Music Educators National Conference (MENC)

Mission Statement

The purpose of MENC membership is to afford students an opportunity for professional orientation and development while still at JSU, and to enable them to gain an understanding of:

✓ The basic truths and principles that underline the role of music in human life,

✓ The philosophy and function of the music education profession,

✓ The professional interests of members involved in the local, state, division, and national levels,

✓ The music industry's role in support of music education, and

✓ The knowledge and practices of the professional music educator as facilitated through our chapter activity.

The Collegiate Chapter News
• The chapter decided that it would continue using MENC as the club name but changed the meaning of the acronym from Music Educator’s National Conference to **Music’s Essential Networking Club**. This change was made due to the name change of our national organization which is now **NAfME** “National Association for Music Educator’s.”

• MENC completed community service hours for the Jackson State University 73rd annual Songfest on February 8th and also the Gladys P. Norris Festival on February 22-23.

• MENC’s goals also extend beyond the music content. This spring, MENC is having Clothing drive for the entire month of March. All collections will be donated to the Salvation Army for those in need.

• MENC will be taking pictures for the E-Yearbook on Friday March 22, 2013 in the Student Center @ 3:00 by the stairs.

• The ACDA/MMEA Annual In-Service Conference will be held April 4-6, 2013 MENC will represent Jackson State University on Friday April 5, 2013 during the College Day events.

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### Music for Children Project at Jackson State University

The Music Education Area continues to partner with the Children’s College at Jackson State to engage the young minds musically as well as engage in a Title III supported quantitative research in the field of music’s positive effect on children. Take a look at some of the [Music for Children classroom activities](#) at Jackson State University.

On March 21, the Jackson State String Ensemble under the Direction of Ms. Rachel Jordan partnered with the Music for Children Project to give a splendid concert at the Mississippi Children’s Home.

On March 8th, the University Choir under the Direction of Dr. Loretta Galbreath partnered with the Music for Children Project to give a
splendid concert jointly with the children of North Jackson Elementary and Kirksey Middle Schools in North Jackson.

To find out more about partnerships with The Music for Children Project and the MENC community Music Education partnerships, contact the MENC Advisor:

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