



100 People  
Passionate  
about Hinds Community College



## ***Our history began in September 1917...***

when Hinds County Agricultural High School opened in the small town of Raymond. These humble beginnings included an Administration Building, two dormitories, and a dairy barn, eight faculty and 117 students. Fast forward 100 years later and you have the largest community college and the fourth largest institution of higher learning in the state of Mississippi.

Through it all, Hinds has remained true to the mission: to provide a quality and affordable education. Hinds has enjoyed the tenure of six distinctive presidents, each bringing their own improvements and expansions to the college.

In the 1920s, President R.E.L. Sutherland transitioned Hinds into a junior college.

In the 1930s, President Judson Cain led the college to growth by providing work opportunities for young people to pay for room and board while receiving a quality education.

President George McLendon, or "Mr. Mac" as he was affectionately known, began serving in 1938 and continued growing the college.

The 1940s brought on beautification and construction initiatives. In 1945, the GI Bill changed the face of the community college campus. Veterans took advantage of the opportunity to attend college and enrolled in vocational & technical programs that provided important skills and job training.

The 1950s were the golden age of football, and the 1954 team reached unprecedented heights with the Eagles claiming a national championship after winning the Junior Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

During the 1960s, the leadership passed from Mr. Mac to President Dr. Robert Mayo. The baby boomers reached college age, and consequently Hinds' enrollment topped 2,000 for the first time. Mayo extended the campus by adding new branches in Jackson and Vicksburg.

The 1970s brought on Hinds' sixth and current president, Dr. Clyde Muse. Dr. Muse has continued this path of growth and expansion, adding Utica, Rankin and the Nursing/Allied Health Center in the 1980s and changing the name to Hinds Community College.

The 1990s brought new programs, and the 2000s a virtual network to take online classes. Traditional academic classes remain an integral part of the college experience; however, the demand for career and technical programs continues to flourish as business industry standards have evolved and require a higher level of education.

Today the college continues its mission to make education accessible and affordable to the common citizen. Relying on this fundamental formula, Hinds can look forward to further generations of service to the community, state and the nation. Each day Dr. Muse provides steady leadership and support to more than 1,500 faculty and staff members and 30,000 students annually. He personifies the true commitment of leadership and carrying out the mission established 100 years ago.

As we celebrate our 100th year, it is clear that Hinds Community College has much to be proud of...

***Join us in celebrating 100 years of Community Inspired Service and continue to follow the inspirational story of a great institution with visionary leaders passionate about Hinds Community College!***

*Throughout its 100 years*, there have been thousands upon thousands of people who have had a hand in the success of Hinds Community College. At its heart, the college is about people serving people. Our Centennial theme, 100 Years of Community Inspired Service, reflects that core value. We believe the story of Hinds is best told through the lives of individuals deeply committed to the mission of the college.

As we prepared for the Centennial year, we asked members of the college's extended family – students, employees, alumni, business partners and friends of the college – to nominate individuals passionate about Hinds. Our goal was to highlight 100 people, some as individuals and others as couples, who through their actions and words have demonstrated that they felt passionately about the college and the impact that it had in their life and the lives of others.

As you peruse the profiles, it may seem to you that some obvious choices were left out. For instance, the six Presidents of the institution are not included. Their leadership will appear in Dr. Ben Fatherree's book, "The History of Hinds Community College," which will be published at the conclusion of our Centennial year. The Eagle yearbook will also be a special Centennial edition.

More than 650 names were submitted for consideration for the 100 People Passionate about Hinds. A series of committees had the very difficult task of culling the list to 100 names. With the rich and distinguished history of the college over the last 100 years, we realize that there are many more – much more than 100 – who have a passion for Hinds. The purpose of this effort is to lift up the contributions of a few whose influence has lingered throughout our 100 years.

Their stories are a tribute to all of the people who made Hinds what it is today.



# 100 People

## PASSIONATE

### ABOUT HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

JERRY AGENT	BELL LINDSEY
A.A. ALEXANDER	JOE LOVIZA
LOLA ALLEN	CON MALONEY
BOBBIE ANDERSON	RAY MARSHALL
LOU ANNE ASKEW	LEE MAYO
BILLIE BANES	W.M. MCKENZIE
SHARP BANKS	CLEON MCKNIGHT
GEORGE BARNES	JOE MOSS
ANNA COWDEN BEE	BOB MULLINS
EMMA AND T.T. BEEMON	VASHTI MUSE
CHARLES BELL	MARY ETTA NAFTEL
WALTER BIVINS	CLIFFORD NELSON
PEGGY BRENT	CARLA NICKS
SUE AND FRED BROOKS	BILL OAKES
GOV. PHIL BRYANT	DONALD OAKES
BILL BUCKNER	J.B. PATRICK
TOM BURNHAM	NELL ANN PICKETT
ROBERT CANNADA	POLLY AND MIKE RABALAIS
EMMA GRACE AND	GENEVA AND LESLIE REEVES
W.H. COCHRAN	JOE RENFROE
BOBBY COOPER	IRL DEAN RHODES
ROSIA AND JOHNNY CRISLER	TROY RICKS
LAMAR CURRIE	VIRGINIA AND MARVIN RIGGS
H.H. "SHINE" DAVIS	HENRY RISER
KATHERINE AND A.L. DENTON	GRADY SHEFFIELD
BOB DUNAWAY	TOM SHEPHERD
DAVID DURHAM	O.H. SIMMONS
BEVERLY AND BEN FATHERREE	JIM SMITH
PAT FLAHERTY	JIMMY C. SMITH
JANE FLOWERS	MARY ANN SONES
D.G. "SONNY" FOUNTAIN	LURLINE STEWART
HOWELL GAGE	WAYNE STONECYPHER
WALTER GIBBES	DALE SULLIVAN
ALBERT GORE	LARRY SWALES
DURWOOD GRAHAM	E.E. "TAD" THRASH
JACKIE MANGUM GRANBERRY	JACK TRELOAR
F.M. GREAVES	MICHAEL VINSON
ANNE HARDY	ALICE AND CHARLES WALKER
JIM EL AND JOBIE HARRIS	GARY WALKER
COLLEEN HARTFIELD	RENÉ T. WARREN
MIKE HATAWAY	WALTER WASHINGTON
LINDEN HAYNES	LYNN WEATHERSBY
TROY HENDERSON	TOM WEATHERSBY
MILDRED HERRIN	GOV. JOHN BELL WILLIAMS
DAN HOGAN	LILES WILLIAMS
WARREN HOOD	R.E. "ED" WOOLLEY
ADAM JENKINS	GEORGE WYNNE
ROGER JONES	DAVID YEWELL
TED KENDALL, III	
DEAN KIRBY	
ANN AND BOB LASTER	
EARL LEGGETT	
DEAN LILES	



JERRY  
AGENT

For thousands of Hinds students who walked across the graduation stage in Cain-Cochran Hall, retired speech instructor Jerry Peyton Agent reflected the best of the Hinds faculty – dedicated, caring and well-prepared. Amid the pomp and circumstance, what the students, and their families, wanted most was a strong voice that pronounced each graduate's name correctly. For years, she painstakingly telephoned each student whose name might have an unusual pronunciation and practiced those names before stepping to the podium. She set the bar high for any commencement announcer who followed her.

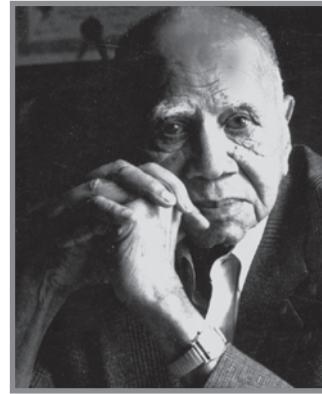
Her zeal for communication began as a student at Hinds in Drama Club. "I knew from day one that community colleges were pretty special," she said. "My favorite thing was taking students who thought they could not take a speech class and getting them through it."

Highly regarded by her peers, Agent was a 33-year member of the Mississippi Communication Association, serving as president. She was also a longtime member of the Southern States Communication Association.

On campus, Agent was immersed in a variety of efforts to enrich the student experience and to bring the college closer to the community.

Agent received almost every award bestowed upon a faculty member during her 32 years at the college – the Mississippi Legislature's HEADWAE recognition, the Outstanding and Distinguished Instructor of the Year honor; the Life Star Award, the Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Award and the 3E Award, the college's highest honor, which she shared with her sister, Dr. Mary Etta Naftel, a Hinds business and office technology instructor. After her retirement she was named Professor Emeritus of Speech. She and her sister

established a scholarship in 2014, The Jerry Agent and Mary Etta Naftel Academic Endowed Scholarship.



A.A.  
ALEXANDER

Archie Alphonso Alexander spent a lifetime ensuring that all children had an opportunity for a quality education. Reared in a farming community near Brookhaven, Miss., he was one of 11 children. At the age of 21, he left the family farm to get an education. That journey took him to Jackson College (now Jackson State University) and all the way to graduate work at Hampton and Tuskegee institutes, Atlanta University and Northwestern University, where he earned his master's degree. He later completed studies at Cornell and Rutgers universities. Along the way, he used whatever vantage point he had to reach back and pull others up.

In 1933 he began his life's work in Brookhaven and served 25 years as principal of Alexander High School. He inspired many African Americans to continue their education and to become teachers. When he retired in 1970, his career path had included the State Department of Education and Mississippi State University, where he served as special consultant for Title IV, Desegregation of Schools.

He was a soft-spoken man, highly regarded by all races. At his core, he understood that education was the surest way to equality, and he devoted his life to that cause.

At the age of 89 in 1990, he made the decision to resign from an assortment of boards, "but not the Hinds Board," he said. He continued as president of the Hinds board for another year. The college honored his service in 1992 with the naming of the A.A. Alexander Building at the Jackson Campus-Academic/Technical Center.

In recognition of his service, the Hinds Foundation provides a scholarship annually in his name.

Alexander represented Hinds County on the Board of Trustees from 1982 to 1991 and was president 1988 to 1991.





**LOLA  
ALLEN**

Lola I. Allen was a member of the first class to graduate from Hinds Junior College in 1927. But even before then, she was listed in the 1923 official Hinds Agricultural High School announcements as a secretary.

After graduation she worked as the bookkeeper, the registrar and business secretary for the college. A comment in the 1957 Eagle yearbook dedicated to Allen tells of her love for Hinds: "Miss Allen has not been far from the heart of the school and it is sure that the school has not been far from her heart."

Allen handled the financial and business matters for Hinds, teaching sound principles and money matters by her example. Her attention to detail and accuracy are reflected in the following comment: "Because we appreciate her strict adherence to principle with no allowance for expediency, we, the Eagle Staff, dedicate this issue to Miss Lola I. Allen, in receipt of thousands of dollars with never a penny lost." Obviously Allen's devotion to Hinds was appreciated.

The 1967 Eagle yearbook notes that she retired in 1966 after 43 years of employment with Hinds Junior College. She has the distinction of having served under every president at that time – R.E.L. Sutherland, Jud Cain, George McLendon and Robert Mayo.

Including her years as a Hinds Agricultural High School student, Allen spent the better part of her life as a member of the Hinds family. "Miss Allen dedicated her life to the College that she believes in," the 1967 Eagle yearbook tribute noted. Allen-Whitaker Women's Residence Hall was named in her honor.



**BOBBIE  
ANDERSON**

Bobbie Anderson will always be the face of Associate Degree Nursing at Hinds. She spent more than 30 years impacting students at the college, first as an instructor, then later as an Associate Degree Nursing leader. Even after her retirement, Anderson returned to teach in the Transition to RN program in Vicksburg for many years.

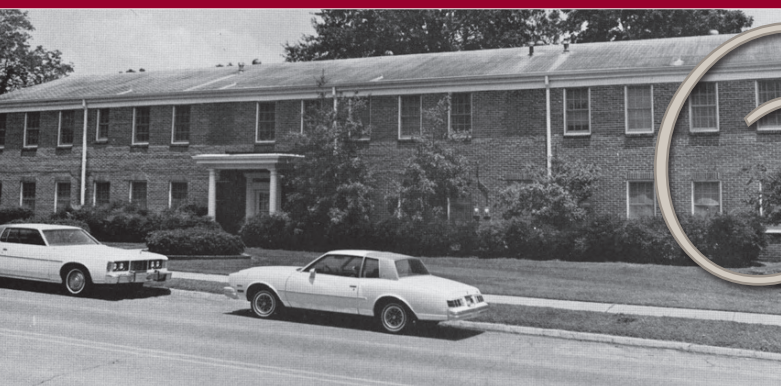
Anderson was always known for her spirit of collaboration. When the Nursing/Allied Health Center opened in 1982, she welcomed the partnership with the allied health disciplines. Throughout her tenure of leadership as dean for Nursing and Allied Health (1984-1993), the programs expanded greatly. She was instrumental in the development of many community partnerships that continue to exist today.

Anderson was also a leader in professional nursing organizations and represented the college and Associate Degree Nursing on executive boards, most notably as founding chairperson and president of the National Organization of Associate Degree Nursing.



The original building at Jackson Campus-Nursing/Allied Health Center was named Anderson Hall in 1993. In recognition of her impact on associate degree education, in 2017 Anderson was inducted as a Fellow into the Academy of Associate Degree Nursing. A scholarship in her honor was established shortly after she retired in 1993. Among her awards are the Outstanding and Distinguished Administrative/Non-Teaching Professional of the Year, the 3E Award and Dean Emeritus.

Anderson is a beautiful example of a leader. Her gentle spirit, willingness to mentor others and sound leadership principles have been experienced by students, faculty, peers and colleagues within the college and across the state and nation.



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# LOU ANNE ASKEW

Former cheerleader coach and summer camp coordinator Lou Anne Polk Askew was always a popular person at Hinds' annual Sports Hall of Fame dinners.

Her official title was Support Services coordinator for the Raymond Campus Career-Technical Education Department. But it was as the scholastic tutor for the Athletic Department from 1988 to 2004, when she coordinated the study hall for football players, that she gained the affection of hundreds of athletes by ensuring they got through college academics successfully. Their gratitude frequently spilled over into bear hugs at the fall SHOF dinners and tearful words of appreciation as inductees accepted their awards.

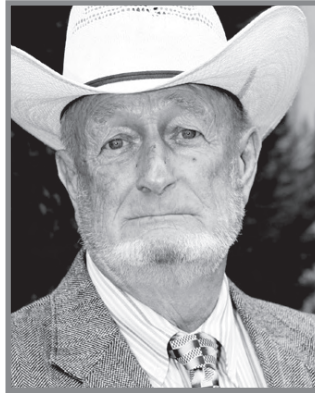
Askew worked at Hinds for 41 years, retiring in 2014. Among the awards she received were the Outstanding and Distinguished Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year award, Life Star and the 3E Award.

For Askew, Hinds was always more than a workplace – it was home. She moved to Raymond as a child in 1961 and always said that she grew up on the college campus that became her playground. She knew all the teachers and their children.

As a Hinds student, she played both basketball and volleyball. She graduated in 1971, earning bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi College.

She has many memories of the college from the old days, including sliding down the old fire escape at Cain Hall before it burned in 1998.

She and her three siblings completed their first two years at Hinds, then both of Askew's daughters did the same.



# BILLIE BANES

Billie Banes was an influential member of the Hinds community for 52 years. He started as a student, came back as an employee and had a pivotal role in the construction of the Hinds Livestock Evaluation Center, more commonly known as the Bull Test Station, named for him in 2002.

Banes graduated from Hinds Junior College in 1957, served in the armed forces from 1958 until 1960 and entered Mississippi State University where he found his passion in the livestock industry. In 1961, he graduated from MSU with an animal science degree and began teaching at Hinds. He completed his master's from MSU in 1965 and then coached a livestock judging team at Hinds for the next 13 years.

Banes not only gave to Hinds, he gave back to his community as well. He worked hand-in-hand with the 4-H club, receiving a number of awards, and worked with the Cattleman's Association, where he was inducted into its Hall of Fame in 1994. Banes worked with the Junior FFA Livestock program, receiving the Outstanding Leadership Award. He made sure the Hinds' livestock program was top of the line and leading the state.

Banes was a HEADWAE honoree. He received the Outstanding and Distinguished Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year, the 3E Award and was named Professor Emeritus. A true Southern gentleman with a larger than life personality, Banes was usually seen with his dog but never without his trademark cowboy hat.

When Banes died in December 2012, his family established a scholarship in his name.





SHARP  
BANKS

Often called "the father of Warren County Schools," Sharp Banks Jr. served the school system for 38 years. He was recognized as a progressive superintendent throughout the state and was the first superintendent to receive the prestigious Golden Lamp Award given by the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents.

Donald Oakes, a Hinds trustee, knew him well. Banks hired Oakes, fresh out of college, to teach and coach at Jett High School. "He was the driving force behind building Warren Central High School and the consolidation of three county high schools," Oakes said.

Soon after the Hinds Jackson Campus on Sunset Drive opened in 1970, Banks worked to advocate for a similar facility in Warren County. Dr. Robert Mayo, Hinds president at the time, made it clear that funding for any college facility outside of Hinds County would be the responsibility of the local people.

Banks and others were able to rally community and business/industry support, as well as in-kind contributions of lumber, bricks, steel and various types of machinery, to set the plan in motion. With federal funding through the Vocational Act of 1963 and the pledge of two mills in county levies, the vision for what is now the Vicksburg-Warren Campus began to take shape.

As superintendent, Banks was also instrumental in securing the land for the college branch. His persistent efforts were rewarded when it officially opened in 1975 on land previously owned by the county school system on Highway 27. Years later, Hinds trustees named the first building at the Vicksburg-Warren Campus in his honor.

Banks represented Warren County on the Board of Trustees from 1962 to 1987.



GEORGE  
BARNES

With 51 years of service on the Utica Campus, Dr. George Barnes carried the campus through many challenging times over his long tenure. He began his journey as a mathematics instructor at Hinds Agricultural High School in 1962.

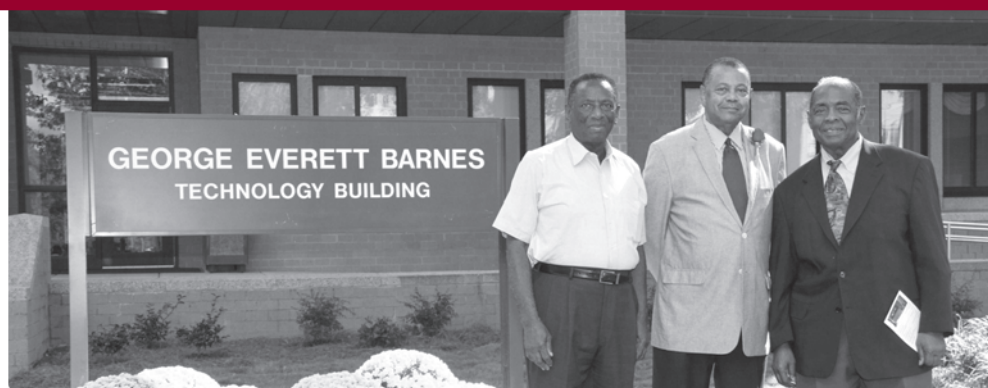
He married Doris J. Barnes in 1963 and together they served the college. He held such diverse roles as assistant basketball coach, director of public relations and academic dean of Utica Junior College before it became a part of Hinds Junior College district. He ended his career as vice president of the Utica and Vicksburg-Warren campuses and administrative/student services.

Faculty and staff remembered the Barnes' elegant Christmas receptions, held each year in the vice president's home on campus. One staff member commented that it "just wasn't Christmas until we went to the Barnes' party."

Honored at a 2017 Founder's Day celebration, Barnes credited his longevity to his many roles: "I am often asked, how in the world could you work in the same place for 50 years? My response is this: I was in the same location, but not the same position. From decade to decade, institutions change for the better and I hope I was part of that positive change. I enjoyed the privilege of teaching others."

Among his many awards were the Outstanding Administrative/Non-Teaching Professional of the Year and the 3E Award. A June 2013 tribute dinner raised funds for the George and Doris Barnes Endowed Scholarship for teacher education majors on the Utica Campus.

Later that year, a Utica Campus building was renamed the George Everett Barnes Technology Building as part of the annual homecoming festivities.





## ANNA COWDEN BEE

Anna Cowden Bee – a woman whose accomplishments, volunteerism and awards cover many pages of print – can hardly be described in a paragraph or two. Her passion for dance, which began at an early age, carried Bee's spirit and message into the hearts and minds of many, at home and around the world – an admirable legacy.

For more than 53 years, Bee directed the Hinds Hi-Steppers precision dance team, which developed into a premier charity, service and world-class entertainment group that was in demand for local, state, national and international events.

She was a force in the Miss Mississippi pageant, often chaperoning Miss Mississippi at the Miss America pageant, where she too was recognized for her influence. Soft-spoken and genteel, Bee taught, by example, a legion of young women, as well as many colleagues and friends, how to be kind, how to be humble, how to behave like Southern ladies and how to dress. She emphasized that neither applause nor rhinestone tiaras define young women; rather, what is inside defines them.

A former Hi-Stepper wrote: "She brought out the best in us and set standards for us to live by. She is still an influence in our lives today." Bee's words, her spirit and her values carry on.

Bee received the Outstanding and Distinguished Academic Instructor of the Year Awards, Life Star, the 3E Award and the Alumni Service Award. She was a HEADWAE honoree. After she retired, she was named Professor Emeritus of Dance. In 1993, the Board of Trustees renamed the Raymond Campus Women's Gym, where the Hi-Steppers rehearse, as Anna Bee Hall.



Although each taught in different academic departments on the Raymond Campus, Emma Fancher Beemon and T.T. Beemon are always thought of together. Emma Beemon taught mathematics for 36 years (1950-1986) and T.T. Beemon taught biology for 38 years (1946-1984). Students typically describe the Beemons as firm but fair teachers.

Living in Raymond on the edge of the campus, the Beemons were a frequent presence at any event. Their dedication and devotion to Hinds found expression in support of students, faculty, alumni and Foundation activities. Their selection as co-Alumni Service Award recipients in 1990 is testament to their commitment to Hinds.

Zandra Nowell, alumni coordinator at the time, said, "They give generously of themselves, their time, their money, their 'treasures,' and their love."

T.T. Beemon was a wiry, lively instructor who served in the Army during World War II before coming to Hinds to teach. He was honored in 1984 when the science building was named for him. Jackie Granberry, executive director of the Hinds Foundation, said many area doctors and dentists frequently ask about Mr. Beemon, while noting the solid foundation of biological sciences they received in his classes.

Emma Beemon taught high school math for 11 years prior to her Hinds tenure. She served as vice president of the Hinds Faculty/Staff Alumni Chapter for five years.

The couple endowed two scholarships in 1999: the Emma Fancher Beemon Endowed Mathematics Scholarship and the T.T. Beemon Endowed Biology Scholarship. They also made significant contributions for the rebuilding of Cain-Cochran Hall.



## EMMA & T. T. BEEMAN

T.T. Beemon was a graduate of East Central Community College, where he and Emma also endowed the T.T. Beemon Scholarship in 2001.

