



*The Dean's
 Corner*

The Graduate School has concluded another successful year. Ten selected accomplishments are listed below.

- ◇ 93% success rate on the Graduate English Competency Examination.
- ◇ 97% success rate on the Graduate Area Comprehensive Examination.
- ◇ 4.6% increase in student enrollment.
- ◇ 90% of the students maintained satisfactory academic performance.
- ◇ 144% increase in awarding doctoral degrees over the previous year.
- ◇ Awarding 9 degrees to charter students from Communicative Disorders and 3 degrees to students in Urban and Regional Planning programs.
- ◇ Enrolled charter classes in the Public Health program.
- ◇ Developed a Retention and Graduation Guide.
- ◇ Developed workshops for Graduate Support Staff in cooperation with the Staff Senate.
- ◇ Became a member of the National Association of Graduate Professional Society. JSU was the first HBCU accepted for membership.

Thanks to deans of academic schools; chairpersons; graduate program directors; dissertations, thesis and project advisors; departmental advisors; mentors; faculty; staff and students for your contributions toward these achievements.

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Graduate Student News

Benjamin C. Ngwudike, a doctoral student in Educational Administration, was selected as a Fellow for the 2000 Summer Institute on the NSF Databases. The Institute was held June 17 to June 23 in Washington D.C.



Kui Zeng, a doctoral student in Chemistry, with Dr. H. Tachikawa, Professor of Chemistry, Zhenyu Zhu and Victor Davidson of the University of Mississippi Medical Center published a paper titled "Amperometric Detection of Histamine with a Methylamine Dehydrogenase Polypyrrole-Based Sensor". It appeared in *Analytical Chemistry*, 2000, Vol. 72, 2211-2215.

The *Master of Social Work (MSW)* Program had the following students on internships during the Summer:

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| Juliette Sutters | Sunnybrook Children's Home |
| Maimie Swims | Miss. Dept of Health Northwest Public Health District I |
| Rosie Wilson | Miss. Dept of Health-Leflore County |
| Evelyn Adams | Jackson-Hinds County Comprehensive Health Center |
| Cheryl Oranage | Northwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center |
| Denise Lee | Madison County Nursing Home |
| Angela Griffin | Catholic Charities |
| Yolanda Davis | Rankin County Medical Center |
| Holly Banks | University of Mississippi Medical Center |
| Janet Woods | Mississippi Children's Home Society-Maternity and Adoptions |
| Brandy Williams | Baptist Children's Village |
| Anthony Waters | Miss. Dept. of Human Services |
| Christy Phillips | Catholic Charities |
| Allison White | River Oaks Hospital |

Two students in the *Department of Urban and Regional Planning* are working on a study of sprawl in the Jackson metro area this summer. **Sharon Williams**, a masters' degree candidate, and **Ryan Ehsan**, a doctoral candidate are updating and making final revisions to a report begun as part of URP 539-"Urban Sprawl Studio". The work is funded through the Mississippi Urban Research Center's Summer Faculty Fellows Program. Dr. Matthew Dalbey, Assistant Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, received the fellowship grant to conduct research this summer. Professor Dalbey's project, titled "Sprawl and Social Inequalities in the Jackson Metropolitan Area: Seeking a Just, Equitable, and Prosperous Region from the Inside Out", will incorporate the work of Williams and Ehsan. The report by Williams and Ehsan as well as Dr. Dalbey's work will be available at the end of the summer.

Summer, 2000 Commencement

Candidates for the Doctor of Education Degree

Early Childhood Education

William Arthur Brown; M.S., Jackson State University, 1990; B.S., Jackson State University, 1986.

Dissertation: "Does Applying A Brain-Based Learning Curriculum Increase Learning in a Preschool Setting?"

Advisor: Dr. Anita H. Hall

Linda Guynes Channell; M.Ed., Mississippi College, 1996; B.S., Jackson State University, 1990.

Dissertation: "Predominant Intelligences Among Second and Third Grade Students in Mississippi"

Advisor: Dr. Betty R. Langley

DeLores Mack; Ed.S., Jackson State University, 1989, M.S.Ed., Jackson State University, 1985; B.S., Alcorn State University, 1974.

