYN FONDREN
 TEKISHA FREEMAN
 ALEXANDRIA FURDGE
 ANNA GARZA
 TY'ASIA GEE
 GERALD GLASS
 CORTRICE GOLDEN
 D'CEDRIC HAIRSTON
 CEDRIC HARPER
 AARON HICKS
 ETHAN HORNE
 KRISTINIA HUDSON
 JAMAHL JACKSON
 TA'VARUS JACKSON
 RAJHEEM JAMISON

MS VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
 AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
 OLE MISS
 MSU
 OLE MISS
 MS VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
 DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
 USM
 PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
 MSU
 TOUGALOO
 MSU
 JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY
 BELHAVEN
 NORTHEAST STATE UNIVERSITY
 USM
 OLE MISS
 MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
 OLE MISS
 DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
 MUW
 ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH (FLA)
 MSU
 PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE
 USM
 DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY

AMBER JOHNSON
 KARSTEN KELLY
 SHAQUIELLE KEYS
 DARYL MACON
 UNDRREIS MASSEY
 JEVANTE MCADORA
 LARICKA MORGAN
 BRITTANY MUIRHEAD
 KRISTOPHER NEWSON
 BRENDA ORDUNA-ARVIZU
 KAWAII PERRY
 CELESTIE REAVES
 D'ANGELO RICHARDSON
 AMBERLIE RILEY
 WONTAVIUS RIMPSON
 TEVIN ROBERTS
 NICHOLAS ROBERTSON
 MARKEISHA STEWART
 JACOB SUMMERS
 ASHELY TALLENT
 DIETRICH TAYLOR
 KRISTIN T. ALEXANDER
 AKIA WASHINGTON
 KEONA WILLIAMS
 KIARA WILLIAMS
 XAVIER WILLIAMS

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
 MSU
 MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS-FAYETTE
 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS-MONICELLO
 DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
 MSU
 ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY
 BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE
 JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY
 DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
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 JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY
 HARDING UNIVERSITY
 MSU
 DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
 DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
 USM
 DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
 DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
 TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

The following students were accepted into various nursing programs: Rebecca Hixson, Maggie Crittendon, Madison Clark, Jasmine Gibson, Haley Pate, and Emily Mitchell.