One of the best memories of the Beemons is their elaborate decorations for campus receptions and parties. Whether sites were the faculty lounge in the Student Union building, the gym, a classroom or the cafeteria, the Beemons always arranged materials and objects to create an elegant, festive party atmosphere. Untold hours were spent hauling their possessions, from fine china to whimsical decorations, to and from the event site. Each year faculty eagerly anticipated the Christmas party to see the Beemons' decorations.

Gracious and dependable aptly describe Emma Fancher Beemon and T.T. Beemon.



## CHARLES BELL

Anyone who attended the Utica Campus in the past 40 years no doubt learned about the campus from Charles Bell, the campus' unofficial recruiter.

Bell served the Utica Campus for 46 years, first as a high school math instructor then as student activities director. His love for the Utica Campus was apparent to all who met him, as he had an uncanny knack for working Utica into just about any conversation.

During his tenure, Utica set a series of high enrollment records. The Uticanite yearbook was dedicated to him three times, attesting to the caring attitude he showed the students under his wing. As one former student noted, "If you didn't know Mr. Bell while you were at Utica, you missed out on a blessing!"

One of the legacies Bell left was his commitment to community service. He was recognized by the IRS for his volunteer work helping complete tax returns for community members at no cost. He also frequently helped students with their admissions and financial aid paperwork, ensuring they were able to enroll.

He received numerous Hinds service awards including Outstanding and Distinguished Administrative/Non-Teaching Professional of the Year Award, Life Star, Hinds Hero and the 3E Award.

He and his wife established the Charles and Madelyn Bell Scholarship in 2003. He retired in 2014.





WALTER  
BIVINS

With an air of Southern gentility and a sharp intellect, Walter Bivins was a leader at the local, state and national levels in community college circles. From his time as a young supervisor with the Mississippi Employment Security Commission after World War II, to the passage of the Mississippi Workforce Education Act of 1994, Bivins championed career-technical programs and workforce training at community colleges during his 42 years with the commission.

As president of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Trustees, he rallied the membership when the local autonomy of community college boards of trustees was threatened. An attorney and skilled orator, he was known to command an audience for fervent speeches, especially when he was protecting the mission of community colleges and the retirement funds of state employees.

Adhering to the time-tested adage, "all politics are local," he was particularly passionate about local governance. "I've continuously said that the success of these colleges is due to their ability to keep in touch with the realities of the conditions in the areas where they are located," he proclaimed.

Bivins' influence and effectiveness as an advocate aided the community colleges in their efforts to gain political support for an expanding workforce development mission. Family and friends started a scholarship in the Hinds Foundation in his memory.

Bivins was a charter member of the American Association of Community College Trustees and received lifetime member status upon his retirement from the Hinds board. The college honored his service with the naming of the Walter R. Bivins Building on the

Jackson Campus-Academic/ Technical Center in 1995. He also received the Alumni Association Service Award.

Bivins represented Hinds County on the Board of Trustees from 1968 to 1995 and served as president from 1992 to 1995.



PEGGY  
BRENT

Peggy Seay Brent was a force to be reckoned with when anyone failed to uphold the standards that she held dear for herself and for her colleagues in the Hinds English department. In her 51 years of service, Brent demonstrated as a leader, professionalism, dignity and solid work ethic.

At 6'2", she towered over male counterparts, but Brent nevertheless had a gentle, tender soul and never failed to help those in need. Her generosity was legendary; in fact, we learned only after her death that many English Department programs were partially funded by her personally.

In addition to being an excellent instructor, with a broad knowledge that covered all areas of literature and composition, Brent's goal when she became chair in 1982 was to introduce students to art, music, literature and history.

Thus, in 1983, she introduced Mississippi and the Arts Week, which took place every spring, and she worked tirelessly to schedule a solid week of activities. The stage in Cain Hall was graced by many authors and artists, including Eudora Welty and Son Thomas. As if that were not enough of a challenge, Brent also started Kaleidoscope in the late 1990s, a three-day program highlighting the cultures of many lands; again, the focus was the students.

"For both the Mississippi and the Arts Week and Kaleidoscope, I would get a call from Miss Peggy. In her firm, raspy voice, she would say, 'Pick me out some pretty paper for the programs,'" said graphic designer Mary Rousselle. "The Thacker Mountain Radio event was during the 30th Mississippi and the Arts Week, and, as she said to me, was her dream show. She was so excited about it, we made an extra effort on the promotion for it."

That was Brent's last Mississippi and the Arts Week. "I think she was quite pleased with the turnout that evening as she boasted about it later," Rousselle said.

She received the 3E Award. After she died suddenly in January 2013, a scholarship was established in her name.



# Thacker Mountain Radio

March 24 • 7 p.m.



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## SUE AND FRED BROOKS

Sue Longest Brooks and Fred L. Brooks taught in the Speech Department for a combined total of 54 years. The Brooks were responsible for building a dynamic department offering a variety of majors in theater, speech and mass communication.

Fred Brooks came to Hinds as the only speech instructor teaching in a small room in the old Auditorium building; at his retirement taught in a new classroom and theatre building. Helping with the design of the building, upon its completion, he was honored when the building was dedicated as the Fred L. Brooks Speech and Drama Building; the attached theatre was named Brooks Theatre.

For many years, Fred would carefully select a tie to gift to Hinds President Dr. Clyde Muse for his Dec. 25 birthday. After retiring, Fred would be among the retirees to attend Convocation each January. From the stage, Dr. Muse, wearing the gift, would publicly thank Fred for the tie, typically a snazzy design with a touch of purple, Vashti Muse's favorite color.

Sue Brooks brought with her to Hinds recognition as Mississippi's Outstanding Speech Instructor, from the Mississippi Speech Association. She created and taught an intensive public speaking camp for state officers of the Future Farmers of America and a similar evening course for elected officials and other professionals.

She was a faculty leader eagerly sought to serve on college-wide committees. Her affable manner, exceptional communication skills and utmost dedication to student success made her a valuable participant. She played a major role in a 1980s college-wide customer service effort, "I am Here for Students," which involved employees at all levels and is still remembered today.

Sue Brooks contributed to a scholarship created in their names in order to endow it. The colleague who established the scholarship said of the Brooks: "I consider the Brooks to be the epitome of professional educators. They encouraged those in their classes to work hard, be fair and to become better students and people. The Brooks have always been active supporters of Hinds Community College, the community and their professional organizations. To those who know them, they are loyal and loving friends."

Both Fred and Sue Brooks received the Outstanding and Distinguished Academic Instructor of the Year awards and both were named as Professor Emeritus of Speech and Theatre.





Gov. PHIL  
BRYANT



Born to a diesel mechanic father and stay-at-home mother in Sunflower County,

Phil Bryant and his family eventually traded in small town life and moved to the big city of Jackson in his late teen years.

Bryant met his wife, the former Deborah Hayes, at Hinds when both were students in the early 1970s. He has said on many occasions in front of many different audiences that he received both "an education and a wife at Hinds Community College."

After finishing Hinds, he was instrumental in starting the Rankin County Alumni Chapter, serving as president, and for years took an active part in Hinds alumni events, including serving as vice president of the Alumni Association. He was named 2000 Alumnus of the Year.

Bryant was a state representative before being appointed state auditor in 1996, elected in 1999 and then re-elected in 2003. From 2008 to 2012, he was lieutenant governor. He was elected governor of Mississippi in 2012 and re-elected in 2015.

"Gov. Bryant has tirelessly advocated for community colleges in their role as workforce training leaders in Mississippi," said Hinds President Dr. Clyde Muse. "We are indebted to him for his recognition of our role, especially that of Hinds Community College in the metro Jackson area."

In 2016, Bryant announced the location of the worldwide corporation Continental Tire to Hinds County. The plant is slated to open in 2019. Hinds Community College will play a major training role instrumental to the success of the plant.

At a 2016 signing ceremony for Hinds' partnership with Empire Truck Sales and Stribling Equipment to create a Diesel Technology Academy, Bryant said the academy provided both job creation and better quality of life for the state.

"Today, the men and women who go through this Diesel Technology Academy will have a bright future," Bryant said. "They will be able to live the American dream."



BILL  
BUCKNER

Although William Fred "Bill" Buckner's tenure at Hinds was not lengthy, the influence he had on the college continues. Buckner was initially employed in 1978 as director of Development to launch the Hinds Junior College Development Foundation. He worked with all stakeholders to lay the groundwork and set the priorities for the Foundation that remain today – almost 40 years later.

Under Buckner's leadership, the first marketing campaign for the college and the first recruiting efforts were started. Hinds was a leader in being one of the first in the state to market to potential students. Television and radio commercials were new ventures for educational entities.

In 1979, he became head football coach. He was known for his gentle Christian nature and his desire to help the student be successful. He also worked to build the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization into one of the most popular and active clubs on campus.

Buckner was inducted into the Hinds Sports Hall of Fame as well as the East Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, the Delta State University Hall of Fame and the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. He was a charter member of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Sports Hall of Fame.

After leaving Hinds in 1987 to become the state and regional director for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes – a position he held until his death in 2014 – he served on the Hinds Community College Foundation Board of Directors and spearheaded fundraising for athletics.





**TOM  
BURNHAM**

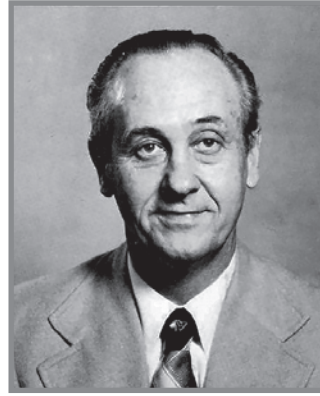
Dr. Tom Burnham came to Hinds as a quiet, shy young man who really did not want to be away from home. One of Burnham's best stories tells how he hitchhiked home to Puckett, hoping he would not have to return to Hinds. His father, intent on his son getting an education, immediately drove him back to Hinds and expected him to stay. His father later remarked that he did not know, when he took Burnham back to Hinds, that his son was going to school forever.

As a student at Hinds, Burnham likely never dreamed that he would someday complete a doctorate and spend his entire career in the field of education or that Hinds would recognize him as 2015 Alumnus of the Year.

From classroom teacher, to public school and university administrator, to state superintendent of education, Burnham's life has focused on improving education, making things better for the young people of Mississippi.

A visionary, Burnham has crafted education policy for public schoolchildren. As interim director of the Mississippi Principal Corps, he has sought promising young people to enter training for school administrators.

More importantly has to be the personal satisfaction he has felt for the legacy he created in memory of his young son Tom, who died as a child. He and his wife Terri have created several scholarships in memory of his son and in honor of his daughter. In 2015 they endowed the Tom Burnham Jr. and Cassandra "Sondra" Burnham Vanderford Emerging Leaders Scholarship at Hinds.



**ROBERT  
CANNADA**

Robert Cannada was a brilliant lawyer and dedicated public servant. An Edwards native, Cannada began his relationship with Hinds as a high school student. He was the class representative in 1937 and distinguished himself by winning the animal husbandry division in the state junior college literary contest.

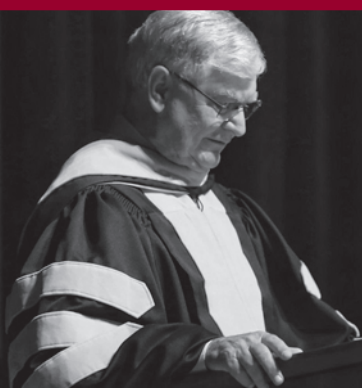
As a college student, he was president of the Glee Club for two years, won first place for debating in the state contest for two years and first in college algebra once. He graduated from Hinds Junior College in 1939 and the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1942.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War, retiring as a lieutenant commander in the United States Navy. Back home, he became senior partner in the Jackson firm of Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens and Cannada.

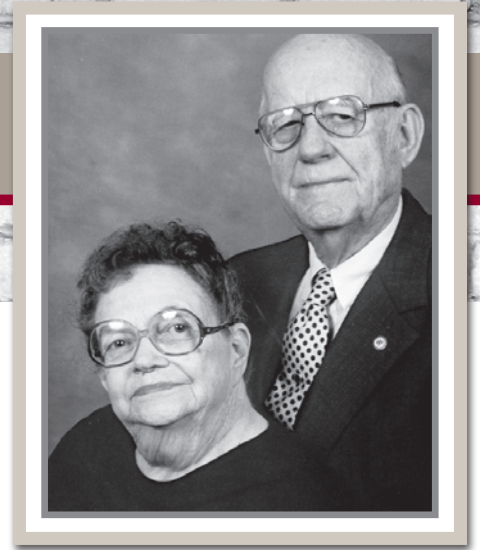
It was during desegregation that Clyde Muse, a young school superintendent for Hinds County schools, got to know him. In fall 1969, the federal courts ordered 32 Mississippi public schools to desegregate in January 1970 in the middle of an academic year. The two of them asked the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans to delay the order until fall 1970. The courts rejected both their argument and a second appeal in December 1969, threatening to personally fine Muse \$10,000 per day for each day's delay.

Despite the court loss, Cannada and Muse remained close friends when Muse returned to Hinds County as college president in 1978.

Cannada was named 1979 Hinds Junior College Alumnus of the Year.



*Growth*



It was seldom that people spoke or thought about W.H. Cochran without a mention of his wife, Emma Grace. They met under an oak tree on the Raymond Campus in 1930, married in 1933 and made Hinds County home when W.H. became principal of Byram High School in 1946. Emma Grace was hired to teach math. Beloved educators, they were devoted to each other and to improving education in rural Hinds County.

W.H. joined the Hinds Board of Trustees when he became superintendent of Hinds County Schools in 1971, serving until 1976. Emma Grace had earned a reputation as an authority on teaching techniques for modern math and was selected to be the math supervisor for the school system.

Emma Grace had an impish sense of humor. Dale Sullivan, a Hinds trustee, recalls being in a math workshop led by Emma Grace. The teachers were bemoaning the lack of support they received from their superiors and asked for her advice. She replied, "Well you can just do what I do, sleep with the superintendent." Her answer was met with an outburst of laughter, as well as some shocked looks from teachers who did not know her spouse was the superintendent.

The couple earned their bachelor's degrees from Mississippi College. W.H. received his master's degree from the University of Mississippi in 1946, with Emma Grace completing her master's the next year. When they retired in the mid-1970s, the Cochrans became active in the Retired Teachers Association and served in state and national leadership positions to promote and protect retirement benefits for professional educators.



# Legacy

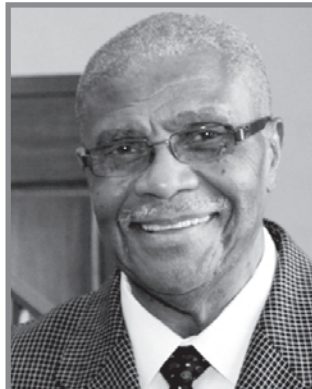
## EMMA GRACE AND W.H. COCHRAN

In 1983, the Cochrans were the first couple to jointly earn the Hinds Junior College Alumnus of the Year Award. They remained involved with the college throughout their careers, as well as in retirement. Members of numerous professional and civic organizations, the Cochrans enthusiastically promoted the college and the opportunities it provided for an affordable, quality higher education.

The college posthumously honored the Cochrans in 2002 when dedicating the building that replaced Cain Hall, the 1926 structure originally named for Hinds Junior College President George Judson Cain. The building burned to the ground when it was struck by lightning in March 1998. Fittingly, Cain was president when the Cochrans were students at Hinds.

Their sons, U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran and former Central District Mississippi Public Service Commissioner Nielsen Cochran, spoke at the dedication of Cain-Cochran Hall. "I am deeply grateful for the honor you've bestowed on the memory of our parents," Thad Cochran said. "It is heartwarming knowing how much this would mean to my parents because I know how much their college experience meant to them."

A Hinds Foundation scholarship was established in their names in 1984 and later endowed.



## BOBBY COOPER

"Once a Jubilee, always a Jubilee." Those words echo throughout choir rooms, church sanctuaries, recital halls and concert venues around the country as the legacy of the Utica Jubilee Singers, thanks to the tireless efforts of Dr. Bobby G. Cooper.

Cooper arrived on the Utica Campus in 1972 and soon resurrected the Jubilee Singers, a touring group dating back to founder William Holtzclaw's era. The Jubilee Singers traveled the world sharing Utica's story.

As the choral director and chair of the Utica Campus Humanities Department, Cooper taught generations of students the power of song. As one former student put it, "with his leadership, his mentorship, his development – you had no choice but to grow. He developed you as a man; he poured into you, and he cared for you."

As of the Centennial year, Cooper was the longest serving faculty member in the Hinds district. His awards include Outstanding and Distinguished Academic Instructor of the Year, Hinds Humanities Teacher of the Year, Life Star, Hinds Hero, HEADWAE recognition and the 3E Award. The Fine Arts Center in Utica bears his name as a testament to his many years of faithful service.

Two scholarships have been established in his honor, the Dr. Bobby Cooper's Jubilee Singers Scholarship in 2012 and the Daughters of Bobby Cooper Singers Scholarship in 2015. He established the Dr. Bobby G. Cooper Endowed Scholarship in 2002.





## ROSIA AND JOHNNY CRISLER

Both Rosia Wade and Johnny Crisler were graduates of Utica Junior College and spent their careers working with Hinds students.

Johnny Crisler joined the faculty in 1971 as an economics instructor and was later appointed chair of the Education Department before being named the Dean of Students. For 26 years in that role, he encouraged students to become engaged in their academic work, reminding them that "you must not become so in 'love' with the Union that it becomes your area of specialty," which was his way of telling students not to spend too much time cavorting at the Student Union on campus. He had an open-door policy for all students and made a point to view the student experience holistically.

He took the lead in the recruiting plan to attract students to the rural HBCU campus in Hinds County. He developed strong relationships with high school counselors and was called upon frequently to make presentations at the schools.

Throughout the years, Dean Crisler was also known as the "go-to" person on the Utica Campus. He knew how to get things done and worked well with colleagues from across the Hinds district. For his dedicated efforts, he was recognized as Outstanding and Distinguished Administrative/Non-Teaching Professional of the Year.

Rosia Wade Crisler taught English and French at three campuses during her long tenure. An accomplished actor, writer and singer, Crisler appeared in several films. She was a featured stage actress in productions at New Stage Theatre and was the founding director of the Daughters of Margaret, a dramatic group inspired by the legacy of Margaret Walker Alexander. She was active in promoting the arts in Mississippi as the president of

Opera South and through her work with community organizations such as the Greater Jackson Arts Council. Rosia wrote, directed and produced more than 50 theatrical productions during her lifetime.

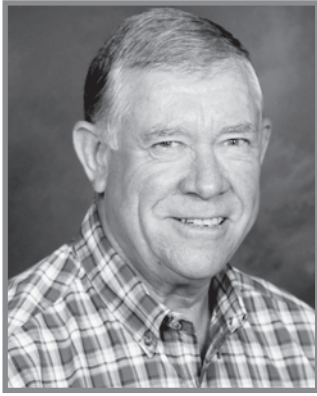
Elegant with a melodious voice, Rosia was a gracious participant in many college activities. Her genuine interests in students was evident in every interaction.

In an interview with the campus newspaper early in her teaching career, she said, "I will always treasure the experience of returning to my alma mater as a teacher and working alongside some of my mentors. I hope that I have done as much to inspire and motivate my students as my teachers did for me."

Former students attested to her reaching this goal during the wake of her untimely passing in 2014 where many spoke of the influence she had on their own careers in the arts.

Rosia received virtually every award given by the college for excellence in teaching, including Outstanding and Distinguished Academic Instructor of the Year, Life Star and HEADWAE honors. She was also recognized as Alumna of the Year for the Utica Campus in 2010. She was awarded Professor Emeritus of English after her retirement.





LAMAR  
CURRIE

Lamar Currie's life has been enhanced by a cheerful, outgoing personality. That personality was evident even in his days as a student at Hinds.

Officially he has been the instructor in the Raymond Campus Meat Merchandising program. But with the heart of a servant leader, he has been called upon many times over the years to cook and serve hamburgers, hot dogs, Hiney Ho sausages, steaks or seafood at numerous special events ranging from Hinds alumni events or state community college events honoring legislators.

The untold hours spent as an officer and a member of the Faculty/Staff Alumni Chapter led to Currie's receiving the 1998 Alumni Volunteer Award. Currie continues to make the Heritage Fishing Rodeo for Hinds employees and families a fun outing.

His support of Hinds has lead him to positions on numerous college committees for strategic planning, athletics and the Hinds Foundation Capital Campaign. He has also served in such community groups as Ducks Unlimited, Raymond Country Fair and Friends of Utica. Currie and his long-time friend Dr. Roger Jones manned the chains at home football games.

Currie's recognitions as Outstanding and Distinguished Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year highlighted his effectiveness as an instructor. He received the Life Star Award, was named HEADWAE honoree and received the 3E Award.

Currie and Jones were key players in the success of the annual Ultimate Game Dinner. After the event was discontinued in 2012, the Ultimate Game Dinner Committee honored both men with the Dr. Roger Jones and Lamar Currie Scholarship. The dinner had raised nearly \$400,000 for student scholarships during the course of its 12-year run.

With an ever-present friendly smile, Currie has continued his college and community service long after retirement.



H. H. "SHINE"  
DAVIS

As owner of a General Mercantile Store in Utica, Miss., H.H. "Shine" Davis was well-acquainted with William Holtzclaw, founder of the Utica Normal and Industrial Institute for Colored People. Davis was among the white merchants who befriended Holtzclaw as he labored to create a school for African Americans. When Holtzclaw died in 1943, the Institute had more than 400 students, 22 teachers and 1,600 acres of land.

Davis had a significant role in two watershed moments for the Institute. He was a member of the Institute's Board of Trustees at the time of Holtzclaw's death. After the school faltered under the leadership of Holtzclaw's younger son, William H. Holtzclaw Jr., the board made the decision to offer the school to Hinds County and have it become a tax-supported public institution in 1946. Davis was particularly influential in persuading Hinds County to take over the school, and the Mississippi Legislature subsequently approved establishing the Hinds Agricultural High School, Colored.

In 1951 Davis and Dr. Robert Mayo, then superintendent of Hinds County Schools, were assigned the responsibility of soliciting support from Claiborne, Copiah and Warren counties for establishing a junior college in conjunction with Hinds AHS Colored. It would take a few years, but Utica Institute Junior College was approved by the Legislature in 1954, ultimately becoming the Utica Campus of Hinds Community College.

Davis' daughter, Dorothy Davis Miley, has endowed five scholarships through the Hinds Foundation and generously gifted portraits to hang in college buildings named for individuals important to the college's history, including the building named in her father's honor on the Utica Campus.

Davis represented Hinds County on the Board of Trustees from 1940 to 1977.





## KATHERINE AND A.L. DENTON

Both Katherine and A.L. Denton taught at Hinds for many years – and both have buildings named in honor of them. They came to Hinds as a couple in 1935 and retired in the early 1970s.

A.L. wore many hats during his long tenure at Hinds Junior College. Affectionately known as “Zeus” by his friends and colleagues, Denton also enjoyed the respect of students. At various times a teacher, coach, dean of men and counselor, Denton had multiple opportunities to influence students by listening, offering sound advice and encouraging – and he did so in a calm, friendly manner. He was viewed as firm, but kind and soft spoken.