Dissertation: "A Descriptive Study of Sexuality Education Curricula in Residential Schools for the Deaf"

Advisor: Dr. Ruth Searcy

Ledora Overby Harris; M.Ed., Mississippi State University, 1979; B.S., Alcorn State University, 1970.

Dissertation: "How Behavioral and Environmental Factors Affect Teachers's Computer Usage in the Primary School"

Advisor: Dr. ReJohnna R. Brown

Tracy Harris Neal; M.P.A., University of Alabama, 1994; B.B.A., Jackson State University, 1992.

Dissertation: "A Prototype Business Curriculum for Early Learners"

Advisor: Dr. ReJohnna Brown

Jo Ann Wright-Phillips; M.S.Ed., Jackson State University, 1986; B.S. Jackson State University, 1985.

Dissertation: "Social and Emotional Behavior of Young Children in Jackson, Mississippi"

Advisor: Dr. ReJohnna R. Brown

Candidates for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree

Educational Administration

Cederick L. Ellis; M.B.A., Delta State University, 1995; B.B.A., Delta State University, 1990.

Dissertation: "A Comparative Study of Distance Education Course Offering at Two-Year and Four-Year Institutions"

Advisor: Dr. LaVerne Allen

Sarah E. Shields; M.S., University of Wisconsin, 1971; B.S. Jackson State University, 1969.

Dissertation: "Teachers' Perceptions of Principals' Effective Leadership Behavior in Selected Mississippi Middle and High Schools: A Gender Analysis"

Advisor: Dr. Ernestine Holloway

Public Administration

Dickson Idusuyi, M.S., Southern University, 1979.

Dissertation: "The Privatization of City Services in the State of Mississippi: A Survey of City Officials Involved in the Decision-making Process"

Advisor: Dr. Olorunmiyi Ibitayo

NOTE: This information was obtained from a "Preliminary Graduation List"



2000 Summer Commencement Calendar of Events

Aug. 4 **Meeting of Marshals and Standard Bearers- 9:00 a.m., Practice Exercises for 2000 Graduates- 10:00 a.m** Lee E. Williams Athletics and Assembly Center

Aug. 5 **Graduation Ceremony-9:00 a.m.,** L E. Williams Athletics and Assembly Center

Speaker: **Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr.**
President, Jackson State University

Graduate Area Comprehensive Examination

The Fall examination will be administered on November 11. The application deadline for the Fall Graduate Area Comprehensive is **October 27**. The application can be downloaded from our website.

Graduate English Competency Examination

The Summer 2000 Graduate English Competency Examination was administered on July 8th in the Charles F. Moore Building. Congratulations to all of the students who were successful on the examination!!!

The Fall examination will be administered on November 4 at 8:00 a.m. The application deadline for the Fall GECE is **October 11**. The application can be downloaded from our website.

[<http://ccaix.jsums.edu/~gadmappl/Resource.html>]

Graduate Council News

The Graduate Council Luncheon has been scheduled for Monday, August 14, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the University Club. The Luncheon is 'by-invitation only'. Please call 979-2455 for more details.



"Conference 2000" was held June 13 in Jackson at the Cabot Lodge-Millsaps. AGEM is a consortium of institutions consisting of Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, The University of Mississippi and The University of Southern Mississippi and funded by the National Science Foundation. The Conference marks the beginning of a continued dialogue of our goals and objectives. The goal of this consortium is to triple the number of minorities receiving doctoral degrees at our institutions.

The keynote speaker for the conference was Dr. Shirley McBay of the QEM Network. She addressed the current status of minorities receiving degrees in Science, Math and Engineering fields. Current efforts at the baccalaureate level in Mississippi indicate positive results from the efforts being undertaken. Results at the doctoral level show much work needs to be done. Dr. Maurice Eftink, AGEM Principle Investigator and Associate Provost at the University of Mississippi, challenged attendees to make a difference at their home institutions to realize the goals of this consortium.

Sessions covering the following topics were conducted for faculty and administrators from Mississippi's institutions of higher education.

- What is the current culture among faculty and administrators? How can we improve it?
- How can we recruit, retain, and graduate more minority students?
- How can we prepare minority students entering graduate school?
- How can we create stronger and wider bridges between HBCU's and doctoral institutions?

