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First-time Freshmen, Transfer Students Get Early Fall Start

(JACKSON, Miss.) – On Wednesday, July 18, nearly 500 first-time freshmen and transfer students attended the Orientation and Advisement session sponsored by the Division of Undergraduate Studies. Originally, only 200 students were expected to attend but Patricia Sherriff-Taylor, director of the First Year Experience has no complaints.

“We’re glad they’re here. No. We’re ecstatic they’re here,” Taylor said. “This is an indication of what we can expect for August. I’m proud of these students for getting a jump start on this fall semester. Early preparation makes for a successful matriculation.”

During the two-day session which ends Thursday, students will receive information about advisement procedures, have a chance to become more acquainted with the campus and will be administered the College Basic Academic Subject Examination or CBASE. CBASE is an entrance exam to assess freshman students’ competencies in core subjects such as mathematics, English, social studies and writing. During their senior year, students take the same test and the institution compares how much students have learned.

Resa Holmes, 18, is enjoying her “jump start” on the fall. “I’m meeting a lot of students, staff and faculty members. Beginning college can already be overwhelming, so it’ll just makes my transition to college a little easier by getting an early start.”

Mandatory New Student Orientation and Welcome Week Activities for all new JSU students will be held August 19-23 in the Rose E. McCoy Auditorium. Business casual attire is required for the Opening Convocation.

For more information, call the Division of Undergraduate Studies at (601) 979-2127.

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