One memory of A.L. is during football season when he was responsible for getting chaperones to ride with students on the buses. Oftentimes faculty members dodged Denton as he was sure to ask anyone he met on a weekday to chaperone a bus.

A Hinds publication refers to Denton as “a time-tested, true-as-steel man – exactly the ideal for a teacher, father and friend.” The long years of service attest to Denton’s love and devotion to Hinds. The college honored Denton by naming Denton Hall, formerly known as “the old gym,” in his honor. The building currently houses Admissions, Counseling, Housing and Student Services offices.

Students dedicated The Eagle yearbook to A.L. Denton in 1961 and 1968. Considering

the turbulent times on college campuses during that period, they had high praise for the man responsible for discipline on campus. These words appeared in the 1968 yearbook dedication: “The sparkle in his eye, the friendly smile, the cordial greeting, his genuine concern for all students, his responsible performance of duty – All that, and more, is our Dean of Students.”

Katherine Denton first taught economics at Hinds, 1935-1940, then she established the art department on the Raymond Campus and served as chair of the program until her retirement in 1971. For many years, the art department was in the basement of McLendon Library until it was relocated in the building that is now named in her honor, the Katherine Denton Art Building.

The art department that she created evolved into a thriving program under Bob Dunaway, her successor. “Mrs. Denton was a good teacher, an inspirational type teacher,” Dunaway said. The building that bears her name includes the Marie Hull Art Gallery.

In a 1983 Hindsight magazine interview, Katherine Denton said, “My basic philosophy about art has always been that art is for everyone. If they can’t create it, they can use other art in a creative way.”

The Hinds Foundation awards a scholarship annually in their memory.





**BOB  
DUNAWAY**

Twenty-plus years after his 1995 retirement from full-time teaching, Bob Dunaway has continued "working" for Hinds. Energetic and enthusiastic, he has generously shared his talents and inspirations with the Hinds family for more than 40 years.

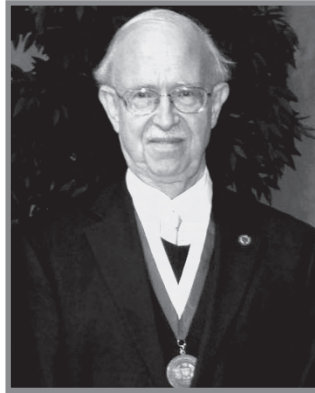
Dunaway came to Hinds in 1971 as chair of the Art Department. One of his first initiatives was the naming of the Marie Hull Art Gallery. In 1973, he organized the collection of original art that was scattered around campus and implemented a system to maintain the ever-growing collection.

He has donated many of his art works to the Hinds Permanent Art Collection. His beautiful watercolors of Raymond historical buildings are proudly displayed in offices and homes. The intricately crafted paper silhouettes of children and students are a signature Dunaway art piece, treasured by generations of Hinds families. His outdoor sculptures grace campus grounds and buildings, including the Hi-Stepper statue outside Bee Hall. He has painted portraits and created bronze statuettes to honor instructors and dignitaries.

He started the Faculty/Staff Alumni Chapter, which continues to raise scholarship funds for the children and grandchildren of Hinds employees. The chapter created the annual Heritage Fishing Rodeo at Raymond Lake. Each spring, employees, who are Heritage Scholarship members, bring their kids and grandkids for a day of fishing fun and a chance to win a trophy created and donated by Dunaway.

"My success is summed up in the success of the students I have touched over the years. Although I love doing art, the joy of teaching art is what I have lived for," Dunaway said in 2003, when the college honored his service with the naming of the Bob Dunaway Wing in Reeves Hall on the Raymond Campus.

He received the Alumni Association Alumni Volunteer of the Year award and was named Professor Emeritus.



**DAVID  
DURHAM**

Dr. David Durham began work as a physics instructor at Hinds in 1970, but it didn't take long for colleagues to appreciate his skills and versatility. He had many different jobs at Hinds over the years.

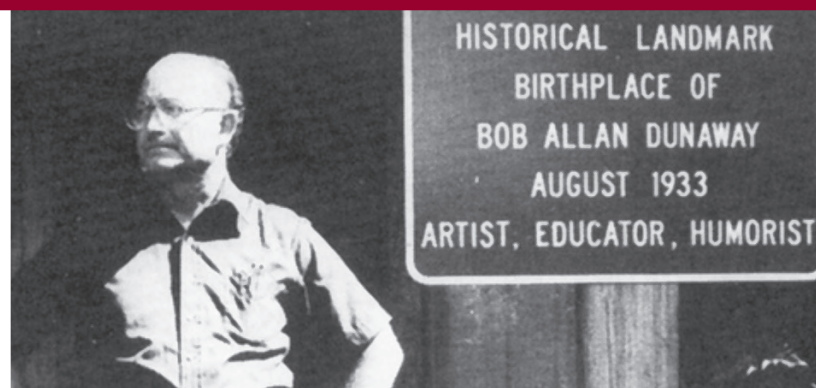
By 1973, only three years after he began working at Hinds, he became chairman of the Mathematics and Science division. He taught physics until being named academic dean in 1982. But then in 1996 he made a drastic switch and was named Dean of Information Technology, a title which also put him over Institutional Research.

He retired in 2004, but returned as administrative assistant to Utica Campus Vice President Dr. George Barnes. He worked part-time for nine years before fully retiring.

Durham's various job descriptions through the years barely scratched the surface when considering his service to the college. He served on the scholarship committee, developed a format for evaluation of employees, guided the implementation of the administrative software program, Colleague, and has written hundreds of custom reports, including writing the code for the Student Attendance System and refining the Student Enrollment Audit System.

A story in On Campus, the college newsletter, said: "Durham's apparently boundless knowledge of computers and broad, deep understanding of everything technical is freely given. ... As teacher, administrator, scientist and computer guru, Durham enriches and energizes colleagues who also strive for excellence."

Durham won the 3E Award and was named Distinguished and Outstanding Administrative/Non-Teaching Professional and a Hinds Hero. He was named Dean Emeritus.





## BEVERLY AND BEN FATHERREE

Teachers, scholars, writers, performers – all four words apply to Beverly Derden and Ben Fatherree. From waltzing on stage in Louis XIV-period costumes during Mississippi and the Arts Week to more than 70 combined years of teaching at Hinds, the Fatherrees represent the best of the best educators at our college. Anyone privileged enough to have Mrs. Fatherree for English and Dr. Fatherree for history knows that he or she got the finest education that any college had to offer.

In addition to teaching, both have written extensively, with much of it benefitting Hinds. Ben has written the history of Hinds, and Beverly has co-authored/edited the composition textbook, "For Our Students," used at Hinds and many other Mississippi community colleges. Both have published in national, peer-reviewed publications.

They have been recognized by the college with awards for Outstanding and Distinguished Instructors of the Year; both were also HEADWAE instructors. Beverly earned the college's highest award, the 3E.

Their dedication to education and to Hinds extends to their families. On both the Fatherree side and the Derden side, the commitment to Hinds must be genetic. Ben's uncles, T.B. and A.P. Fatherree, established a scholarship in Career-Technical Education. In 1996, Beverly's family endowed a scholarship in memory of her father, Bill Derden, to benefit a nontraditional female student. In addition, in 2014, Ben and Beverly endowed a scholarship to be awarded to a student majoring in education, with first preference going to an English or history major.

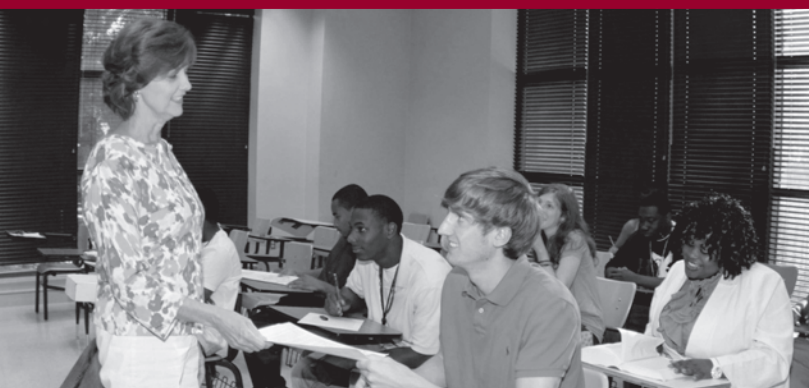
Both retired from full-time employment at Hinds, but when called upon to help, they answer the summons with their usual dedication. In fact, both were part of the initial committees to

help with Centennial planning. Both also continue to work in adjunct positions in their departments.

Ben has been a key player in the Friends of Raymond, and thanks in part to his work on the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Raymond, windows and walls for miles around the town shook as the entire cannon line was fired on the battlefield during the reenactment. Ben continues to be active with Friends of Raymond to preserve the battlefield.

Beverly's work as national representative to the National Council of Teachers of English and Conference on College Composition and Communication introduced her to one of the most controversial topics in English instruction, dual enrollment. As a result of her work with the national organizations and her depth of knowledge, Beverly informed colleagues at home via TYCAM (Two-Year College English Association of Mississippi) about dual enrollment issues. To honor Beverly's work in this field, TYCAM named one of its major awards after her: the Fatherree Award for Excellence in Dual Enrollment English Instruction. Each year at the convention, an award in her name is given to honor an outstanding dual enrollment English teacher.

These two teachers, scholars, writers and performers have dedicated their lives and talents to Hinds. They are beloved icons who have created a lasting legacy for instructors and students.





PAT  
FLAHERTY

Pat Flaherty was a man who learned to constantly keep up with the ever-changing times to make sure students had the best education possible. First employed by Hinds in 1969 as a supervisor for a manpower development training program, he later moved up to assistant dean, then dean of the vocational-technical department.

The programs he oversaw were varied, including agriculture, heavy manufacturing, electronics and drafting. Flaherty successfully stepped up to the challenge of making sure the equipment, labs and curriculum were up to date in the evolving fields of technology and industry. In some programs, changes had to be made to course content annually. Under his leadership, Hinds became the only recognized, authorized training center for computer-aided drafting software in Mississippi. He also assisted with the design and planning of both the Jackson and Vicksburg branches.

During the 1970s, Flaherty ramped up day and evening vocational-technical training to serve the large number of veterans using the GI Bill after the Vietnam War. Once again, the college helped servicemen acclimate to civilian life.

An active member of the Mississippi Association of Vocational Educators, the Mississippi Career-Technical Deans Association and the Capitol Area Personnel Association, he also held many offices, including president, in the American Vocational Association, where he was also recognized as the Outstanding Administrator and Educator of the Year. Flaherty knew the importance of networking with colleagues for Hinds' advantage, and he was always a respected representative of the college.

He truly exemplified the community in community college, serving as a Raymond volunteer fireman for 28 years, as well as chief for 10 of those years, and coordinating community improvement projects through Hinds to benefit both the community and instruct the students.

Flaherty was recognized as Distinguished and Outstanding Administrative/Non-Teaching Professional of the Year and Life Star.



JANE  
FLOWERS

In the early 1970s, Jane Lauderdale Flowers came to Hinds when few students had cars and many, along with Flowers, rode a Hinds bus from Vicksburg to the Raymond Campus. A confident, industrious student, Flowers later taught at the Vicksburg-Warren Campus.

At Hinds, Charles Jones and Mac Baker, both Distribution and Marketing program instructors, became her mentors. Flowers achieved remarkable success in the program at Hinds and continued at Mississippi State University, holding local and state offices in the program's clubs.

Flowers spent 30 years in education, much of them at the Vicksburg-Warren Campus. She was Work-Based Learning Coordinator when she retired in 2014, a position that allowed her to work closely with Vicksburg and Warren County businesses to place students in appropriate jobs. She has remained active with the Warren County Alumni Chapter, constantly promoting Hinds. For 13 years, she served on the committee that organized job fairs with the Governor's Office.

Hilton Dyar, former director of Hinds' Vicksburg-Warren Campus, said of Flowers, "Her efforts on behalf of the Work-Based Learning program flow back into the program in the form of community support and participation, and the community is stronger because of it. She is a 'what can I do to help' kind of person and doesn't wait to be asked. No job is too big or too small – she just does everything with enthusiasm and professionalism."

She was awarded a Life Star and Outstanding Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year, was named HEADWAE honoree and won the 3E Award.





D.G. "SONNY"  
FOUNTAIN

A feature story in the spring 2008 issue of the Hindsight alumni magazine revealed the character of Sonny Fountain with these words: "To him, building a firm foundation of faith is essential to withstanding the trials of life. Sonny Fountain is a man loyal to people, committed to persevere in the face of hardships and prayerful in all circumstances."

He started his first business, Chaney-Fountain Electrical Company, with a friend and a \$200 used truck. The business grew to become the family-owned Fountain Construction Company. For more than 30 years, Fountain offered his time, talents and resources to help Hinds Community College. For many years, he chaired the board's building committee, using his expertise to help the college get the best project and price for its construction dollars. That service came at a cost. Because he was a college trustee, state ethics laws would not allow his company to compete for any of the multi-million dollar construction projects at the college.

Fountain and his wife, Margaret, lived out their Christian faith every day. Their gracious hearts extended to the Fountain children. The Fountain Family Foundation gifted \$100,000 to the college Foundation to establish the Sonny Fountain Endowed Scholarship and continues to make generous contributions each year.

D.G. "Sonny" Fountain Hall – an impressive two-story building housing administration, enrollment services and alumni/foundation offices – sits at the main entrance of the Raymond Campus. Fountain was also the recipient of the Alumni Service Award and the 3E Award – all as a tribute to his leadership and generous heart.

He represented Hinds County on the Board of Trustees from 1977 to 2008, serving as president from 2000 to 2008.



HOWELL  
GAGE

Although Howell N. "Hal" Gage never attended a class at Hinds, never served in an elected position that influenced the college or had any children attend Hinds, he is responsible for the largest contributions to the college by an individual entity.

Through his leadership as chair of the board of trustees for the Vicksburg Medical Foundation, he has been responsible for approximately \$2.5 million in gifts that provided scholarships to students enrolled in the nursing program and provided much-needed funds for faculty and staff development that allowed them to keep abreast of the most up-to-date issues in their field.

When honored as Alumni Service Award recipient, Hal Gage said, "Hinds Community College serves the area of Mississippi where I grew up, and where I currently reside. It is important to me to help the college serve its mission as a member of this community."

In addition, he has served on the Foundation Board of Directors numerous terms and has served as its chairman for a record four times. Also, he has provided support for alumni activities, fundraising efforts, Golf Fun Fest and the Centennial Campaign from River Hills Bank where he has served as chairman of its board. The Foundation board has benefited greatly from his vast financial knowledge and his wise counsel through the years.

Known as a staunch supporter of education, his commitment goes beyond his work with Hinds. He served on the Vicksburg Warren School District Board of Trustees and as a member of the Mississippi Board of Education, where he served as vice chairman.





## WALTER GIBBES

It was during a time when the nation's call to service was being heard loud and clear that Walter H. Gibbes began his own such contribution to the mission of Hinds.

Gibbes, a Learned native, had worked as a student-teacher in commercial work and as a lab assistant at Hinds Junior College, where he entered in 1932 before earning advanced degrees in business and school administration from Mississippi State University and Mississippi College.

After completing his studies at MSU, he returned to Hinds to begin teaching business and office education courses.

In 1941, he became one of three full-time instructors in a program established at Hinds by the National Youth Administration to train skilled workers for the war effort during World War II. The program of study offered was a forerunner to what became the Vocational-Technical Division at Hinds, a program he later coordinated when he returned to Hinds after the war to teach. In the interim, he volunteered for the Air Force and left in 1945 as a major.

As Vo-Tech coordinator, he was responsible for eight programs of study, and for about 300 students taught by six instructors in a one-story brick building. He led the program for 34 years and saw it develop into one of the largest such job training programs in the state.

Gibbes retired in 1980 as the director of Vo-Tech. By then, Vo-Tech at Hinds had blossomed into a division with 45 programs and 300 business and industry courses across all Hinds locations.

When a new headquarters for what's now known as Career-Technical education was built on the Raymond Campus in 1981, it was named Gibbes Hall in his honor. He and his wife have a scholarship, the Walter H. and Henrietta Taylor Gibbes Scholarship, named in their honor.



## ALBERT GORE

Dr. Albert Gore's Hinds story resembles an epic movie – starting in the college's unpaved, dusty beginnings and spanning the decades through each triumph for the nation and the college itself.

Gore arrived with his brother, Granville, as students in 1938 with \$5 and his belongings in a paper sack. They went to work on the college farm to earn room and board, as did scores of students in those days. He was a standout student-athlete, captaining the football team and excelling at track, basketball and boxing. His most important accomplishment, he once said, was meeting his wife Marianna.

He graduated in 1940, then attended Mississippi College. Like legions of men of his generation, he left school to join the Army during World War II, where he was a company commander in the Pacific Theater. After the war, he returned to MC to earn a bachelor's degree in chemistry, then received a medical degree from Tulane University in 1951.

Over 36 years, he ran a family medical practice and was chief of staff of Hinds General Hospital before directing hospitals in Alabama and Texas. In between, he returned to the Army, in 1966, and served as a colonel in the Medical Corps for 14 years before retiring from the Army as a brigadier general. His retirement from medical practice came in 1987.

Following retirement, he became a member of the Hinds Athletic Alumni Chapter and served on the Foundation Board. He was named 2006 Alumnus of the Year and was inducted into three different Sports Halls of Fame, including Hinds, Mississippi College and Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

In 2005, in a show of love to both his loves in life, he endowed a scholarship in his wife's name as an anniversary gift. He played in the Golf Fun Fest until he turned 94 years old.





## DURWOOD GRAHAM

If ever there was a person who loved Hinds Junior College, it is Durwood Graham. He achieved success on the gridiron as both a player and coach at Hinds.

His first contact with Hinds was in 1952 as a senior in high school when he played football. He then played two years of junior college ball at Hinds, serving as co-captain and being named All-State of the 1954 squad that won the national championship at the Junior Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. His leadership on the legendary team was just a taste of what was to come when he served two stints coaching at Hinds.



As assistant coach in 1957, he had a perfect 10-0 record. He was head football coach from 1969 to 1979 and was named All Star Coach of the Year in 1979. He and Danny Neely are credited with resurrecting the baseball program at Hinds in the 1970s when the two of them hauled buckets of dirt to build the field. He also coached track.

Over the years, his love for Hinds has been obvious as he has continued to attend Sports Hall of Fame dinners and many other functions.

He was inducted into the Hinds Sports Hall of Fame, the National Junior College Athletic Association Sports Hall of Fame and the Mississippi Community and Junior College Sports Hall of Fame.

He was a member of the Sports Hall of Fame Selection Committee for years. He also was instrumental in the development of the Athletic Alumni Chapter and has been a member since its inception.



## JACKIE MANGUM GRANBERRY

Hired in 1979 as a counselor, Jackie Mangum Granberry was the first person to hold the title of recruiter when she took charge of building the college's enrollment in 1980. To call her the college's "biggest cheerleader" sounds frivolous because she tackled every challenge and task with firm determination and an arsenal of creative ideas. She spent her entire career promoting Hinds, creating opportunities for students and employees, and building friendships with alumni and the community.

In 1997, Granberry became the first female vice president in Hinds history. She had earned a reputation as "the fixer" and was frequently tapped to tackle problems within the college's complex organization – admissions, financial aid, registration, employee recognition – that were essential to its mission.

She developed a close relationship with President Dr. Clyde Muse and his wife Vashti, who viewed her as an honorary daughter in their family. Early in their Hinds tenure, they asked Granberry to work with Alice Walker in creating a student ambassador group; thus Hinds Connection was created. This perennial student group became an outward reflection of her warm personality, strong work ethic and servant's heart.

In 1987, President Muse asked her to lead the Hinds Foundation. Since that time, Foundation assets have grown to more than \$12 million, including \$8 million in the Scholarship Endowment. Just shy of 40 years of service at Hinds, Granberry transitioned to executive director of the Hinds Foundation in 2017 to take charge of the college's Centennial celebration. With the college facing difficult financial times, she was tasked with commemorating 100 years at Hinds – without using any college funds. Like countless times before, she rose to the challenge.

Granberry's peers have recognized her deep commitment to Hinds with the 3E Award, Outstanding and Distinguished Administrative/Non-Teaching Professional, Life Star and Hinds Hero recognitions.





F.M.  
GREAVES

Frank M. Greaves served 35 years on the Board of Trustees. He was board president for 24 years, making his tenure as board president the longest in the college's history. When he died at age 85 in a car accident, the college newspaper headline read, "Hinds Loses Best Friend in F.M. Greaves Death."

Described in the article as "constantly alert to the needs of Hinds," Greaves was viewed as a dynamic force behind the college's growth in its first 50 years. In 1966, the college dedicated the Raymond Campus' new residence hall in his name. News articles and college publications repeatedly noted his energy and enthusiasm for the college. Well known to students and employees alike, Greaves was a frequent visitor on campus and traveled extensively with the Hi-Steppers.

The Hindsonian tribute at the time of his death included this statement: "Humbleness is a rare virtue; but the word was put in the dictionary to describe men like Frank Greaves." Though a man of considerable personal wealth, he was revered for his service to his fellow man.

His family-owned corporation, Gaddis-McLaurin, Inc., established in 1871 in Bolton, Miss., has remained a thriving business committed to the development of southwest Hinds County. The family's legacy of support for the college continued when his grandson, Ted Kendall III, took his place on the board. The family later established the F.M. Greaves Endowed Scholarship through the Hinds Community College Foundation.

He represented Hinds County on the Board of Trustees from 1933 to 1968 and served as president from 1944 to 1968.



ANNE  
HARDY

Anne Hardy was the epitome of the gentle Southern lady, with her snow-white hair, her sparkling blue eyes and her infectious laugh. So welcoming was her demeanor that Vashti Muse, the first lady of Hinds, always assigned Hardy to be the first greeter for the college Christmas party each year.

When she joined the Hinds Junior College faculty in 1965, Hardy was returning to her alma mater, as she had graduated from Hinds in 1932.

Hardy eventually became chair of the English department and the Division of Communications, Humanities, Fine Arts and Social Sciences, and she was a respected voice in each. A much-loved instructor who was appreciated in many circles, Hardy in 1972 was the first woman to be named Alumnus of the Year. She was also named Phi Theta Kappa Teacher of the Year. Then in 1982, her service to Hinds was recognized when Hardy-Puryear residence hall was given her name. She was known for her generosity of spirit, time and resources, both before and after her tenure at the college.

Perhaps her most lasting legacy was her part in the establishment of the Hinds Community College Foundation in 1979. Sometimes known as the "mother" of the Foundation, Hardy was instrumental in helping with its inception. She continued her support of the Foundation by serving as treasurer first; then in 1988 she was elected board president. After her death in 1997, the Anne C. Hardy Memorial Scholarship was established by her friends and family to continue her legacy and her commitment to education.

Anne Hardy's passion for Hinds encompassed many areas, both professional and personal. She was always willing to serve and to support the college that she loved, and to do so with grace and good humor.



*Humility*



## JIM EL AND JOBIE HARRIS

More than a generation of Hinds students came to know Jim El and J.R. "Jobie" Harris as characters in each of their own unique ways.