Dr. Dorris Robinson-Gardner was honored after the keynote address for her commitment to diversity and outstanding contributions to Minority Graduate Education. Also honored were Dr. William McHenry, Assistant Commissioner of Academic Affairs for IHL; Dr. Maurice Eftink; Dr. Anselm Griffin, Graduate Dean, University of Southern Mississippi; and Dr. William Person, Director of Graduate Studies, Mississippi State University.

Summer 2000 Fellows Chosen

The Mississippi Urban Research Center's (MURC) **2000 Summer Faculty Research Program (SFRP) Fellows** began their summer research on May 16, 2000. Designed to encourage research at Jackson State University, the SFRP funds summer research for nine month faculty members at Jackson State University. After a rigorous review process, the SFRP Fellows are chosen and begin work at the close of the academic year.

This summer's Fellows come from various departments of the University and bring diverse

perspectives to the Program. Below are the Fellow's and their research topics.

- ◇ **Dr. Safiya Omari** (Social Work), "Coping in the Lives of Black Women: A Qualitative Analysis."
- ◇ **Dr. Niyi Ibitayo** (Public Policy and Administration), "Separate and Unequal?: The Influence of Race and Class on the Location of Locally-Unwanted-Land-Uses in Urban Mississippi."
- ◇ **Dr. Matthew Dalbey** (Urban and Regional Planning), "Sprawl and Social Inequalities in the Jackson Metropolitan Area: Seeking a Just, Equitable, and Prosperous Region from the Inside Out."
- ◇ **Dr. Mustafa Younis** (Healthcare Administration), "Comparison of Profitability and Efficiency of For-Profit with Not-For-Profit Hospitals: A Case of Mississippi."
- ◇ **Dr. Emeka O. C. Nwagwu** (Public Policy and Administration), "Windfall Revenues and Rainy Day Funds: State Government Lessons from the Ant and the Grasshopper."
- ◇ **Dr. Jocelyn Finley-Hervey** (Management and Marketing), "Protected Class Members' Perceptions of Urban Policy: African-Americans vs. Affirmative Action."

The Mississippi Urban Research Center will present the Summer 2000 research findings in a University-wide forum in November. It is expected this summer's research will generate lively and thought-provoking discussions. **Dr. Mark Colomb** is the director of MURC.

JSU Writing Project Summer Institute-2000



L to R: Lansdale and Harlow.

The Writing Project seeks to improve writing instruction in Mississippi. This summer the institute participants were:

Dorothy Cox (Hardy), Geraldine Bender and Dudley Ford (Callaway), Dwayne Yates (Simpson Central High School), Milisa Lansdale and Shannon Harlow (Florence

Middle School), Kathy Broome (Murrah), Jeff Gibson (Chastain), Billie T. Jefferson (Brinkley), Dr. Iley Mohamed and Eleese Lee, co-directors and Loria Brown, graduate assistant.



L to R: Ford, Brown and Yates

Graduate Orientation



The Graduate School held Spring Orientation on June 14 and June 15, 2000. Dr. J. Zubkowski conducted the event. Ms. Sarah Foote (pictured above) explain the importance of completing the Graduate English Competency Examination. Procedures for successful matriculation and graduate student financial awards were explained by Mr. Curtis Gore and Ms. Rosetta Pride respectively. For copies of the orientation manual and other useful items, please stop by the Office of the Graduate School or visit our website,

<http://ccaix.jsums.edu/~gadmappl>.

Orientation Schedule for the Fall Semester

August 30 Wednesday 4:30 p.m., Graduate School
August 31 Thursday 4:30 p.m., University Center
For more information, call 979-2455.

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Graduate School Workshops for Fall 2000

◇ Graduate Advising: August 15, 2000 Just Hall
of Science Seminar Room 148.
4:00-5:00 pm.

Date and Place to be announced

- ◇ Data Processing for Dissertations, Projects
and Thesis
- ◇ Technical and Grant Writing
- ◇ USE of SPSS

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Dr. Dorris R. Robinson-Gardner, Dean
Dr. J. D. Zubkowski, Associate Dean
Mr. C. Gore, Coordinator Graduate Admissions
Ms. R. Pride, Coordinator Student Services
Ms. S. Foote, Coordinator of Administrative Services
Ms. T. Brooks, Secretary

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