

USM to offer new dual enrollment scholarships for students

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By taking advantage of new and increased dual enrollment scholarship funds, incoming students at The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) can get a significant jump on their college careers.

Dual enrollment is defined as a student who is currently enrolled in high school and is taking collegiate courses. Regardless of academic level, graduating high school seniors accepted and entering USM in the upcoming fall semester with dual enrollment are considered freshmen.

Dr. Randall Langston, Senior Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, said USM is committed to assisting students in lowering incurred debt due to their college enrollment.

“We are excited to offer these new scholarships for freshmen dual enrolled students,” said Langston.

USM offers scholarships for designated students who display academic achievement at a college level before their first semester at the university. These awards can also be combined with other freshmen scholarships offered.

“These scholarships are specifically de-



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signed to assist high achieving dual enrolled students realize their opportunity to attend Southern Miss at a much lower cost of attendance as well as shorten the time required to complete a bachelor's degree,” said Langston. “Further, these scholarships are ‘stackable,’ which means that students are permitted to combine this award with others received.”

The new eligible scholarships are as follows:

Incoming Freshmen Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship

- \$12,000 total (\$3,000 for four years)
- Students need to apply in the GO-System (<https://usm.academicworks.com/>) for this scholarship.
- Graduating high school senior from December 2022 or May 2023
- Current members with a transfer cumulative GP of 3.5 or higher

- Final college transcript should be submitted by June 15 to the Office of Admissions.

- Applications should be completed by July 1 in the Go System (<https://usm.academicworks.com/>). Students should upload proof of membership to the online application.

Incoming Freshmen Associate Achievement Scholarship

- \$12,000 total (\$3,000 for 4 years)
- Immediate consideration determined through final college transcript. Students should submit to the Office of Admissions before the published deadline.
- Graduating high school senior from December 2022 or May 2023
- Earned associate's degree with a transfer cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Final college transcript should be submitted by June 15 to the Office of Admissions verifying degree completion.
- Applications should be completed by July 1.

Students need to maintain a 2.5 USM cumulative GPA to keep their scholarships. An advisor or authorized state organization can submit documentation of organized status.

Heard runs for Tax Collector

By Stephen C. Heard

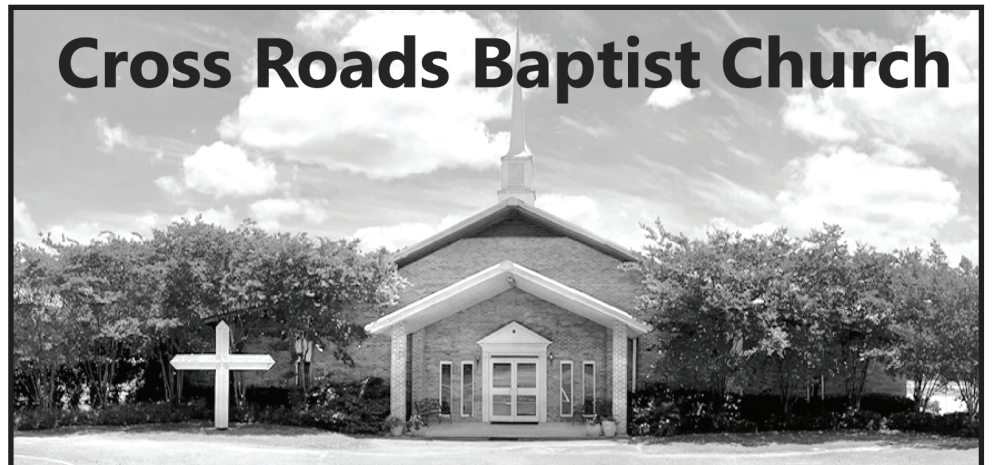
My name is Stephen C. Heard, and I am a lifelong resident of Rankin County. I am a graduate of Pearl High School and received a bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University. I am a member of McLaurin Heights United Methodist Church, have volunteered with Scouts BSA for twelve years, and have been employed by the Rankin County Tax Assessor's Office as a residential appraiser for the past twenty-two years. I am married to Candace Heard, who has taught in the Rankin County School District for twenty-four years, and we have three beautiful children: Carter, Jake, and Mina. My parents are Marion and Alice Heard, and my mom is also a lifelong resident of Rankin County who served as the Rankin County Tax Collector from 1980 to 2008.

I humbly announce my candidacy for the office of Tax Collector. Watching my mother serve the citizens of Rankin County with integrity and professionalism fostered my desire to work as a public servant. In the past, the offices



of Tax Collector and Tax Assessor not only worked closely but were one office of professionals who worked together to help meet the needs of the citizens of Rankin County. As you go to the polls, I would appreciate your vote: a vote for a conservative public servant with experience, integrity, and a desire to serve the citizens of Rankin County. I look forward to working with you as your next Rankin County Tax Collector.

Cross Roads Baptist Church



Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. - Worship Service
10:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Wednesday Schedule:

5:30 p.m. - Family Dinner (Call to make reservations)
6:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting; Youth Worship; Children's Activities;
Couples Support Group; College Age Bible Study; Ladies Bible Study

Online Worship Opportunity:

(Cross Roads Baptist Church Facebook Page)
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