For 40 years, Jobie Harris coached and taught with the occasional flair for the dramatic. Harris once summed up his philosophy for teaching history and political science and coaching the football, baseball and track teams this way: "The students had to like you and sometimes all it took was some foolish little anecdote or mannerism, and they would tune into you." He was known to turn on ceiling lights in the classroom by kicking the wall switch in order to get the class' attention, then start his lecture.

Hired in 1930 as athletic director, his respect in the classroom grew along with that of his athletic teams. Zig Ziglar, a student who later became internationally known as a motivational speaker, thought highly enough of him as an influential person in his life that in 1992 he endowed the Coach Jobie and Jim El Byrd Harris Scholarship. Ziglar came to Jackson to present one of his nationally acclaimed seminars and donated the proceeds to the scholarship.

Jim El Byrd Harris came to Hinds in 1946 to teach high school English. She transitioned to college English when veterans of World War II began enrolling at the college. As chair of the English Department, she brought national attention to the role for her work to bring it up to par with similar departments of four-year institutions. She insisted faculty belong to and attend state, regional and national English conferences and workshops. When the National Council of English organized two-year college regionals, Harris was secretary of the original group of officers for the Southeastern Conference on English in the Two-Year College.

He was gregarious, while Jim El was refined in speech and manner. Together, they were firmly committed to the college and its students. In retirement, the couple remained involved with Hinds and were a helpful and delightful resource for information about the college in its early years. A visit to their home in south Jackson was filled with happy memories of time spent at the college.

Jobie was inducted into the Hinds Sports Hall of Fame, and Harris-Patrick Hall on the Raymond Campus was named for them.





**COLLEEN  
HARTFIELD**



Professional, passionate, persistent, positive – these are a few words that best describe Colleen Hartfield, retired vice president for Community Relations and Governmental Affairs. Hartfield spent 34-plus years advancing community colleges in Mississippi.

Because of her visionary leadership skills, her areas of responsibility grew until she oversaw marketing, public relations, community relations, sports information, student publications, adult education, grants management, economic development and governmental relations. As college spokesperson, Hartfield handled good and bad news with a deft touch and earned the respect of colleagues for her ability to communicate, strategize and manage.

The ultimate pacesetter, Hartfield organized the first Community College Month celebration for the state, developed the first statewide marketing campaign for community colleges and forged partnerships that would strengthen the college's mission, benefit its employees and serve its students.

As college President Dr. Clyde Muse's right hand when dealing with governmental affairs, she worked for the entire system at the state and national levels. Because of her integrity, knowledge of the system and her ability to bring all community colleges together with a common voice, she worked effectively with legislators, congressional offices and other college leaders.

A staunch advocate for adult education and economically disadvantaged students, Hartfield labored to expand Hinds' efforts to serve high school dropouts and at-risk students through the Gateway to College, Single Stop, MI-BEST and the Minority Male (M2M) Leadership Initiative programs. She led the college's efforts to acquire millions of dollars in external funding to support these endeavors.

Hartfield was a graduate of Mississippi State University's Community College Leadership Program and the Education Policy Fellowship Program. She was also one of the youngest ever to receive the Hinds 3E Award. She was also recognized by the Women in Higher Education Mississippi Network with its Leadership Award.



**MIKE  
HATAWAY**

Students paint a sweet, simple picture of Michael Hataway, who taught a generation of graphic art majors at Hinds.

A Louisville, Miss., native, Hataway graduated from Hinds in 1966 and earned art degrees from Mississippi College, including his master's degree in painting and graphic arts. His teaching career started at Central High School in Jackson, then in 1971 he took the position at Hinds that would in time build the graphic arts program from the ground up.

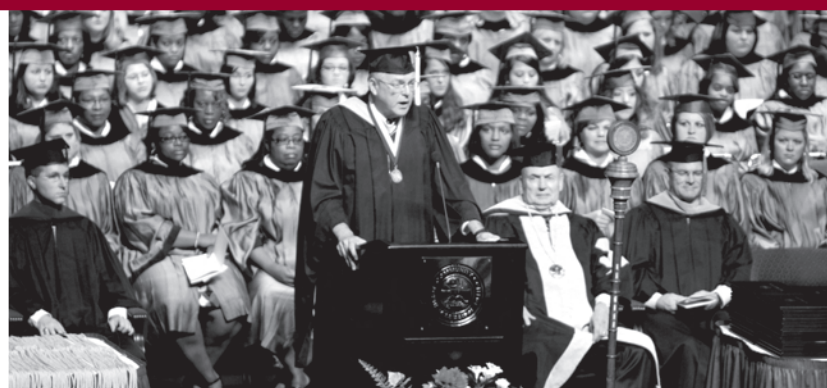
Through Hataway's leadership, enrollment in the classes increased significantly and the program achieved a widely recognized reputation for excellence and was named the Post-Secondary Program of the Year by the Mississippi Association of Vocational Educators in 1982.

Under his tutelage, Hinds' graphics students were eagerly sought as employees because they were knowledgeable, well-trained and productive. His students enjoyed a delightful personality and someone who was always "himself" with a great sense of humor and the ability to laugh at himself. Two of those students went on to become department chairs at Hinds.

Among his many projects for Hinds was leading his graphic design students through the design of the annual Christmas card. He also developed the Hinds Community College seal and the Emeritus medallion – and became one of the first named as Emeritus.

He chaired the program for 33 years before retiring in 2004. Some of his honors include being named National Teacher of the Year by the American Vocational Association, Hinds Outstanding and Distinguished Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year, 2011 Alumnus of the Year, HEADWAE honoree and 3E recipient. He was included in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers and Educators" an astonishing seven times.

His service to Hinds continued long after his retirement as he worked as a reserve police officer at numerous events, such as graduations.





LINDEN  
HAYNES

For 32 years as a biology instructor at Hinds, Dr. Linden Haynes challenged stereotypes about the role of women in the STEM fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. In one symposia organized on the Utica Campus in the 1970s, Haynes argued that the framing of the question itself – “women in science” – is itself sexist.

She began her distinguished career on the Utica Campus but completed her Hinds career as the biology chair on the Raymond Campus.

Throughout her career, she worked to the highest standards of professional excellence, earning the respect of her students, many of whom went on to work in science fields themselves. As the Maroon & Gold Flash campus newsletter put it when crowning her Teacher of the Year, Haynes “is hard working, dedicated and knows how to relate to her students; not only as a teacher, but as an individual. She encourages her students to develop their ability to its highest potential.”

She served as coordinator/director of many externally funded programs, which brought into the college more than \$1 million, such as the College Discovery Program, Bridges to the Baccalaureate Degree Program, Exploring Multi Media Technologies in the Life Sciences Project and the National Science Foundation Project. Among her honors are the Community College Teaching Award given by the Mississippi Academy of Science, Certificate – NEA Women’s Leadership Training and Citation for Distinguished Alumni from Alcorn State University.

She also served as the first female and the first African-American president of the Mississippi Community/Junior College Faculty Association.

She retired from full-time teaching in 2001, but continued to teach classes as an adjunct. She was awarded Outstanding and Distinguished Academic Instructor of the Year and Professor Emeritus of Biology.



TROY  
HENDERSON

Troy Henderson, also referred to as “Mr. H,” was known for his Southern hospitality, his eye for beautiful landscape and Hendersonisms, or comical one-liners. Henderson began his time at Hinds Community College in 1979 as the director of Physical Plant and Auxiliary Services and saw the college through much growth until his retirement as the vice president for Physical Plant and Auxiliary Services in 1997.

Responsible for the entire physical plant, Henderson served as the main coordinator for many projects including the Hinds cafeteria, the Hiney Ho Café (the Hiney Ho sandwich was invented by him and his wife, Delores Henderson), the expansion of the college to Rankin County, Eagle Ridge Conference Center, additions to the farm, the bookstore, Eagle Ridge Golf Course and the John Bell Williams Airport.

Henderson was the manager of the master plans for all the Hinds locations and worked constantly to make all campuses functional, beautiful and safe. He felt that an outward appearance was the first indication of a successful institution. He hired the first full-time safety director and published a safety manual and emergency procedure manual for safety in the workplace.

He genuinely cared for people and was known for going above and beyond to help anyone in need. He began a tradition of hosting a golf tournament at the end of each year as an appreciation to “his guys.” He loved to entertain people and the more the merrier. He was known for his blueberry pancakes and the annual 4th of July parade that he hosted in his neighborhood for the entire community to enjoy.

Henderson was the president of Mississippi School Plant Managers Association and received the Outstanding Service Award. He was also recognized by his many contributions with the Hinds 3E Award. A scholarship has been established in his name by his family and friends.





MILDRED  
HERRIN

*"Because she has cheerfully solved our most perplexing registration problems, wisely guided us in a choice of subjects and never lost contact when we moved away; because she stopped her work to help us in ours; because patience and diligence is her keynote in classroom and office work; poise and tact in her social life; and because she was always our friend even when sadly chiding us for our failures, we dedicate this volume of The Eagle to Miss Mildred Herrin." (Eagle, 1950)*

This tribute reflects the warm regard the Hinds student body had for Herrin, who served the college as registrar and business teacher for 30 years.

Herrin first came to Hinds as a student in 1931. After receiving her degree in 1934, she began working for the college and was the first secretary to President Judson Cain. She left to earn bachelor's and master's degrees, returning in 1942 for good, first to teach business courses.

Through her many years at Hinds, Herrin was involved in numerous student organizations, including the Girl's Reserve, Methodist Youth Foundation, YWCA and Phi Theta Kappa. Her contributions to Hinds continued long after her retirement and were noted both by the naming of a building in her honor on the Raymond Campus in 1974 (Herrin-Stewart Hall) and the 1985 Alumnus of the Year distinction. The Foundation Board honored her by giving donations to a scholarship in her name.

In 1992, Herrin was asked to give the Cornerstone Project dedication speech at Hinds' 75th anniversary. The Cornerstone plaque honors employees of the college.

"Cornerstones," she said, "paved the way for the young men and women of today's world to attain the attitudes and skills for making the world a better place for all of mankind..."

Mildred Herrin was surely one of those best cornerstones.



DAN  
HOGAN

In his 33 years of service to Hinds Community College, Dr. Dan Hogan went through many transformations.

In 1974, Hogan started as a math instructor. He progressed to chair of the math department (1985-1997), moved upstairs to the academic dean position (1997-1999) and finally walked across the street to become vice president for Raymond Campus and Jackson Campus-Nursing/Allied Health Center and director of College Parallel programs until his retirement (1999—2007). Regardless of the title listed on his office door, he remained the same dedicated and good-humored man – always available to his students and his colleagues.

As vice president, Hogan served as liaison for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) reaffirmation process. In addition to continuing to oversee and direct the many facets of academic life on two campuses, he worked tirelessly and methodically for several years to guide the fact-finding, writing and editing of the documents that ultimately resulted in our maintaining our accreditation as an institution. Most importantly, he did so without ever losing his temper or his patience.

Dr. Dan Hogan and his wife, Barbara, have continued their association with and support of Hinds by endowing a scholarship for a math major.

His students appreciated his intelligence and his thoroughness, whether in the classroom, in his office for extra instruction or in the math lab. In fact, even after he had moved beyond classroom instruction, he was known to slip into the math lab to help out if he saw that help was needed.

Among his awards were the Life Star Award and being named Vice President Emeritus. When he was interviewed after winning the 3E Award, he said he was most proud of his work with students in preparing them for success, whether they started out in developmental programs or came to Hinds with higher math skills.





## WARREN HOOD

Among the catchphrases that have been used at Hinds Community College is "start something at Hinds." There was no better example of this phenomenon than Warren Hood, a small-town boy who became one of the most prominent businessmen in Mississippi.

Originally from Copiah County, Hood left the family farm to attend Hinds Junior College in the 1930s. He graduated from the high school department in 1935, and after finishing his freshman year in 1936, decided he was ready to strike out on his own.

What followed was one of the most successful business careers of any 20th century Mississippian. First becoming, in his own words, a "peckerwood sawmill operator," Hood applied his knowledge of local forestry to build Hood Industries, Inc., which by 1970 became a national leader in the production of Southern yellow pine timber.

By the 1980s, Hood's business interests shifted into the banking sector, as he played a central role in the emergence of Deposit Guaranty/AmSouth Bank (now Regions Bank). Although he received an array of recognitions, one highlight came when Hood was named 1975 Alumnus of the Year. He served on the Hinds Community College Foundation board and was a regular contributor to the Foundation, including to the Warren A. Hood Scholarship.

Even though Hood enjoyed his status as one of Mississippi's most influential business and political leaders, he remained true to the lessons of hard work and philanthropy rooted in him at an early age both on the farm and at Hinds. Nothing delighted Hood more than giving back to others, and his generosity, particularly in supporting education, had a transforming effect on the lives of countless students both at Hinds and across Mississippi. From humble beginnings, something special was truly started.



## ADAM JENKINS

When Adam Jenkins retired as the college's vice president for Business Services after 35 years, he left behind a legacy of new and innovative business practices that guided the college through the ups and downs of state funding and enrollment cycles.

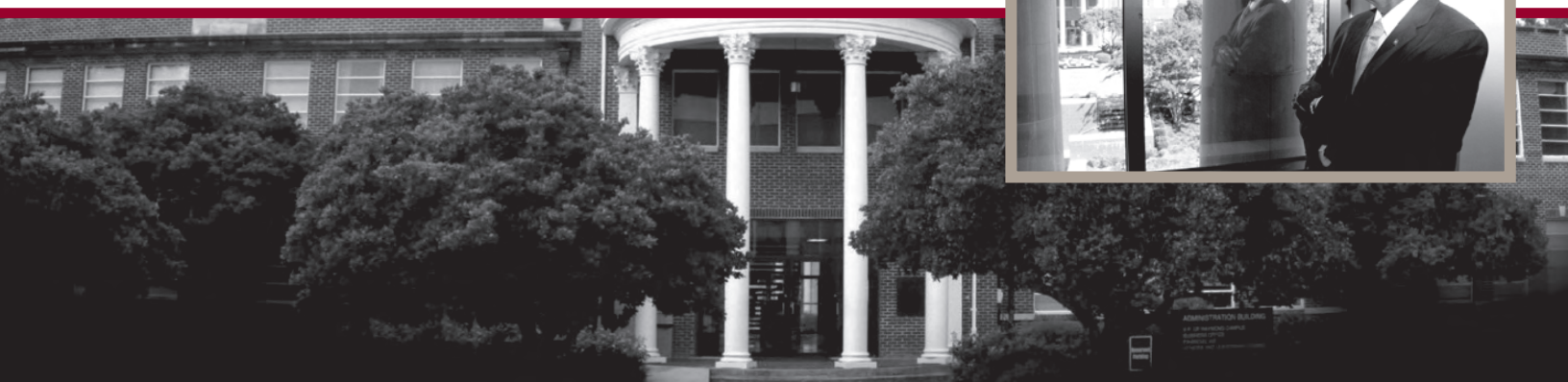
Jenkins started working at Utica Junior College in 1967 as a payroll clerk before becoming UJC's business manager. In 1984, he was promoted to the position of vice president for Business Services and chief financial officer for the combined Hinds district.

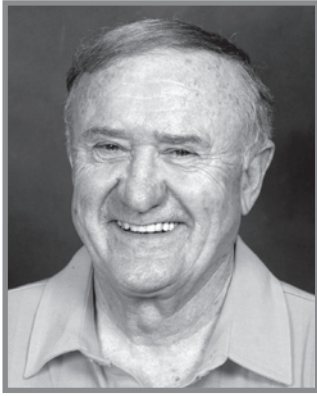
At the renaming ceremony of the Raymond Campus administration building in Jenkins' honor, Hinds President Dr. Clyde Muse said that Jenkins guided the college through some tough times. Muse joked that, with Jenkins watching the purse strings, Utica Junior College always had money.

Jenkins brought financial discipline to the budgeting process, computerizing the system in 1985, which allowed individual departments to have real-time access to their budgets to eliminate accidental overspending. This work led to the college receiving a perfect score from state auditors and a healthy reserve to account for in lean times.

Jenkins received the college's 3E award, along with awards from the National Community College Business Officers Association as Outstanding Chief Business Officer for Region 9 and a 1988 Presidential Citation by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

After retirement, Jenkins served multiple terms on the Hinds Community College Foundation Board, using his talents as secretary-treasurer. He and his wife founded the Adam and Margaree Jenkins Scholarship. Jenkins was named Vice President Emeritus.





**ROGER  
JONES**

In the history of Hinds, there has probably not been a man who loved, studied and cooked meat as much as Dr. Roger Jones. An instructor in the Agricultural and Meat Merchandising Departments, he also served as the sponsor of the Hinds Agriculture Club, coordinator of the Bull Test Station and farm, and coach for the livestock judging team. Jones took it upon himself to truly be a part of his students' lives.

He also played a big role in the life of the college, serving and cooking meat for home football games, Golf Fun Fest, Heritage Scholarship fundraisers and the Ultimate Game Dinner. Furthermore, he helped with many banquets including athletic banquets, the Agriculture Club Banquet, board luncheons and other meals hosted at the president's home. He and colleague Lamar Currie carried the chains at home football games for more than 20 years.

After 26 years as an instructor and meat merchandising manager, Jones was selected as Agriculture Department chairman, where he then advised students studying a variety of non-meat related fields from veterinary medicine to agribusiness technology.

Jones has been dedicated to Hinds as well as to his field. Among his professional memberships are the American Meat Science Association, the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, the American Association of Meat Processors and the Hinds County Livestock Board.

Jones was awarded the 3E and Life Star. He also served as the vice president for the Hinds faculty and staff alumni chapter. The Dr. Roger Jones and Lamar Currie Scholarship was established and endowed in 2000 by the Ultimate Game Dinner Committee.



**TED  
KENDALL III**

Ted Kendall III walked in his grandfather's (F.M. Greaves) footsteps and led the Hinds Board of Trustees during a time of great change and growth. During his 20 years with the board, the college grew from one campus with a \$3 million budget to a seven-location, \$30 million operation with more than 1,000 employees.

As board president, he traveled to Meridian in 1978 to convince Dr. Clyde Muse to apply for the presidency at Hinds. A few years later, Kendall and Muse managed the delicate negotiations of the merger of Hinds and Utica junior colleges into a single, unified district.

After retiring from the board, Kendall continued to serve the college as a member of the Hinds Community College Foundation Board. The family tradition continued with both sons, Ted Kendall IV and Tom, later serving on the Foundation board.

Kendall's reputation and influence are far-reaching in the farming and cattle industries, yet he prefers a low profile. He was in on the ground level of the college's recent Precision Agriculture 2 Plus 2 partnership with Mississippi State University, which features Hinds' Unmanned Aerial Systems (drone) program.

"He's very involved with the youth in the community, particularly the 4-H Cooperative Extension program and Future Farmers of America," said Dr. Chad Stocks, Hinds vice president for Workforce, Economic Development and Career and Technical Education. "He works very hard to get young people involved in agriculture and quietly raises substantial funds to support those organizations."

"Mr. Ted," as he is affectionately known, has also won the Alumni Service Award and 3E Award. In 1998 the Raymond Campus agricultural complex was named in his honor.

He represented Hinds County on the Board of Trustees from 1968 to 1988 and was president from 1977 to 1988.

Kendall supports the family scholarships, Gaddis and McLaurin Inc. Endowed Scholarship and F. M. Greaves Scholarship.





DEAN  
KIRBY

Described as honest, humble and hardworking, Mississippi Sen. Dean Kirby, District 30, Rankin County, continues to be a loyal friend to Hinds.

"He is one of the finest legislators that we have at the Capitol. He is very competent. He always does his homework on every piece of legislation that comes to him and his committee. He always has an open door for the community colleges," Dr. Clyde Muse said.

A legislator since 1992, Kirby was a key player in the 2008 Legislature in helping Muse persuade legislators to support a special appropriation to purchase what was the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters Gulf Coast Regional Training Center on Commercial Park Drive off Greenfield Road in Pearl. At the time, Kirby chaired the Senate Finance Committee, which handles capital improvement bonds. With state bond funds, the college was able to leverage its purchasing power, ultimately getting the building for a cost that was a third of its value. The building now houses classes for plumbing, electrical, welding, industrial maintenance, practical nursing and Associate Degree Nursing.

The complexity of the state budget and the politics of state government make it even more difficult for public servants like Kirby. Yet, he has consistently worked both sides of the political aisle to gain support for Hinds and the community college system. His long tenure in the Senate has proven valuable to the colleges in a myriad of ways. In the Rankin County community, he has supported all efforts to expand the Rankin Campus and frequently used his influence to gain local, as well as state support.

Kirby was honored as the recipient of the Alumni Service Award for his efforts on behalf of Hinds.



Bob Laster's statement, "Hinds did a lot more for me than I ever did for Hinds," is an example of the humble, selfless people who helped to build Hinds Community College into the force that it has become. Ann and Bob Laster certainly typify that statement.

Ann has told the story of how she and Bob would leave their home in Raymond in the wee hours of the morning and drive to the Jackson Campus, where Bob was director, to disarm the sensitive alarm system that had been set off by birds. It happened many times.

Bob was a student at Hinds when his father passed away. His sorrow was compounded by the thought that he needed to take his father's place at home. However, with the help of Hinds instructors and the caring, supportive environment he experienced at the college, he managed to stay enrolled while helping the family. He's repaid that kindness many times over through years of dedicated service.

Ann is another pioneer in the excellence that has been a hallmark of an education from Hinds Community College. In fact, Ann can't leave Hinds. She still teaches for the college at Central Hinds Academy in the Dual Enrollment program. Teaching is her heart, and the list of awards – national, regional and local – shows how deep her commitment is.

From recognition by the Carnegie Foundation as Professor of the Year to receipt of the Cowan Award for Excellence in Teaching from The Two-Year College English Association-Southeast, Ann has a nationwide network of friends and



Service

## ANN AND BOB LASTER

colleagues who honor her commitment. Her involvement in the field of technical writing, however, is legendary. She worked for years as co-director of the Technical Writing Institute and co-wrote with Nell Ann Pickett the best-selling technical writing textbook of all time, "Technical English: Writing, Reading, and Speaking."

Ann served on the Hinds Community College Foundation Board in its early years. Along with Billy Bridges, an attorney and Appeals Court judge, she rewrote the Foundation's by-laws. Jackie Granberry, executive director of the Foundation, said that her work has stood the test of time and served the college very well. Ann received the 3E Award and was named Professor Emeritus of English after she retired.

While Ann taught, Bob helped to build the Hinds we know today. As director of the Jackson Branch, now known as Jackson Campus-Academic/Technical Center, Bob started new programs in hotel/motel management, dental assisting and LPN training. Not only did he work as an administrator, but Bob also taught mechanical technology and engineering graphics, courtesy of his degrees from Mississippi State. He also pioneered a close working partnership with industry to develop programs to fit their employees' needs – a mainstay of Hinds in its 100th year.



## EARL LEGGETT

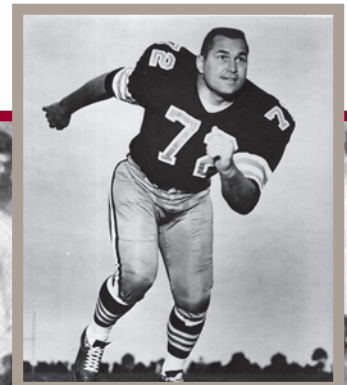
Hinds has produced some outstanding athletes, but probably none more so than football player Earl Leggett. A Florida native, Leggett came to Mississippi in 1951 and became a Hinds star. He led Hinds to a 9-0 record in 1954, culminating in its only national championship and a win in the Junior Rose Bowl.

Leggett then became an All-Southeastern Conference performer at Louisiana State University and a 1957 first-round pick of the Chicago Bears. He was part of the famed "Monsters of the Midway" defense that led the Bears to the 1963 NFL championship. Toward the end of his career, he played with the Los Angeles Rams' "Fearsome Foursome" defense and the New Orleans Saints.

He retired in 1970 and became Hinds' head football coach. "The way they'd sit on the bus in those days, the coach sat at the front. When they'd get to the stadium, Earl stepped off the bus and he was such a man that a lot of teams said (Hinds) had the game won right there," Hinds President Dr. Clyde Muse, a longtime friend of Leggett's, said with a laugh. Leggett found his next calling as an assistant, eventually landing in the National Football League. He spent the next 24 years coaching with six different franchises and helped the then-Los Angeles Raiders to victories in Super Bowl XV and XVIII as their defensive line coach.

Leggett died in 2008 at age of 75 in Raymond. NFL Hall of Famer Howie Long spoke of the lessons he learned from Leggett during the Raymond Campus memorial: "He told me, 'If you do what I tell you to, work as hard as you can, I'll make you a household name in every house in America.'"

Leggett applied that same approach to his own life. He was inducted into Sports Halls of Fame for the National Junior College Athletic Association, Mississippi Association for Community and Junior Colleges, Hinds and the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. His service to Hinds included serving on the Foundation board. He started the Hinds Athletic Alumni Chapter and served as its president until his death.





# DEAN LILES

As trees can give shade and bear fruit, the Liles family legacy is as strong, productive and generous to the mission of Hinds. Dean Liles' contributions continue to help it grow.

A Raymond native, Liles entered college with his athletic bona fides already in place, having lettered in football, basketball and track. Once at Hinds, he lettered in basketball and set the single-game record for points scored, with 51. For many years, Liles hosted team reunions to honor Coach Troy Ricks.

He graduated with honors in 1961. A varied career in business followed after bachelor's and master's degrees over the next 40 years, as he settled in Texas and worked at a number of prestigious companies. He retired from his own business, Dean Liles and Associates, in 2007. Along the way, he was inducted into the Hinds Sports Hall of Fame in 2000.

All five of Liles' brothers and sisters are Hinds graduates, with one brother, Waverly Liles, teaching as an adjunct mathematics instructor years after he graduated. Dean Liles' father, Euell Liles, after ending his farming career, worked at Hinds for several years until his retirement. His aunt, Mary Liles Brown, edited the first Hinds yearbook published; a brother, Bill, and a niece, Masa, are all Hinds graduates.

In 2009, he established the Dean and Rebecca Legg Liles Scholarship, honoring his late wife, also a Hinds graduate. Three years later, he established a second scholarship, Euell and Etoile Liles, named for his parents. Liles hopes the scholarship will be a catalyst for students to earn a senior college degree and start achieving career goals – as was the case with his own family.

He has served on the Hinds Foundation board and was named 2013 Hinds Alumnus of the Year.



# BELL LINDSEY

While teaching in the Hinds Junior College English department, Laura Bell Lindsey, known as Bell, was a legend.

Local families wanted their college students placed in her classes. Students wanted to be in her class because of her reputation for good teaching. Those students who enrolled in her classes experienced awe and challenge. One student, recalling his experience in Lindsey's class, tells of her demand for excellence from each student. While his final grade was low, he went to Mississippi State University and, at his first sitting, passed the required junior level English proficiency test. To this day, after many years as a college teacher, he credits Bell Lindsey for her motivation and encouragement.

An avid reader, Lindsey accumulated an astonishing body of knowledge. She amazed her colleagues with her knowledge about many subjects. They always enjoyed her presence in the teachers' lounge as she held their attention as she talked about such random topics as mythology, the Classics, world history, politics, literature and geography.

Some regarded Lindsey as a bit eccentric. Lindsey always brought her lunch in a small paper sack. Most often the lunch was a sandwich cut in half. Lindsey came to the lounge at morning break and ate half of the sandwich. At noon she came back and ate the other half. She then carefully folded the paper sack. For more days than anyone could determine, she used the same paper sack to bring her lunch.

Lindsey was physically petite, but she was an intellectual giant, teacher and a good friend to many.





JOE  
LOVIZA

Quite simply, without Joseph L. Loviza, there might not be a Vicksburg-Warren Campus.

The first director and dean of the Vicksburg-Warren Branch (later, the Vicksburg-Warren Campus), Loviza brought an extensive background in vocational-technical education to his integral role in developing the facility.

A 1960 graduate of Hinds Junior College, Loviza began his career in education in Vicksburg and Warren County as director of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education. When the college began providing secondary vo-tech training in 1973, Loviza was employed to serve as the director, and later, dean, of the branch. As the facility's first employee, he served 20 years as the location grew to be among the largest secondary school vo-tech programs in Mississippi. By 1979 a second building was dedicated that doubled its size. Later, the facility expanded to offer post-secondary classes and in 2002 was officially named the Vicksburg-Warren Campus.

Loviza, whose four siblings, three children and several cousins also earned degrees at Hinds, served as mayor of Vicksburg from 1993 to 1997. After his retirement, he continued to support the city by serving on numerous boards and committees, including the Vicksburg Warren School Board. He also served on the Hinds Foundation Board of Directors.

In 2014, the campus' previously unnamed third building was renamed the Joseph L. Loviza Multipurpose Building. Chad Shealy, superintendent of the Vicksburg Warren School District, noted Loviza remains a staunch supporter of education. "He believes in providing a workforce for this community," Shealy said.

Loviza is responsible for several scholarships at Hinds. He established the Joe Loviza Career-Technical Scholarship. He and his sisters fund the John and Mabel Loviza Family Scholarship, and he has endowed the Myrtle and Kathleen Loviza Scholarship.



CON  
MALONEY

While building a successful business comes with all its usual challenges, service to school and community seemingly comes easy for Con Maloney.

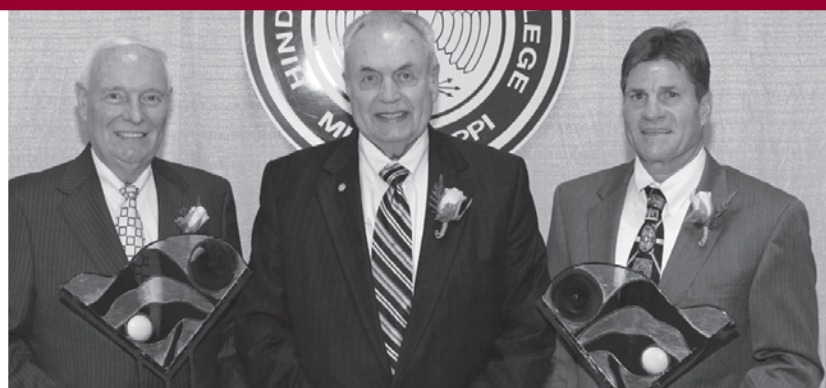
Maloney entered Hinds from St. Joseph High School in Jackson on a football scholarship, starring on the college's fourth state football championship of the 1950s. He graduated in 1958, then took his athletic talents to Millsaps College, where he majored in political science.

He and his brothers built the business founded by his parents, James "Cowboy" and Dolly Maloney. Today, he still serves as board chairman of Cowboy Maloney's Electric City and C&D Investment Co.

His political life consisted of four terms in the Mississippi Senate, from 1971-87. Two of those terms were spent as chairman of the Mississippi Performance Evaluation Expenditure Review (PEER) Committee.

Throughout, his service to both college alma maters has redefined generous. For Hinds, that has meant service on the Hinds Foundation board, early support for the college's million-dollar capital campaign to rebuild Cain Hall, support for other key fundraisers and an active role in the Hinds Athletic Alumni Chapter. He has also supported the Anna Cowden Bee Hi-Stepper Scholarship and has donated to the theater department. He was named 2010 Alumnus of the Year.

Sports are a keen interest for the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame inductee. Maloney has led drives for renovations to Joe Renfro Stadium and Joe G. Moss Baseball Field and supported the Wes Cliburn Memorial Baseball Tournament that funds a baseball scholarship. He owned the Jackson Generals minor league baseball franchise, which played in Smith-Wills Stadium from 1991-99, and often let the Eagle baseball team use it free of charge. In 2016, when a new softball field was named for longtime athletic director Rene' T. Warren, Maloney gifted the scoreboard displaying her name.





RAY  
MARSHALL

Ray Marshall's distinguished academic and public service record is symbolic of a member of the "greatest generation." Marshall, a native of Oak Grove, La., and his four siblings were sent to live in a Jackson orphanage after their mother died in 1939. At age 15, he joined the Navy and served in the Pacific during World War II as a radioman. Afterward, he returned to Mississippi for his education.

While his formal education record indicated he completed only the eighth grade, then-Registrar Mildred Herrin deemed him academically competent to enroll in college classes. At Hinds, Marshall found a nurturing environment with good instructors and an institution that was flexible in its efforts to help veterans. He says he has never forgotten Miss Herrin's kindness and the door she opened to a lifetime of academic and public service.

While at Hinds, Marshall met his wife, Pat Williams. In 2017, they are celebrating 71 years of marriage. With the help of the G.I Bill, he graduated from Hinds Junior College and Millsaps College. He earned a master's degree from Louisiana State University and his Ph.D. in economics from the University of California, Berkeley.

Marshall taught at the University of Mississippi and Louisiana State University before settling at the University of Texas at Austin in 1962. There he formed the Center for the Study of Human Resources in 1970, named in his honor.

From 1977 to 1981, Marshall served as U.S. Secretary of Labor in the Carter administration, overseeing job training expansion and strengthening the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. After his service, he returned to the University of Texas.

Marshall retired from teaching in 1998 but remained active at the University of Texas as the Audre and Bernard Rapoport Centennial Chair in Economics and Public Affairs. He has authored more than 30 books and has served on numerous boards, committees and task forces. He was named 1978 Alumnus of the Year.



LEE  
MAYO

"She was our greatest fan and supporter and we will love her forever." That was how Leslie Reeves, former Hinds choir director, described Lee Cloud Mayo at the Mississippi and the Arts Week dedicated to Mrs. Mayo in 1991. The guest speaker was Eudora Welty and, in a picture of the two ladies shaking hands, they exchange a kindred smile revealing their shared love of the arts.

As the wife of Hinds' fifth president, Dr. Robert Mayo, she attended everything Hinds – choir concerts, art exhibits, band concerts, Hi-Stepper performances, theater and athletic events. Reflecting her dedication to the arts, the 1968 Hinds choir students established the Lee Mayo Music Scholarship.

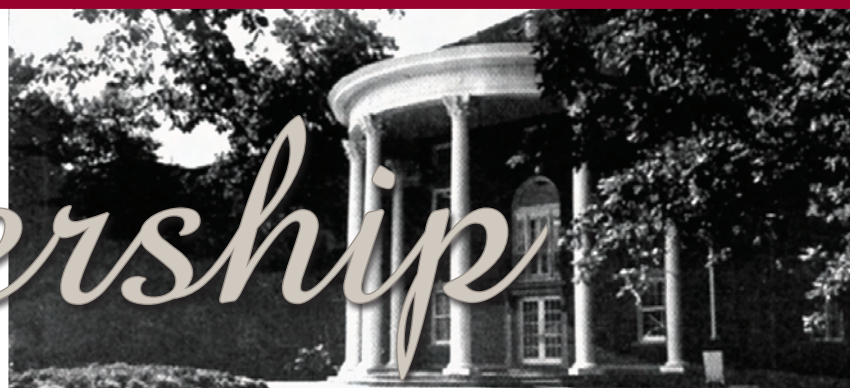
Reared in Canton, she spoke with a polished Southern drawl, but was quick with a friendly smile. The three Mayo sons attended Hinds, with two working for a time at the college. Mrs. Mayo was an unassuming individual, but behind the scenes and until her death, she was an enduring presence and an active supporter of Hinds, its students and the Raymond community. Besides her staunch support of college functions, she served Hinds students for a time teaching English and reading.

According to daughter-in-law Barbara Mayo, Mrs. Mayo was known to serve visitors dainty tea-cakes, the recipe handed down by her mother. She kept an ever-ready supply of the dough in the refrigerator for the family and anyone who stopped by.

The Mayo family legacy continues today. The Robert Mayo Scholarship was established upon his death. Later, the two Mayo scholarships were combined to create the Robert and Lee Mayo Scholarship.



Leadership





W.M.  
McKENZIE

For decades, the name W. M. "Mac" McKenzie was synonymous with agriculture at Hinds Junior College. Throughout his career at Hinds, from 1930 to 1966, McKenzie promoted the growth and fostered the reputation of the Agriculture Department at Hinds Junior College.

Born in New Augusta, Miss., McKenzie received a bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University where he was a Bulldog football player. He received his master's degree from Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn., where he met his future wife, Mary. In 1941, Mrs. McKenzie began teaching English at Hinds, retiring after 33 years.

In the early years, he was responsible for supervising students with scholarships who tended the vegetable gardens, dairy and cattle. The produce was used in the dining room where students ate.

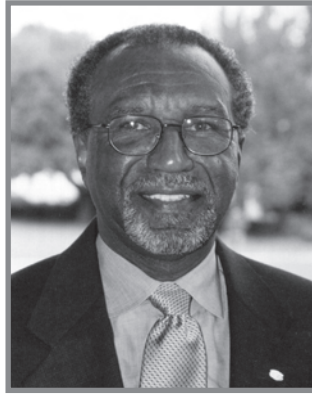
During World War II, McKenzie served as principal of Raymond Consolidated Schools. He was active in community affairs and admired for his work with underprivileged children in the Raymond area.

He was a member of the Raymond Methodist Church for 47 years. He served as Sunday School superintendent and was a steward in the church.

His dedication to the field of agriculture went beyond the classroom. McKenzie was a loyal member of the local Hinds County Farm Bureau. To area farmers, he was a respected and reliable consultant and friend who helped with their farm problems and vaccinated their animals. To locals, he was an always-available source of horticultural information concerning their home landscaping needs and questions.

McKenzie died in 1978. His contributions to Hinds and the surrounding area were recognized with the naming of W.M. McKenzie Arena in the college's Ted Kendall III Agricultural Complex.

The W.M. McKenzie Memorial Scholarship was established by the Farm Bureau associations of Hinds, Rankin, Warren and Claiborne counties.



CLEON  
McKNIGHT

The chirps of tennis shoes skidding across the court and the springy pops of balls hitting rackets form the soundtrack to much of Dr. Cleon McKnight's career at Hinds. Not only was McKnight an accomplished chemistry teacher, he also served as the tennis coach both at Utica and Raymond campuses from 1977 to 1999.

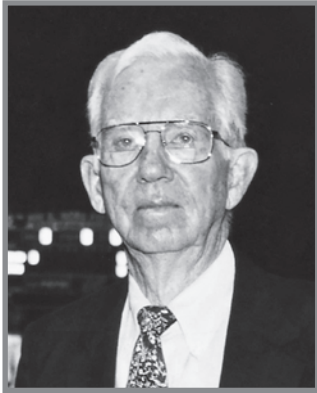
Under his leadership, his players won many championships, and he built both the men's and women's teams into national powerhouses, combining for an impressive win/loss record of 430-49 (.900 winning percentage).

McKnight won coach of the year awards 50 times throughout his career and was honored with inductions into the Hinds Sports Hall of Fame, the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Sports Hall of Fame, the National Junior College Athletic Association Tennis Hall of Fame and the United States Tennis Association Hall of Fame.

McKnight received degrees from Alcorn State University, the University of Southern Mississippi and Kansas State University. His teaching career began in 1969 on the Utica Campus and continued until his retirement in 2001 on the Raymond Campus, where he was named an Outstanding Academic Instructor of the Year. He served on the Sports Hall of Fame selection committee.

For McKnight, his focus was always on the student: "It is especially pleasing to me as a professional to see students whom I have taught become successful."





JOE  
MOSS

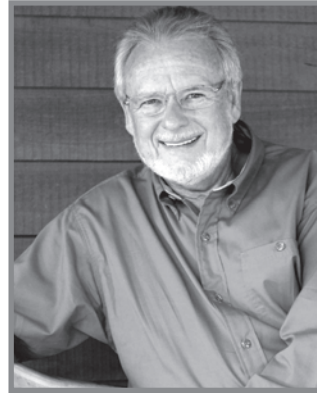
Judge Joe G. Moss served in the Mississippi House of Representatives for 20 years and as a Chancery Judge for three terms. In addition to these remarkable accomplishments, Hinds fans may remember Moss for his earlier achievements as a Hinds Junior College student.

He led the Eagles to first place in the Middle Mississippi track meet and played first string on both offense and defense for the football team. A three-sport athlete, Moss also played basketball and earned the campus titles of Class Favorite and Mr. Hinds. All of that activity, may have attracted the attention of his classmate and future wife, Permelia (Pam) Williams.

He experienced a disruption to his academic career when he left the campus to serve a tour of duty in World War II. After receiving three battle stars and an honorable discharge, Moss returned to Hinds, completing his education and continuing onward to Mississippi State and, later, to Mississippi College to acquire further degrees.

In the House of Representatives, Moss did not forget Hinds as he worked with college presidents to secure legislation that would benefit Mississippi's community colleges. Separate from this assistance, Hinds President Dr. Clyde Muse recalled personal contributions that Moss made to Hinds, noting that Moss often welcomed the college's varsity and intramural teams to play on land that he and his wife owned. Based on his contributions to Hinds, Moss was named the 2004 Hinds Alumnus of the Year. Hinds students, employees and alumni may note another honor bestowed upon Moss as they attend home baseball games: The baseball stadium, Joe G. Moss Field, was dedicated to him in October 1999.

In recognition of his lifelong support of Hinds, the Joe G. Moss Scholarship was established by his children.



BOB  
MULLINS

Innovator extraordinaire might be a good moniker for Bob Mullins, former vice president for Economic Development and Outreach at Hinds. Mullins, a 1967 alum, spent 28 years at Hinds before leaving to lead training efforts at the Canton Nissan plant. Mullins was recruited by the automotive giant after commanding Hinds' efforts to train Mississippians for Nissan jobs.

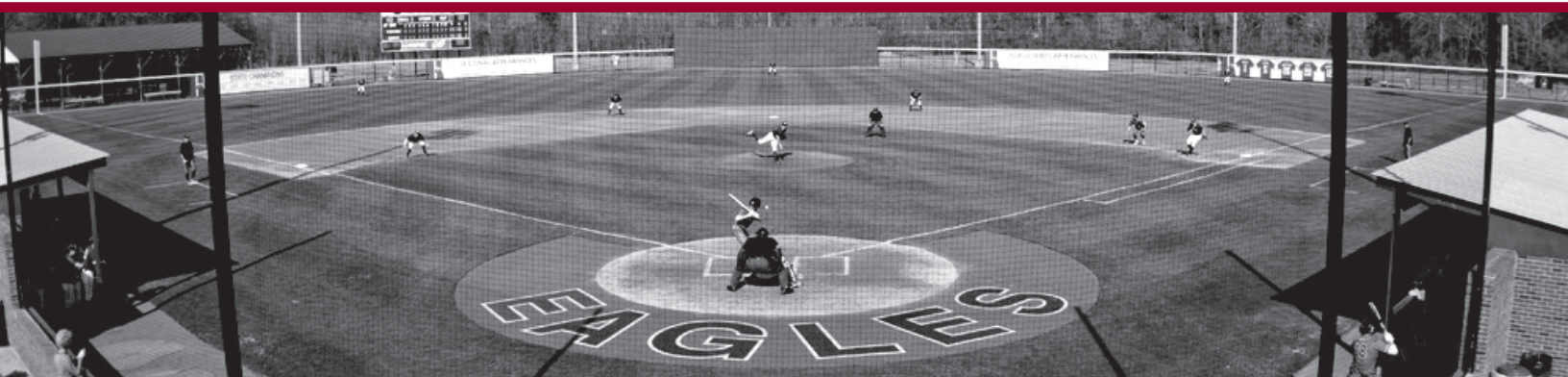
Personable, energetic and laser-focused, Mullins was a master at building relationships and delivering guarantees. With roots in the career-technical classroom, Mullins started as a drafting instructor at the Raymond Campus in 1969. He served as assistant CTE dean at the Jackson and Raymond campuses and coordinated industry training for the district. His ability to identify niche markets and develop customized training led to the creation of Hinds' Resource and Coordinating Unit (RCU) for Economic Development in 1988. Through the RCU, Mullins built the college's reputation for meeting employer needs. He used emerging technologies to expand the college's reach, including a Mississippi International Trade Office and a trans-Atlantic partnership with Bridgwater College in England.

The growth of business and industry training under his direction culminated with the building of Eagle Ridge Conference Center, the first of its kind on a community college campus in Mississippi. Mullins' insistence on superior customer service was the foundation for the success of the college's workforce training efforts.

He retired from Nissan in 2013. Soon thereafter, Mullins was a behind-the-scenes player in helping the college and the Mississippi Development Authority compete for a Continental Tire plant in Hinds County.

Reflecting on his years at Hinds, he said, "Hinds is a special place to me still, because it helped create a lot of things that led to success in my life. The things I learned there – the value of getting things done, making contacts and being fair and honest with people – are invaluable."

Mullins funded the Mullins Family Scholarship through the Hinds Foundation and was 2014 Alumnus of the Year.





## VASHTI MUSE



Though small in stature, Vashti Underwood Muse was a mighty force in developmental education and the lives of her reading students at Hinds, working tirelessly as an advocate for underprepared, at-risk college freshmen.

Recognizing a need fueled her passion for teaching. She had no work or time restraints. If students had difficulties preventing them from attending class or doing the required work, Mrs. Muse was tenacious in using all available resources, including personal, to help students. She knew that solutions to students' academic problems could not always be found in a textbook.

Mrs. Muse would not accept "I can't," lack of effort or any other excuse from her students. She refused to give up on them, even when students wanted to give up on themselves. Her students discovered that she cared a great deal about their success in class, in life and in them personally.

She was the recipient of countless accolades and awards for her service and expertise in education from national and state organizations, organizations in which awards are now presented bearing her name. She was the recipient of the 3E Award, Life Star and Alumni Service awards and was named the national CASE Professor of the Year Award.

In retirement, she earned the Professor Emeritus of Reading distinction. But ultimately, the successes of the students who entered her classroom with seemingly insurmountable odds became her most treasured rewards.

Despite the demands of her professional life, Mrs. Muse was constantly at the side of her husband, Dr. Clyde Muse, as he fulfilled the duties of college president. While fully engaged in teaching, she served as First Lady of the college and regarded that role as equally important. She also established a scholarship for education majors in honor of Dr. Muse. In turn, Dr. Muse established the Vashti Underwood Muse scholarship in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary.

After her death in 2010, the Vashti Underwood Muse Band Hall on the Raymond Campus was named in her memory.



## MARY ETTA NAFTEL

Soon after graduating from Raymond High School, Mary Etta Peyton Naftel started working in the business office on the Raymond Campus, while taking college classes at night. Those early beginnings came full circle in a career that spanned 33 years as a Hinds Business Education/Technology instructor/department chair.

Dr. Naftel's ties to Hinds are a family tradition: Both parents attended Hinds, as did her three sisters, Margaret Lynn, Jerry and Beth.

Naftel's first responsibilities were teaching typewriting, shorthand and office machines. Later, she was on the front lines when computers arrived at Hinds. Not only did Naftel take the lead in teaching computer applications to students, she was sometimes tasked with instructing peers as they grappled with new technology.

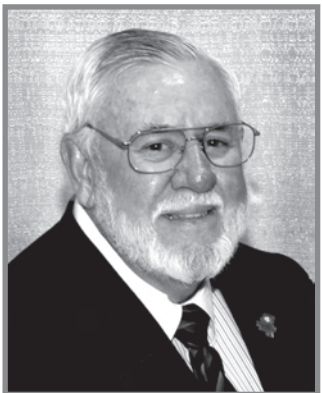
In the classroom, she was firm but fair. She would challenge students to do their best. "I cannot make exceptions for you," was a familiar refrain. She told students that a Hinds business degree was a guarantee that they were qualified to do a job. Yet, she was generous with her time and praise and fully committed to helping students be successful.

One colleague remembers her patience while teaching college administrators how to use new computers and software. "She had a system of red and blue solo cups. If you were grasping the instructions, the blue cup set atop your computer. If you were lost, the red cup signaled you needed help." Instead of frustrated shouts for assistance, her technique provided orderly instruction and a method for discreetly getting individual attention.

Among her many recognitions are the 3E Award (shared with her sister Jerry Agent), Life Star and HEADWAE honors. She is widely published and has earned state, regional and national recognitions as the outstanding postsecondary Business Education Instructor of the Year.

At Hinds, Naftel was awarded the Professor Emeritus of Business Technology. With her sister, she established the Jerry Agent and Mary Etta Naftel Academic Endowed Scholarship in 2014.





CLIFFORD  
NELSON

Clifford Lamar Nelson wore many hats and had many titles during his 25-year tenure at Hinds but none fit him better than being selected as one of the 100 People Passionate about Hinds. Nelson began as a vocational-technical counselor at what is now Jackson Campus-Academic/Technical Center. He served as academic counselor at the Raymond Campus; college registrar; director of Admissions and Records; coordinator for Academic Counseling; and director of Counseling, Testing and Disability Support Services.

He received almost every award given by the college: The Eagle yearbook dedication, the 3E Award, Outstanding and Distinguished Administrator awards and Alumni Service Award. He was recognized as the International Phi Theta Kappa Giles Distinguished Advisor of the Year and served as president of Hinds Community College Education Association. In retirement, he was awarded Emeritus status.

Outside of the college, he served the state and region as president of Mississippi Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers and Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

He has endowed scholarships through the Foundation in memory of his son Scott, his wife Carol and his sister Deborah Ganzerla.

A nationally certified counselor, ordained Baptist minister, widely recognized motivational speaker and textbook co-author, Nelson has spoken at thousands of gatherings – nearly always mentioning Hinds. He has given freely of his talents to speak at and on behalf of the college for decades. With a deep, booming voice and a gift for story-telling, Nelson's audiences can be moved from laughter to tears, and left always wanting more.

A role model, confidante and friend to many at Hinds, his genuine love and compassion for God, his fellow man and Hinds Community College are evident in all that he does.



CARLA  
NICKS

Carla Jacobs Nicks arrived on the Raymond Campus with a gentle smile and an elegance that impressed fellow students and faculty. Those traits led to Nicks' selection as the first African-American for the title of Miss Hinds Community College in 1980. With a humble, unassuming manner, Nicks likely would have never entered the pageant except for a dare and a request from her boyfriend, and now husband, Larry Nicks. As first alternate, she became Mrs. Mississippi in 1987 when the winner was named Mrs. World.

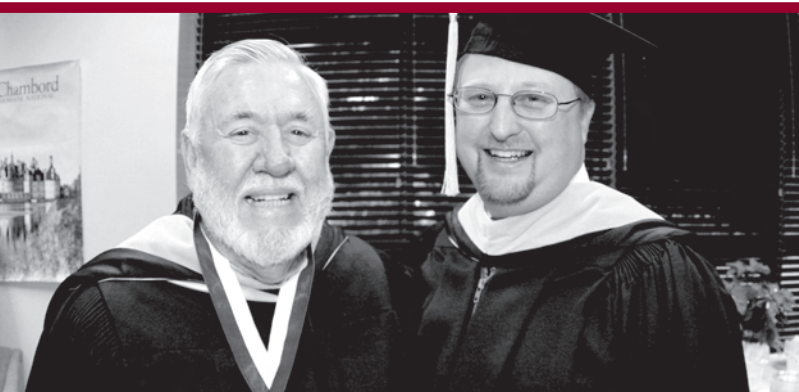
"I traveled the country as the first African-American representative for Mrs. Mississippi," Nicks said. "I did benefits at children's hospitals, some modeling for non-profits, concerts and other events as an ambassador for the state."

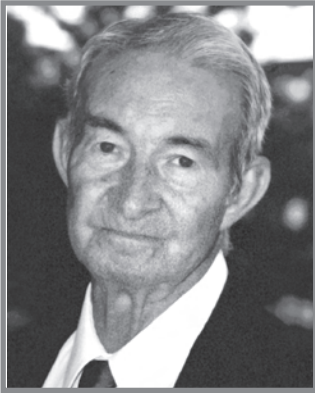
A poised and eloquent presenter, she has been a popular motivational speaker. Her faith, family and Hinds rank high in her thoughts and life.

She has enjoyed a special friendship with Hinds President Dr. Clyde Muse, speaking at an event honoring him: "I had seen this tall, regal man walking around campus often and watched him from afar as he engaged with other students everywhere he went," Nicks said. "And he never changed his gentle hand toward any of them. It didn't matter the economic condition their life was, where they came from. It didn't even matter the color of their skin. He treated all mankind as our heavenly father looks and treats his children."

In Nicks, Hinds has had a representative who continues to praise Hinds for its role in preparing her for a bright, successful future. At Hinds, Nicks found a nurturing environment, combined with new opportunities under the watchful eyes of the late Anna Cowden Bee, who chose her to be Hi-Stepper.

Nicks has served Hinds in many capacities since her days as a student. She has served on the Foundation board, spoken at college events and judged Miss Hinds pageants. She has also had a distinguished career at UPS.





**BILL  
OAKES**

New students and faculty have probably passed through campus on Bill Oakes Drive many a day without ever stopping to wonder, "Who was Bill Oakes?" Anyone attending Hinds between 1955 and 1984 would know, as Oakes was as much a facet of the Raymond Campus as its buildings or classrooms.

Oakes began his career at Hinds in 1955, fresh from the Marine Corps and graduate school. As so many faculty did during those years, Oakes wore many hats. He was hired as recreation director but taught physical education courses and was assigned dorm monitoring duties. His later years were administrative – he was dean of students, director of counseling and director of student activities.



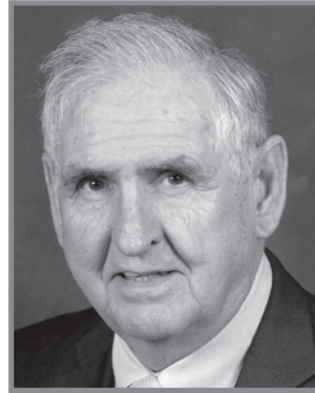
But what Oakes was best known for was his behind the scenes involvement, attendance and unwavering support at Hinds events. He "ran the clock" for basketball games, scouted for the football team, filmed football games, helped with track meets and women's soccer and drove the buses.

He was a walking statistical encyclopedia, but even he lost track of the number of miles he traveled

with the athletic teams, Hi-Steppers, Circle K, Phi Theta Kappa and band. He was genuinely committed to students and their success and continued his involvement years after he retired.

Students recognized his steadfast devotion when they dedicated the 1976 Eagle yearbook to him with these words, "It is with great admiration and appreciation that we honor a man who has given a lifetime of service to Hinds, its students and faculty."

Faculty and alumni recognized his passion and devotion in 2003 when they recommended to the Board of Trustees the designation of Bill Oakes Drive on the Raymond Campus. Board members agreed, honoring the man who gave so much, for so long. Upon his death, family and friends created a scholarship in his memory.



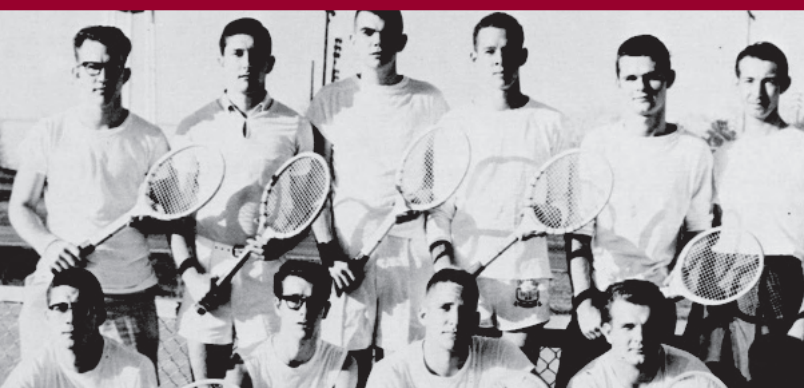
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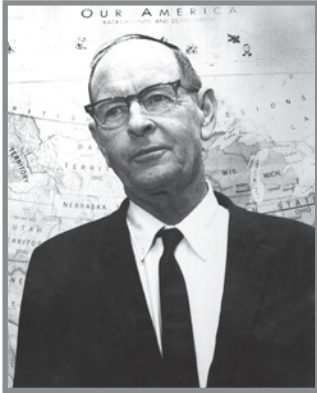
The people of Warren County have repeatedly delivered Donald Oakes to the Hinds Community College Board of Trustees. His first tenure with the board began in 1976 and lasted until 2003 when he retired as superintendent of the Vicksburg Warren School District. Each time the superintendent slot on the board was vacant, the district and the college pulled him back into service. Since 2014, his seat on the board has been by appointment of the Warren County Board of Supervisors. During more than four decades on the board, his commitment to Hinds has never faltered.

When selected as the Alumnus of the Year in 1999, Oakes said, "Hinds has been a significant part of my life since high school graduation." Described by a fellow trustee as "solid as a rock," and a steady and stable force on the board, Oakes approached his responsibilities with the students and the community at the core of every decision. For many years, he served as chair of the board's Finance Committee and helped the college manage scant resources while expanding programs and services.

A 1960 Hinds graduate, Oakes was a member of the undefeated 1957 football team and was also a 1958 state track champion. He remains active with the Warren County Chapter of the Hinds Alumni Association and is a past president of the chapter. His lifelong connections in the Vicksburg-Warren County community have continually helped the college to gain community support, most recently for the county's commitment to fund a new workforce and education building on the campus.

In addition, he has established the Fred and Margie Oakes Memorial Endowed Scholarship through the Hinds Foundation, in honor of his parents. He is currently serving on the Foundation board.





J.B.  
PATRICK

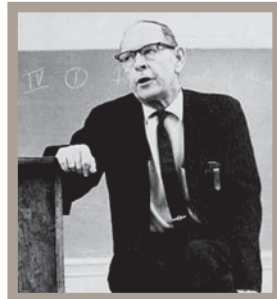
J.B. Patrick was a revered American history teacher at Hinds Junior College from 1948 to 1971. A Learned, Miss., resident, he made a daily round trip to Raymond to teach classes attended by his students with anticipation. Recognized as a quiet, unassuming intellectual, Patrick "came alive" when he began lecturing.

During World War II, Patrick was a member of military intelligence, a role that supplied many stories to tell when he lectured on World War II. Former students tell of Patrick's professional dress and manner in the classroom. At each class meeting, Patrick entered the room, removed from his pocket a small notebook, opened it, read briefly, returned the notebook to his pocket and began talking about that day's topic. He never looked at a book or at notes as he held the students' attention through a conversational lecture filled with facts and stories. At the end of the class meeting, Patrick again removed the notebook, wrote a brief notation and returned the notebook to his pocket.

With a passion for history and for Hinds, with an amazing knowledge of his subject and with an uncanny ability to hold a listener's attention, Patrick led hundreds of students to appreciate American history. The words of the 1967 Eagle yearbook dedication to J.B. Patrick show the respect and admiration he enjoyed from his students and colleagues.

If ever a man has been loved,  
If ever a man has been dedicated,  
If ever a man has been understanding,  
If ever a man has been unselfish,  
He has.  
If ever a man deserved honor,  
He does.

All these things are the essence of HJC exemplified in Mr. J.B. Patrick, to whom we proudly dedicate the 1967 Eagle. Harris-Patrick Hall on the Raymond Campus is named in his honor.



NELL ANN  
PICKETT

William Shakespeare's quote, "Though she be but little, she is fierce," is tailor-made for Dr. Nell Ann Pickett. At barely five feet tall, Pickett could have been easily overlooked if not for the force of her personality, her intellect and her drive. Instead, her name is synonymous with Hinds, and her dedication to and passion for the college are legendary.

Pickett started her college career at Hinds Junior College in 1953 and worked on campus as a student helper in English and history until she graduated in 1955. After furthering her education, she taught at Delta State University until she received the offer to return to Hinds in 1965.

For the next 34½ years, Pickett was a much-respected instructor, a dedicated professional and an icon in both regional and national English organizations. When she and Ann Laster could not find a technical writing textbook that suited them, they wrote their own – "Technical English: Writing, Reading, Speaking," which went through eight editions. After her retirement in 2000, she continued to be a cheerful, positive presence at every event the college held, whether it was a play, a musical performance, a scholarship celebration or a Christmas party, until health issues curtailed her involvement.

Her generosity knew no bounds at the college and in her professional memberships; she funded the Pickett Professional Grant for faculty and endowed numerous scholarships, some in honor of her family members, to benefit students in need. To further support the Hinds faculty, she and Ann Laster dedicated funds to create the Raymond Faculty Mini-Grant program, which promotes professional development.

As a tribute to her service, the college named Pickett Hall ("Old Main") in honor of her and her family, and she was in the first group of four Emeritus Professors, acknowledging her considerable skill as an instructor. Her many accolades include the 1987 Alumnus of the Year, HEADWAE Award, 3E Award and the Outstanding and Distinguished Instructor of the Year recognitions.

Small in stature but huge in heart, Nell Ann Pickett is the epitome of someone passionate about Hinds.





## POLLY AND MICHAEL RABALAIS



Like many couples over the years, Polly Harrington and Michael Rabalais met and married at Hinds.

Dr. Michael Rabalais wore many hats through his 36 years at Hinds – “dorm daddy,” psychology teacher, instructional development director, academic dean and ultimately, vice president for the Raymond Campus and Jackson Campus-Nursing/Allied Health Center and College-Parallel Programs. A prolific writer, trainer and speaker in education and the health fields, Rabalais considered teaching his passion. During his administrative career, he often professed how he missed the classroom.

Yet, he was dedicated to both. He was a popular presenter, informing and entertaining his audiences and students with a quick wit that earned him the reputation as the “campus comic.”

Professional development and recognition of employees were also special interests.

He helped to establish the “Cornerstone Project” with the Hinds Foundation to recognize the dedicated service of employees. He initiated the Mississippi community college Lamplighter Project to bring together distinguished faculty from all over the state for professional development and idea sharing. Though he hailed from Louisiana, he called Hinds and Mississippi

home, meeting Polly Harrington when she came as a student in 1958. They were married 39 years.

Polly Rabalais immediately shined as a student, being chosen as “Friendliest” and “Campus Favorite.” Athletically gifted and active in sports throughout high school and college, she received her degrees in physical education and returned to Hinds in 1966 to teach. She also coached women’s tennis, volleyball and basketball. In 1988, she took over as coach of the Hinds men’s golf team, and earned regional and state Coach of the Year honors multiple years. At Hinds, she was named an Outstanding Academic Instructor of the Year and was inducted into the Hinds Sports Hall of Fame in 2004.

Polly Rabalais continued giving to Hinds and her community long after her retirement and Michael’s death in 2001. She established an annual golf tournament for youth under 12. She helped with and played in the Hinds Golf Fun Fest every year. After her death, friends and colleagues established the Polly Rabalais Award, a trophy given to the winning team at the annual fundraising tournament.

A scholarship was established in Michael’s memory at his death. At Polly’s death, friends and family thought it only fitting that her name should be added to the scholarship along with his, much as their lives at Hinds had also been united.



# Passionate



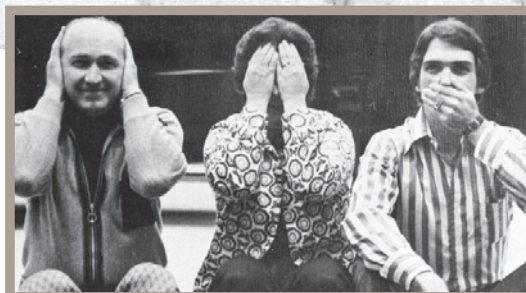
## GENEVA AND LESLIE REEVES

No one who knows the Reeves was surprised when the music department building on the Raymond Campus was named Reeves Hall. Affectionately known as Mama and Papa for their care and concern for their students, Geneva D. Reeves and James Leslie Reeves, with grace and smiles, gave Hinds music for 30 years.

Choir programs were always professional and beautiful. Hinds and the local community looked forward to the annual choir programs, especially the Christmas programs, directed by the Reeves. Attendees knew to come early if they wanted a seat for a program in Cain Hall. One Christmas when Cain Hall was under renovation, the choir program was in Denton Gym. Decorations included a giant parachute artistically draped in the ceiling and many twinkling lights, a spectacular sight.

The Reeves' influence on students and the college are reflected in statements from students. A former student said of Geneva Reeves, "After only seconds in her presence, you knew you were loved and cherished as part of her life and choir family." A program from a choir reunion included these comments: "What they left behind was more than just 30 years of service. It has become a legacy, a contribution of experiences turned into memories that have become invaluable to the choir members they touched along the way."

The number of former students attending choir reunions was always huge during the Reeves' years. When they were honored during Homecoming 1982 for 25 years of service, more than 250 members of 25 Hinds' choirs returned for a reunion. The reunion choir was so massive that the assembled guests packed



the stage in old Cain Hall, while the choir filled the audience seats to sing old favorites.

"Students felt loved and accepted for whoever they were and the Reeves miraculously created beautiful music with whatever talent (or lack thereof) they were given," said Judy Bufkin, a former choir member who is currently special events coordinator for the college.

Through the years, the Reeves gave students wonderful experiences – singing with the Mississippi Symphony and the Mississippi Opera – and took them to the world stage in places like Florence, Italy, and Mexico City. From Sunday morning performances in local churches to trips to New York City, the Reeves made choir a family.

Those who loved the Reeves and the music and those students who populated choirs year after year will always hear in their minds "Still, Still, Still," the signature closing selection for all choir programs. The Geneva and James Leslie Reeves Scholarship was established by family and friends.

# Family





JOE  
RENFROE

While coaching football at Hinds from 1947-1969, Joe Renfroe became known as "Mr. Football" based on his incredible accomplishments. He not only led the Eagles to state championships and to a Junior Rose Bowl National Championship in 1954, but also produced 10 All-American and six professional football players during his coaching career.

Former Hinds player Earl Leggett, who was a member of that Junior Rose Bowl winning team and NFL player and coach, highly praised Renfroe's coaching abilities as he recalled that players benefited "from his wonderful leadership—spiritually, physically, mentally and morally."

Renfroe's athletic influence at Hinds was more far-reaching than football, however. He became Hinds' athletic director in 1969, filling that position until 1987. Even after serving in that role, Renfroe was not quite ready to leave the college. He returned to the classroom to teach physical education courses, and he continued to serve as men's golf coach, which he had already been doing since 1976. To his 1954 Coach of the Year title for football, he added a 1987 title of Golf Coach of the Year. These two sports were not his only successful areas; Renfroe even found time to coach the Hinds baseball team from 1948-1955, earning four state championships.

Renfroe was a colorful character and a tough coach. He and his wife lived in campus dormitories most of their married life. Stories of "Coach Joe" riding herd on unruly players and residents are legendary. With nearly four decades of service to Hinds, he was deservedly inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, the Hinds Sports Hall of Fame and the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Sports Hall of Fame.

The Hinds Foundation awards an athletic scholarship in his name, and the college's football arena demonstrates his legacy as it is aptly named Joe Renfroe Stadium.



IRL DEAN  
RHODES

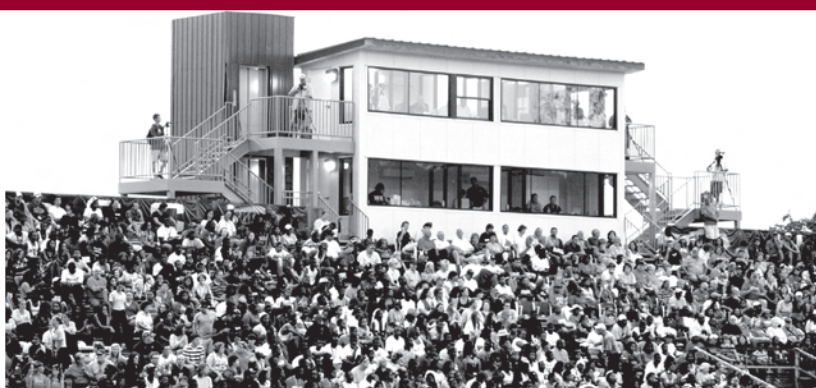
Irl Dean Rhodes made an impression at Hinds Junior College from the minute he stepped on the Raymond Campus as a freshman. The young man from Brandon was named Mr. Hinds in 1956, and while still a student, worked in public relations at the college. He was bright, personable and persuasive. His Hinds experience was a prelude to a political career.

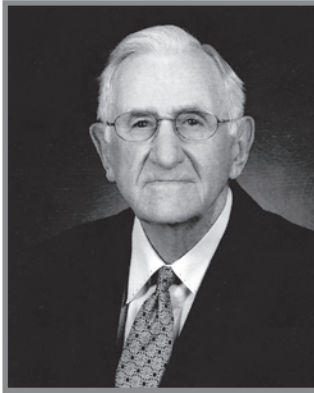
After four years he returned home to Rankin County to begin a lifetime of service. He served as the executive manager of the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce and was elected to serve in the Mississippi Legislature in 1960 at the age of 22. In 1964 he was elected Rankin County Chancery Clerk, a position he held for 24 years.

However, his work for Hinds was not done. Soon after Dr. Clyde Muse became president at Hinds, a group of Rankin County leaders, including Rhodes, came to Muse with a vision of expanding the college's presence to Rankin County. Muse's predecessor, Dr. Robert Mayo, had established branch operations in Vicksburg and Jackson. The number of Rankin countians with postsecondary education and training was low compared to neighboring Hinds County. Rankin County leaders believed a Hinds campus in Rankin County would attract more residents, while providing a more educated workforce. Rhodes, and others, helped Dr. Muse navigate the political landscape in Rankin County. Undoubtedly, Rhodes' influence and political clout were instrumental in that effort. Today, the Rankin Campus is the second largest of Hinds' six locations, and Rankin County has funded the majority of capital projects at the campus.

Rhodes' support for Hinds extends beyond Rankin County. He is one of the charter members of the Hinds Foundation and continues to contribute annually. He is currently serving on the Centennial Committee and is helping to raise funds toward the Centennial Endowment.

He was named 1984 Alumnus of the Year.





## TROY RICKS

Troy Arlis Ricks Sr. was quite an athlete himself before guiding the Hinds men's basketball team to some of its greatest successes for nearly 20 years.

Ricks made an all-tournament team for every such contest he played in during his high school basketball career. He led Sunflower Junior College, now known as Mississippi Delta Community College, to two state championships and the Mississippi Valley Conference Championship. He was the Most Valuable Player for both title runs. From there, he played at Delta State University. He eventually played professionally for the Union Wire Rope before being drafted into the Army. He served with the 32nd Red Arrow Infantry Division in the Philippines, and was honorably discharged with two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star with Oak Leaves.

His coaching career began at Copiah-Lincoln Community College, where he guided the school to two state titles. It was at Hinds, however, where he made an indelible mark on the legacy of Mississippi community college basketball. He coached the Eagles from 1951 to 1970, including to a state title in 1967. He had eight top-four finishes among state rivals. His final record was an impeccable 496-58.

In 1970, his last year of coaching, Ricks was given the Distinguished Service Award by the Mississippi Association of Coaches. He later earned Sports Hall of Fame status at Hinds Community College, Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Mississippi Delta Community College and Delta State University. He was also inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Sports Hall of Fame.

While the winning records and accolades were impressive, Ricks was most proud of the young men he mentored and coached. For many years after their days at Hinds, his players would travel great distances to reunions for Coach Ricks. Their bond was more than the basketball court. As a testament to his coaching legacy a scholarship was established in his name by a former player. In 2010, the Raymond Campus Wellness Complex was renamed the Troy Arlis Ricks Sr. Wellness Complex. A year later, Ricks was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association Basketball Hall of Fame.

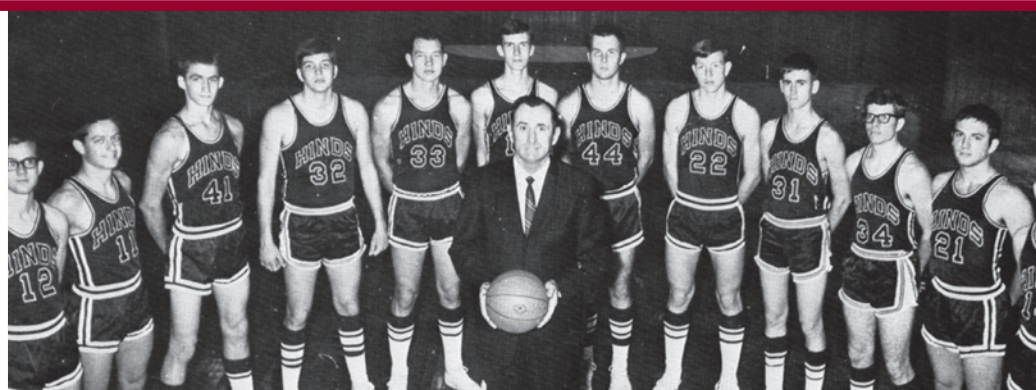


Devoted to each other and to Hinds, we are reminded of Virginia and Marvin Riggs each time the carillons chime from the bell tower clock near the Raymond Campus Courtyard. Marvin Riggs gifted the clock and carillons to the college in honor of his beloved wife in 1995.

Virginia Mayfield Riggs began her tenure at Hinds in 1956 as assistant librarian and became head librarian in 1960 before being named the first director of the Hinds Junior College Learning Resources Center, a position she held until her retirement in 1975. She designed the G.M. McLendon Library on the Raymond Campus, helped to establish the library at the Jackson Campus-Academic/Technical Center and initiated plans for the library at the Vicksburg-Warren Campus prior to her retirement. The library staff chose to honor her with the Riggs Reading Room on the Raymond Campus. She also served on the Foundation board.

Marvin Riggs was principal at Utica High School from 1938 to 1942, when he enlisted in the Army during World War II. After the war, he was an administrator and teacher at Sunflower Junior College (now Mississippi Delta Community College) until 1954. He taught history and social studies at Hinds from 1955 to 1976. He established the Virginia Mayfield Riggs Endowed Scholarship as a loving tribute on the couple's 50th wedding anniversary. It was one of the first endowed scholarships for the Foundation. She later established the Marvin Riggs Endowed Scholarship in his honor.

While they appeared unapproachable in many ways, the Riggs had a heart for students – especially students who were willing to work for their future. Before the Foundation came into existence, the Riggs would call trusted Hinds colleagues



## VIRGINIA AND MARVIN RIGGS

and ask about students with financial needs. They established the Marvin and Virginia Riggs Work Scholarship through the Foundation. It was important to them that a student did not perceive the scholarship as an entitlement. Instead, students were expected to labor in some way to earn the scholarship, often in a student worker position at the college.

Known as avid and very successful stock market investors, the couple shared their knowledge with anyone who was interested. While they were very frugal, and spent very little on themselves, they were quite generous with their church and several colleges. Hinds was definitely a major benefactor of their generosity. The Riggs were also a major benefactor for Riggs Manor Retirement Home, which is a part of Mississippi Methodist Senior Services. Located in Raymond, it is the home to many former Hinds employees and students.

The Riggs were named Alumni Service Award recipients in 1996. Marvin died 2005, just after celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary. Virginia died in 2007.



## HENRY RISER

Known as the "Voice of the Eagles," Henry Atwood Riser was a nonpaid recruiter, sportscaster, college promoter, alumni gatherer and Hinds' No. 1 fan for well more than 70 years.

As the "Voice of the Eagles" for more than 25 years, he delivered play-by-play action with ease and expertise. His distinctive voice was heard by football fans during more than 110 games, all announced without any compensation. However, his love for Hinds athletics dates back much earlier. As a young boy, he attended sporting events at Hinds and that love continued until his death in 2013.

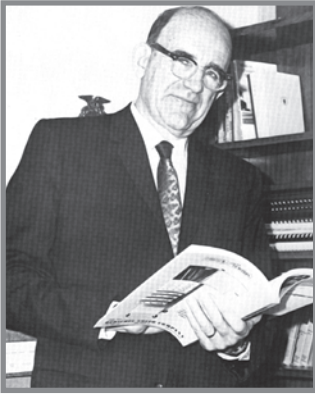
A colleague recalls a former football player who approached Riser and said, "Sir, I don't know you, but I know your voice. Thank you for calling my name. It always made me want to play harder."

A 1950 Hinds graduate, Riser had a distinguished career with the Mississippi National Guard from 1951 to 1992, yet he always found time for Hinds athletics. He served on the Hinds Sports Hall of Fame (SHOF) Selection Committee for 20-plus years. At one time, every member of the SHOF had been nominated or endorsed by Henry Riser.

Each year he reveled in the opportunity to be Master of Ceremonies for the annual SHOF banquet and induction ceremony and often spent hours producing a re-enacted play-by-play audiotape from a real scenario for each inductee.

He served on the executive committee of the Alumni Association and as its vice president for 10 years. He was recognized for his dedication to Hinds by being named Alumni Service Award recipient and being inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame. The Jackson Touchdown Club honored him with its Unsung Hero Award.

# Dedication



## GRADY SHEFFIELD

Grady Sheffield's involvement with Hinds Community College began as a student in the late 1930s. From that time forward until his retirement, Sheffield's role at Hinds was one of ardent support.

Never one to seek attention, Sheffield not only quietly supported the college through 40 years of dedicated employment but also supported students through financial and personal contributions.

During the early years of the college, it wasn't unusual for students to arrive in Raymond with little more than the clothes on their back and a brown paper sack of belongings. It fell to Sheffield to find ways to put them to work so they could pay tuition and housing. Through the years, many former students remembered his kindness and would often come back to campus to thank him for his part in their success.

As business manager for many years, Sheffield had the respect of the administration and faculty; the generally held opinion was that he conservatively managed the college's finances as he would manage his own. His business acumen was invaluable as a charter member and past president of the Hinds Community College Development Foundation. In later years, the Foundation honored his service by creating the Grady Sheffield Scholarship.

Sheffield's long years of devotion to Hinds were recognized with the naming of a men's residence hall, Sheffield-Woolley, on the Raymond Campus in his honor.

To some, Sheffield perhaps seemed stern and distant; in truth, he was quiet but friendly with a soft heart and a wry sense of humor. A man of stature physically and professionally, Sheffield spent his professional lifetime focused on Hinds Community College.



## TOM SHEPHERD

The business of starting a soccer team indeed began with a business instructor – Tom Shepherd.

Shepherd, a 1961 graduate of Hinds Junior College, was approached in 1980 by some students interested in forming a soccer team at the college. The Business Administration instructor agreed to be the official sponsor for the club and started his 20-year coaching career.

They spent most of the 1980s as a club team, being the only junior college team in Mississippi and competing against in-state four-year colleges and community and junior colleges in the region. During the decade, Shepherd offered soccer camps, clinics and talks to help the sport grow. Sporting shorts and knee-high socks, he covered the campus, drumming up interest in soccer. Most would agree that it was Shepherd's lively promotion of the sport that paved the way for community college soccer in Mississippi.

In 1988, men's soccer became an official sport at Hinds and began play in the National Junior College Athletic Association. Success came quickly and lasted; by 1997 the team won six NJCAA Region XXIII titles. The same year, the sport was added by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges to its list of official men's sports.

Shepherd is a member of the Hinds Sports Hall of Fame. He was the regional coach of the year in 1997 and 1999. After stepping down as soccer coach in 2000, he remained on the faculty, taught in the Honors Program and was chair of the Business Administration department at the Raymond Campus.

He is a past president and earned the Distinguished Service Award from the Mid-South Academy of Economics. Shepherd was the 1981, 1991 and 2000 Phi Theta Kappa Teacher of the Year and received the Outstanding Academic Instructor of the Year award. Upon retiring in 2002, the home field of the soccer Eagles was dedicated as Tom Shepherd Field. He was named Professor Emeritus of Business Administration in 2006.





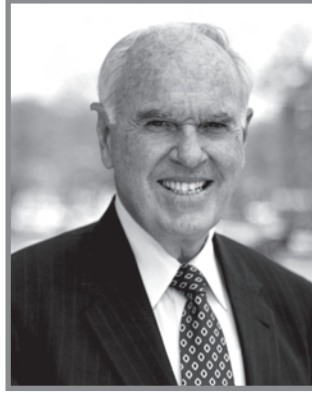
O.H.  
SIMMONS

O.H. "Ozzie" Simmons, a 1940 Hinds graduate and 1991 Alumnus of the Year, had a long association with the college prior to joining the Hinds Board of Trustees in 1988. He represented Hinds County on the board from 1988 to 1993. He was a member of the board of directors for the Hinds Foundation and a past president of the Hinds Junior College Alumni Association.

He came to Hinds on a basketball scholarship and played in the first football game he ever saw when HJC played against the Millsaps College freshmen in 1938. According to coach and history instructor Jobie Harris, O.H. had a lot of "go get-um" and finessed his athletic skills to a level that later earned him a spot in the Hinds Sports Hall of Fame. His abilities and gregarious nature led him to be one of Mississippi's best-known basketball and football officials for more than 30 years.

After serving in the Army Air Force in the South Pacific during World War II, Simmons returned to work at the Mississippi Unemployment Compensation Commission, staying there until his retirement as executive director in 1983. His vast knowledge of education, employment and training, along with his personal interest in Hinds, made him a valuable board member at local, state and national levels.

Don Massengale, a fellow trustee at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, said, "He was like an old, favorite uncle to me. He was as fine a human being as there ever was."



JIM  
SMITH

James W. "Jim" Smith has come a long way from working in the cafeteria at Hinds to pay for school to serving in the highest position within the Mississippi court system – chief justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court. All the while, he credits his success to the foundation that he received at Hinds Junior College. He pinpoints psychology instructor Dr. Michael Rabalais, who helped him to develop what Smith calls "my ability to read people," adding, "He taught me how to interrogate and that is an important part of being a good lawyer."

Smith graduated from Hinds in 1963. After a stint in the military, he started his career as a Pearl High School teacher. He completed his law degree in 1972 and master's degree in school administration in 1973. He then practiced law and served in a number of positions including City of Pearl prosecuting attorney, Rankin County prosecuting attorney, Rankin County School District attorney and district attorney for the 20th Circuit Court District for Rankin and Madison counties. He served in that capacity until Gov. William Winter tapped him for Rankin County Court Judge in 1982. He was elected to the Mississippi Supreme Court in 1992 and served 16 years, including four as chief justice. Smith has been honored many times throughout his legal career, particularly for his work to protect children and youth.

His ties to Hinds have remained strong throughout a busy and demanding career. His wife, Kathy, is an English instructor at the Rankin Campus. Earlier in his career, he was an adjunct instructor for business law. Smith was named 1996 Alumnus of the Year and served on the Foundation Board of Directors, including a term as chair.

When speaking at the May 2015 Hinds commencement, Smith said, "An excellent education is a key factor in your success in life. The quality of that education is the forefront and the cornerstone of it all. Hinds is accomplishing this task with ease. It always has, it always will."



*Commitment*



## JIMMY C. SMITH

Jimmy C. Smith – mastermind extraordinaire – accomplished a wondrous feat on Highway 80 in Pearl. With the backing of Hinds President Dr. Clyde Muse and the Rankin County citizens, in 1982 he took the master plans for the Rankin Campus, and, from a third-hand, two-room trailer equipped with a \$50 typewriter from surplus property and an inimitable assistant, Bobbie Jean Thomas, he oversaw the construction of the secondary vocational center, which opened in 1983. Before he retired in 2003, Smith had developed the site into the second largest location of the college – a fully comprehensive two-year college campus with four buildings beyond the original vocational center, now happily named the Jimmy C. Smith Building.

Smith worked long hours and held those who worked with him to the same work ethic. Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, the third employee and occupant of that historic trailer on Airport Road, recalls one of Smith's many famous expressions: "I don't expect you to work but half a day; you can pick the first 12 hours or the second."

Smith's infectious sense of humor was balanced by a serious and generous nature. Stonecypher affirms what many faculty, staff and students experienced with Smith: "He was very generous with me and others; many times I have seen him reach into his own pocket and pay a student's registration fee when he or she did not have the money. Most paid him back, some did not, but he never quit giving." Smith continues to give much of himself to the college.



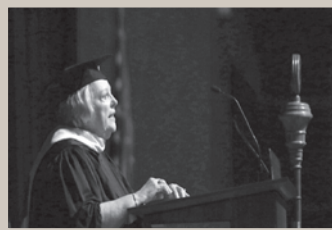
The college recognized his many contributions with Outstanding and Distinguished Administrator of the Year awards and designation as Vice President Emeritus in 2012. Smith has also served on the Hinds Foundation Board of Directors.



## MARY ANN SONES

Mary Ann Sones was always proud to identify herself as a graduate of Hinds and of the Dental Assisting Technology program. After just a few years in practice, Sones returned to the college to serve as a chairperson and instructor of this same program, where she served for 14 years prior to becoming an assistant dean. Her expertise was recognized by many, including a company that published a Dental Assisting Technology textbook she wrote.

Sones provided great leadership for Hinds' nursing and allied health programs during her tenure as Dean of Nursing/Allied Health programs, 1993-2004. Her devotion was such an integral part of her life that leaving was probably the hardest decision she ever made. Sones worked carefully to support the interdisciplinary work across all health related professional programs with health fairs, various community partnerships and center committee activities. She initiated summer leadership retreats that have made a positive impact on the center and for all programs. Through the addition and expansion of nursing and allied health programs, the impact of



Sones' leadership is recognized throughout the state.

One of her many areas of strength was her commitment to improve the healthcare for rural Mississippians. Sones served on many local, regional and state advisory groups supporting rural health care, even after her retirement. The Mississippi Rural Health Association presented her with the first Mary Ann Sones Distinguished Leadership Award, named in her honor. At Hinds she was honored as an Outstanding and Distinguished Administrator of the Year and with the Life Star award. The college recognized her service with Dean Emeritus status in 2009.

She established the Mary Ann Sones Scholarship to support future nursing and allied health students. Her love for the college is evident in her continuing involvement in many college activities and Foundation fundraisers.





LURLINE  
STEWART

The value of the college experience at Hinds Community College over the years was both immense and hard to define. But no matter what drew students to our campuses, the most invaluable impact on students' lives came from the master teachers who transformed lives with their examples of subject knowledge, passion and dedication to student success. Lurline Stewart was a preeminent example of a master teacher.

Armed with degrees from both Mississippi State College for Women and Louisiana State University, Stewart taught in several Mississippi communities before arriving to teach in the math department at Hinds in 1944. Over the next 30 years she became a campus institution, developing a reputation for teaching excellence and serving as department chair. Stewart modeled for her students and her peers a vigorous intellectual curiosity and launched countless of her pupils into successful careers. Her legacy of encouraging students continued after her death with the Lurline Stewart Memorial Endowed Scholarship. Stewart also endowed a scholarship in honor of her brother Robert.

The deep appreciation for Stewart's decades of dedication best manifested itself with the 1973 opening of a new classroom building at Hinds. Herrin-Stewart Hall was – and remains – a hub for the teaching and learning experience in Raymond. Not many teachers on college campuses get a building named after them, and even fewer of those enjoyed that privilege before their retirement. The example of what it means to be a great teacher – the most important component of the college experience – inspired not only her generation but continues to inspire us today.



WAYNE  
STONECYPHER

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher was a member of the 1982 dynamic trio – Jimmy Smith, Bobbie Jean Thomas and Stonecypher – who, with the direction and support of Hinds President Dr. Clyde Muse and the Rankin County citizens, laid the foundation for the Rankin Campus of Hinds. Smith vouches that "it was indeed a bright day for both Hinds and me when Dr. Stonecypher was hired." Smith continued that Stonecypher – besides maintaining the highest principles of honesty, dependability, integrity and loyalty – had "the gift to quickly grasp the gist of a problem faced by a growing and expanding campus" and "to turn said situation from a liability to an advantage."

Known simply as "Doc," a familiarity adopted by many who love him, Stonecypher began at Rankin as the assistant career-technical dean, and, by the time he left to join the Mississippi Community College Board (MCCB) in 1997, he had served for many years as a model academic dean for the Rankin and Jackson ATC locations. At MCCB, he rose to be executive director. During his tenure, the 15 community college presidents enjoyed a close working relationship with the board. As a former community college administrator, he understood the system from the local level.

Stonecypher has personified the gentleman scholar with his winning combination of keen intelligence, gentle spirit and wry sense of humor. He continually promoted quality in the classroom. The Rankin Campus bears the Stonecypher stamp today, for the current academic dean was mentored by Stonecypher and has sought to continue his quest for academic excellence.





DALE  
SULLIVAN

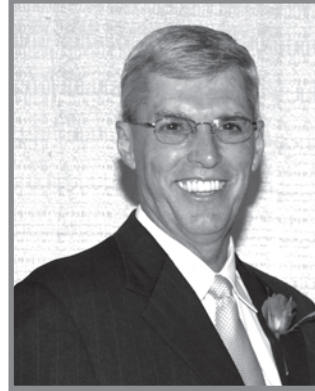
In 1973, at age 27, Dale Sullivan became the youngest-ever trustee at Hinds when he was elected superintendent of the Copiah County school district. After 28 years as superintendent, he retired in 2001 and began a new position as the deputy director of the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents. That same year, the Copiah County Board of Supervisors renewed his appointment on the Hinds board. In Hinds' Centennial year, Sullivan has earned the distinction of being the longest-serving trustee with 44 years of service to his credit.

Despite his board experience, Sullivan resisted becoming an officer of the board until recently when the board elected him as vice president in 2016. "I've always felt like I tried to represent the people from the community I served and not my own personal interests and desires," Sullivan said.

He holds the distinction of concurrently serving on three two-year college boards: While superintendent, Sullivan also served on the board of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College (his alma mater), Utica Junior College and Hinds.

"I sincerely believe in the Mississippi community college system and the avenue it provides for the young adults of the state," he said.

In a 1980s interview with the college's public relations staff, he spoke about the Lord at work in his life. Solid thinking and prayer are his method for making decisions, and his service on the board reflects that philosophy. Congenial and well regarded by his peers on the board, he is headed toward a half-century of serving the interests of the people of Copiah County.



LARRY  
SWALES

In 1969 when Larry Swales came to Hinds, he surely did not realize that he would give many years of his life to public service. For almost 30 years, he has served in elected political positions in Rankin County (Supervisor, 1988-2008; Chancery Clerk, 2008 to present). His repeated success in elections attests not only to his competency and vision but also to his friendly smile and outgoing personality.

As Chancery Clerk, Swales has a long list of responsibilities for one of the state's largest and most progressive counties. Yet throughout his professional life, Swales has always made time for Hinds. He currently serves as president of the Hinds Community College Alumni Association. As the Rankin Campus began to take shape, he was a driving force in organizing the Rankin County Chapter of the Alumni Association. Through that chapter, he took the lead in creating the Rankin County Alumni Chapter Scholarship and securing funding for it.

He regularly sends students to Hinds and will step in to help if the student is facing financial difficulties. He knows his community well and often helps the college make connections that are important to its success in Rankin County and beyond.

Swales is not a behind-the-desk person. He has a servant's heart and works daily to serve the people of Rankin County. Oftentimes, that work also benefits Hinds. That was the case when the college sought to expand the borders of the Rankin Campus to Interstate 20. Swales was a key player in that effort, along with other Rankin County leaders. In appreciation for his efforts, the college recognized Swales as Alumnus of the Year in 1998. He has also served numerous years on the Foundation Board of Directors.

*Integrity*





## E.E. "TAD" THRASH

A native of Lake, Miss., Dr. Tad Thrash arrived at Hinds Junior College after being honorably discharged from service in World War II. While a student, he competed in different sports, lettering in football, track and boxing. Thrash was also named Mr. Hinds Junior College.

After Hinds, he enrolled at Louisiana State University where he also participated in athletics. When the Tigers won the team National College Athletic Association Championship boxing title in 1949, he earned individual honors as champion in the junior lightweight division. The following year, he repeated as the champion. Also in 1949, he married the former Jessie McLendon, daughter of Hinds' then-president George McLendon, whom he'd met when the two attended Hinds.

Thrash continued his studies while assistant coach and then head coach of LSU's boxing team. He earned a MBA in 1951 and a doctorate in 1963. He was a LSU faculty member and later became director of Alumni Affairs.

In 1968, the couple moved back to Mississippi where he became Executive Secretary and Director of the Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL). That same year, Thrash was named Hinds Junior College Alumnus of the Year.

He served as Executive Secretary until retiring in 1987 and then became Distinguished Professor of Health Care Economics at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He was an inaugural inductee in the Hinds Sports Hall of Fame, the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Sports Hall of Fame and the LSU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Throughout his lifetime, he gave credit to Hinds for his opportunities, including his pathway to a distinguished academic career. While leading IHL, he was a community college advocate and encouraged collaboration among the eight universities with the community colleges in their districts.



## JACK TRELOAR

Jack C. Treloar Jr. was a respected educator and a cattleman. He succeeded W. M. McKenzie as chair of the agriculture department on the Raymond Campus in 1966, where he remained until his retirement in 1977. He was active in industry organizations such as the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, Mississippi Farm Bureau and Hinds County Farm Bureau. He also served as the superintendent of the college farm and physical plant, including the Hinds Cold Storage Plant. That facility was one of the college's best and most utilized community services.

While at Hinds, Treloar built a very fine herd of Registered Hereford cattle. Hinds students, as well as Future Farmers of America (FFA) members, used that herd to train for judging contest and other related agriculture activities. Treloar was especially dedicated to expanding the college's relationship with 4-H Extension and FFA programs throughout the state. The Hinds agriculture program flourished because of his efforts and helped to train the next generation of Mississippi farmers. He also worked with local cattle ranches like Ric-A-Bar to help increase laboratory experiences for students. Though he lived in the city limits of Raymond, he leased or owned several plots of land used for his own commercial cattle operation. He was an entrepreneur-minded individual who also built the Pecan Park Apartments in Raymond.

Treloar was a good friend and advisor to others in the agriculture department at Hinds – Billie Baner, Roger Jones, Louis Perkins and Thad Owens. Through the years, the department nurtured and expanded its relationship with the agricultural community and played an important role in the economy of Mississippi. A 1950 graduate of Hinds Agricultural High School, with two degrees from Mississippi State University, Treloar worked to maintain a good relationship with Mississippi State and Alcorn universities where many Hinds graduates continued their agriculture studies.

The present-day agriculture program at Hinds is firmly rooted in the labors of individuals like Treloar.





## MICHAEL VINSON

As a young man graduating from Puckett High School in 1959, Mike Vinson's pull to Hinds was the opportunity to play football for legendary coach Joe Renfro. About 20 years later, he would return to Hinds as the newly elected superintendent of Rankin County School District, which earned him a spot on the college's Board of Trustees.

As superintendent and trustee, Dr. Vinson was instrumental in the establishment of the Hinds Rankin Branch, which began as vocational-technical center in Pearl offering high school classes during the day and college classes at night. Immersed in the Rankin County community, he worked tirelessly to improve the school district and to expand the college's Rankin facility, helping it to achieve comprehensive college campus status. While some viewed the K-12 system and the college competing for local tax dollars, he maintained that education, at all levels, was the most important quality of life factor in Rankin County.

After 14 years of leading Rankin County schools through tremendous growth and academic success, he retired. However, in 1994 Tupelo called him to serve as interim superintendent and asked him to stay in the job permanently. He led Tupelo from a Level 3 accreditation to a Level 5, the top designation by the Mississippi Department of Education. He left Tupelo in 2002 but continues to serve in various roles to improve education in Mississippi.

Vinson was named Hinds 1998 Alumnus of the Year and served on the Hinds Foundation Board.



From preparing meals for every occasion hosted by the college, to developing the first evening school offerings, Alice and Charles Walker together dedicated more than 50 years to serving Hinds. Having lived on campus for most of those years, their five children also were actively involved in the college even before they became students. The children tell many stories of growing up on campus: from sliding down the infamous fire escape in the old Cain Hall, to sneaking into the Old Men's Gym on weekends to play basketball and also being conscripted annually into service to assist their father in assembling and disassembling for student registration.

Charles Walker started his career at Hinds in 1967 as a drafting instructor. He moved into administration in 1973 when he was named director of the Evening School. Under his leadership, Hinds had a robust evening curriculum of credit and noncredit courses. Building upon that success, he became director of Continuing Education and Community Services, with the goal of expanding non-credit courses. In 1987, he was called to the Utica Campus to coordinate the physical plant. He had a knack for producing beautifully landscaped grounds, and the Utica Campus grounds blossomed under his care. In 1993, coordination of transportation for the college district was added to his responsibilities. He served in that role until his untimely death in 1994.

Alice Walker was hired as the Dietitian Technician instructor in 1972. Her title changed to Home Economics instructor in 1976. When Dr. Clyde Muse came to Hinds in 1978, he immediately learned that Alice (or "Laverne," as he called her) could cook and host an amazing party, so Special Events coordinator was added to her duties. She and Vashti Muse

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## ALICE AND CHARLES WALKER

spent hours planning the menus. Mrs. Walker would prepare the food, and she and Mr. Walker would deliver and create a special setting for guests at the event. Over the years, Mrs. Walker's culinary talents produced some signature dishes – sausage balls and corn soup – that were college favorites.

Mrs. Walker's gracious nature and generous heart made her a perfect choice to develop and sponsor a student ambassador group at Hinds, which she did at the request of the Muses. Hinds Connection was created, and the group's first assignment was serving at Dr. Muse's Investiture in April 1979. These students, as well as the many others who followed, learned to love Mrs. Walker and considered her as a second mother. She definitely endeared herself to them, especially since she was always preparing delicious food for their enjoyment.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Walker went about their duties with personal commitment and quiet organization. Neither preferred the limelight; serving behind the scenes fit their personalities well. The "Walker Touch" was instantly recognized at most college events for nearly 10 years.

The couple were 3E Award recipients. The Hinds Community College Education Association faculty group dedicated a cookbook to Mrs. Walker, which included some of her favorite recipes. As a part of the Centennial celebration, Hinds Connection presented a decorative bench for the Fountain Hall grounds in honor of Mrs. Walker and in memory of Mrs. Muse.



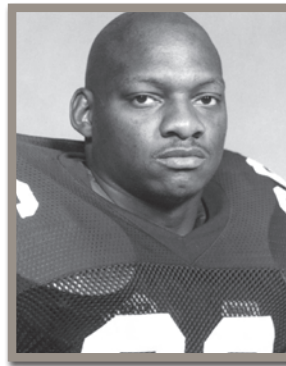
## GARY WALKER

Gary Walker has been a model of consistency on and off the gridiron since his playing days at Hinds more than 25 years ago.

Walker, a Lavonia, Ga., native, excelled as a defensive end for Hinds as the 1990s dawned. Few men in the trenches of National Junior College Athletic Association football experienced the success of Walker, who anchored the Eagles' defensive front during the 1991 and 1992 seasons with a stellar sophomore season.

Walker's production steadily increased, garnering him NJCAA Second Team All-America accolades as a sophomore in 1992 before he signed with Auburn University on a football scholarship.

That consistency continued on the next level, as he tangled in the toughest football conference in the nation. In his first season in 1993, Walker's presence on the defensive front played a pivotal role in Auburn's perfect 11-0 season. He took his game to another level during his senior year in 1994, claiming All-SEC

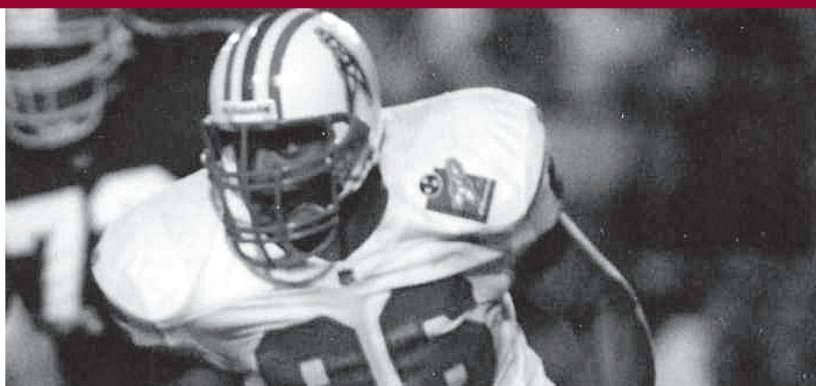
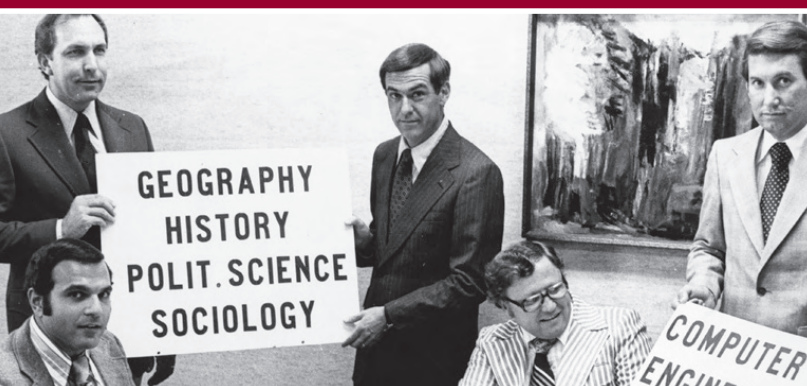


honors as the Tigers enjoyed a 9-1-1 campaign. Overall, he collected 148 tackles and 15 sacks in two seasons.

Drafted in 1995 by the Houston Oilers, Walker went on to play 11 seasons in the NFL. He made the Pro Bowl as a member of the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2001 and returned to the game in 2002 with the Houston Texans during their expansion season. Retiring in 2005, Walker finished his pro football

career with 315 tackles, 46.5 sacks and nine forced fumbles.

Walker was inducted into the Hinds Community College Sports Hall of Fame in 2013. During the 2016 Hinds football season, Walker made a return trip to Hinds shortly after being inducted in the National Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame and was honored during halftime.





## RENÉ T. WARREN

The word “trailblazer” is thrown around a lot, but René’ T. Warren fits the description perfectly when it comes to collegiate athletics in Mississippi.

Warren coached basketball, softball and volleyball at Hinds Junior College from 1966 to 1978, after which she was appointed assistant athletic director under Joe Renfroe. Nine years later, she was selected for the athletic director’s job, the first woman to hold the position in the Mississippi community college system.

During her time in athletic administration, the college’s athletic teams won 36 state and regional championships and produced 47 all-Americans, nine Academic All-Americans and two Distinguished All-Americans. Warren is also credited with managing the unification of athletic teams when Hinds Junior College and Utica Junior College merged in the early 1980s.

In 1997, she received the National Junior College Athletic Association Loyalty Award for those who best upheld the ideals of the organization. She retired as athletic director in 1997, and, in 2001, the René’ T. Warren Softball Field was named in her honor. In 2016, the women’s softball facilities were upgraded to a new location at the intersection of Hinds Boulevard and Main Street in Raymond. Warren was on hand for the dedication. Her early work in women’s athletics undoubtedly influenced the future of community college female athletes in Mississippi.

Warren was inducted in the Hinds Sports Hall of Fame class of 2003 and in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Sports Hall of Fame in 2012. In retirement, she has remained active in many Hinds activities and serves on the Sports Hall of Fame selection committee.



## WALTER WASHINGTON

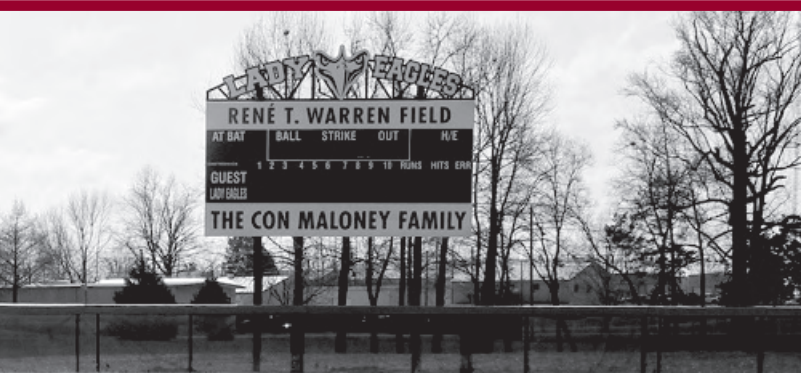
Legendary Mississippi educator Dr. Walter Washington served as the president of Utica Junior College from 1957 to 1969, taking over from president J.D. Boyd who assumed the presidency at Alcorn State University. This was actually Washington’s second stint at Utica, serving from 1950 to 1954 as the college’s first dean of Academic Affairs.

Washington’s tenure was marked by an expansion of the physical plant to support a growing emphasis on vocational-technical education for the college. In rapid succession, a student union, academic building and vocational-technical buildings were constructed to meet the needs of the growing campus. The Walter Washington Administration Building is named for him.

In 1969, the Utica-Alcorn connection continued with Washington assuming the presidency of Alcorn, a position he held for 25 years.

Washington received his B.A. from Tougaloo College, a M.S. from Indiana University, and his doctorate from the University of Southern Mississippi. In fact, Washington was the first African American to receive a doctorate from a predominantly white institution in the state of Mississippi with his dissertation on Utica’s founder, William H. Holtzclaw. Washington received honorary doctorates from Tougaloo, Indiana and Purdue, and buildings are named in his honor on the Utica, USM, Tougaloo and Alcorn campuses. In the mid-1970s, Washington was named for successive years to Ebony’s 100 Most Influential Black Americans list, and received numerous service awards for his combined 37 years of service as a college president.

The present-day Utica Campus still has a close, collaborative working relationship with Alcorn State University, which provides leadership and scholarship opportunities for Hinds Community College transfer students.





LYNN  
WEATHERSBY

Like many trustees serving Hinds, Dr. Lynn Weathersby's ties to the institution are anchored in his experiences as a student in the mid-1960s on the Raymond Campus. Weathersby was a campus leader, an athlete and scholar at Hinds. He was a Class Favorite and choir member.

While at Hinds, he played basketball, won class favorite, sang in the choir and participated in the Circle K service organization. Throughout his lifetime, he has credited Hinds for launching a successful career in education and county government. He shared the Hinds Alumnus of the Year recognition in 2009 with his brother, Tom, a state representative.

He served as a Rankin County supervisor, 1988 to 2000, and as superintendent of Rankin County schools, 2000 to 2016. In both positions, Weathersby worked closely with Hinds President Dr. Clyde Muse to expand the Rankin Campus and to forge innovative initiatives that became model programs for the state. Rankin County Schools and Hinds were the first to offer a Gateway to College program, which allowed at-risk high school students to complete requirements for high school graduation while taking college courses on the Rankin Campus of Hinds. During his tenure as superintendent, the district's dropout rate decreased to 8.5 percent compared to the state average of 13.9 percent.

As the leader of the state's third largest public K-12 system, Weathersby partnered with Hinds to build the state's largest dual enrollment/dual credit program with more than 1,000 high school juniors and seniors earning college credit before high school graduation. That effort contributed to an 85.5 percent graduation rate for Rankin County schools, far exceeding the state average of 75.5 percent.

Lynn Weathersby served as president of the Hinds Board of Trustees in 2015 to 2016, bringing his board tenure to 21 years. He and Tom are often seen together on the Raymond Campus, just as they were decades ago.



TOM  
WEATHERSBY

Rep. Tom Weathersby has told the story of an unprepared Florence boy making his way to Hinds Junior College without a clue what his next step would be. He has credited Hinds with giving him not only preparation for life but also his role as state representative for Copiah, Simpson and Rankin counties since 1990.

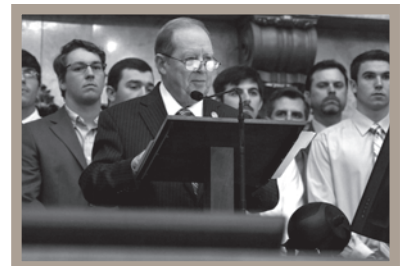
Weathersby arrived at Hinds with a basketball scholarship but also huge academic needs. When he was on the Raymond Campus to recognize the 2016 state championship men's soccer team, Weathersby told the players what the college means to him.

"The reason I'm able to be the state representative goes back to Hinds Junior College in 1963. When I left Florence High School, I had spent more of my time playing basketball instead of studying. When I came to Hinds, I wasn't prepared to go to college," he said. "I owe all my success to Hinds. I had really good teachers who didn't give up on me. They took the time to help me. For that reason, I look back on my entire life and realize that Hinds and the teachers here are what made an impact on me."

He found not only the help he needed but a home that took him in and helped him excel. He earned All-State recognition as a basketball player. And he was active in other ways on the Raymond Campus, winning Freshman Class Favorite, student body president and Mr. Hinds Junior College.

In turn, he has shown his gratitude by advocating for community colleges as a state representative. At the Capitol, he is among the most loyal of elected officials, one whom makes a point to personally meet with Hinds students and faculty and to publicly recognize their achievements by sponsoring House Resolutions.

Rep. Tom Weathersby was inducted into the Hinds Sports Hall of Fame and was named 2009 Alumnus of the Year, along with his brother Dr. Lynn Weathersby.





GOV. JOHN  
BELL WILLIAMS

John Bell Williams may be the most famous Mississippi governor in the town of Raymond, where a section of Highway 18 is named for him. The college also owns and operates the John Bell Williams Airport, near the Raymond Campus.

As a native of Raymond, Williams worked as a soda jerk in the drug store owned by his father while he attended Hinds Agricultural High School on the shared campus of Hinds Junior College. After his Hinds graduation in 1936, he enrolled at the University of Mississippi, where he earned his law degree.

Williams came back to his hometown after law school and opened a law office in 1940. Some would say that this paved the way for his unusual path to his eventual position as governor of Mississippi in 1968. He served two years as Hinds County prosecuting attorney after his time in the Army Air Corps, where he lost his left arm in the crash of a plane he was piloting during World War II. In 1946 Williams was elected to the U.S Congress, representing the Third Congressional District, making him the youngest congressman in state's history.

Hinds recognized Williams as the first recipient of the Alumnus of the Year award in 1967. After his term as governor, he donated his desk, memorabilia, books and papers to the McLendon Library, which officially designated its Alumni Room as the John Bell Williams Alumni Room. Upon his death in 1983, friends and family established a scholarship endowment in his name to assist high school students who need financial assistance to attend Hinds.



LILES  
WILLIAMS

Sound business practices and selfless service in times of the college's most pressing fundraising challenges highlight Liles Williams' contribution to the Hinds story.

Williams graduated from Hinds in 1955 and attended Belhaven College as he started his career at Stuart Irby Company. He worked a variety of roles with the electrical supplier before a six-year stint in purchasing at Mississippi Chemical Company in Yazoo City. His return in 1969 to Stuart Irby was to a management position in the corporate office, which ultimately led to becoming the firm's vice president by the early 2000s.

He has held positions in numerous civic and industry organizations with an eye toward economic growth in the state. Among those positions are the Mississippi Partnership for Economic Development, the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Mississippi World Trade Center.

Williams was appointed to the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission in 2005 by Gov. Haley Barbour and served in that capacity until spring 2017, including time as chair of the Commission. His expertise in the business community has been a valuable resource to the college.

In 2000, during one of his two tenures as chair of the Hinds Foundation, he was a member of a Foundation committee to raise money to replace the original Cain Hall, which was destroyed by fire. He is also prominently involved in raising funds for the current Centennial campaign.

In 2001, he was named Alumnus of the Year. He and his wife established the Liles and Ruth Ann Williams Endowed Scholarship through the Foundation in 2007.

*Innovative*





R.E. "Ed"  
WOOLLEY

Reason Edgar Woolley was the first recipient of the Hinds Junior College Alumni Association Service Award in 1988. Upon receiving the recognition he said, "The Lord has been mighty good to us. I never felt any burden doing what I could for my community, the state and my fellow man."

A keen businessman, he founded Woolley Brothers, an automobile supply and upholstery manufacturer, with his brother Prentiss. He served on the boards of both Hinds and Utica junior colleges and was instrumental in the acquisition of properties for the Jackson and Vicksburg campuses. He frequently traveled the state with Hinds President Dr. Robert Mayo, touting the quality of Mississippi's two-year colleges. Small in stature, but with a wide grin and piercing eyes behind large black-framed glasses, Woolley conducted board meetings in a brisk business style that earned him the appreciation and respect of his fellow board members. Representing Hinds County, he served on the board from 1966 to 1977, including nine years as president.

When his tenure with the board ended, he became a catalyst for the creation of the Hinds Foundation and served as chairman of its board of directors. Through the Foundation, he established an emergency short-term loan program for students caught in financial hardships. With his brothers, Prentiss and Clayton, he deeded property to the Foundation and funded several Foundation scholarships.

And, while his many philanthropic efforts extended far beyond the college, he admitted, "When anyone talks about Hinds, I kinda perk up."

Sheffield-Woolley men's residence hall on the Raymond Campus is named in his honor. The Ed, Mattie and Douglas Woolley Endowed Scholarship continues to receive gifts from Woolley's Trust.



GEORGE  
WYNNE

It was impossible to put George Wynne into a box with a single label. A 1959 graduate of Hinds, Wynne served 15 years, 1976-1992, on the Board of Trustees and later as executive assistant to Hinds President Dr. Clyde Muse and executive director of the Mississippi Community College Foundation before his death in 1996.

He was a bank president, a management consultant, a trucking company entrepreneur, an author of two books, a political strategist, a speechwriter, a Mississippi Air National Guard brigadier general, a marathon runner and a Harvard Business School Advance Management program graduate. He brought all of those talents to the table in his service to Hinds Community College and the Mississippi community college system.

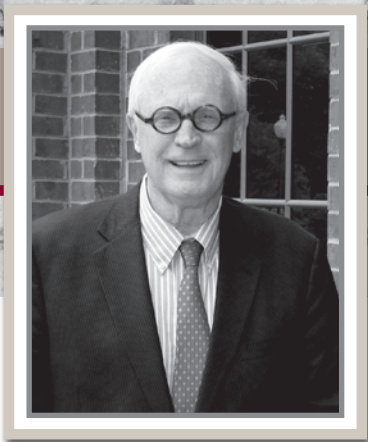
He helped to promote the Workforce Education Act of 1994, which solidified the community colleges as the go-to entities for developing Mississippi's workforce. Wynne was also a champion for faculty pay increases and recruiting the best leaders for the college, especially in the classroom.

He proudly served as a citizen soldier in the Mississippi Air National Guard and was a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

In Rankin County, he joined other business and government leaders in efforts to establish the Rankin Campus and to pass a bond issue to provide additional county support for its operation. When his appointment

to the Board of Trustees ended, the board recognized his many contributions and named the George Wynne Building on the Rankin Campus in his honor in 1994.





## DAVID YEWELL

After graduating from Hinds in 1961, Kentucky native David Yewell had not been back to campus in 45 years. Nevertheless, the lawyer who played basketball for Hinds was excited to return in 2006 for a reunion of legendary coach Troy Arlis Ricks' basketball players and induction into the Hinds Sports Hall of Fame.

It was an emotional day for him. He wandered around the campus with tears streaming down his face as he remembered what the college had done for him – how it had changed his life.

While at Hinds, he was named Mr. Hinds Junior College in 1961.

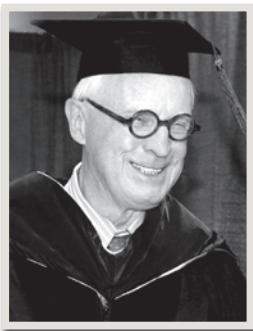
His work at Hinds earned him a basketball scholarship to Transylvania University in Lexington, Ky. He parlayed that success into earning his Juris Doctorate at the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1967. Yewell rose to the height of his profession as president of the Kentucky Bar Association.

After that 2006 return visit, Yewell was no longer a stranger at his alma mater. He served on the Hinds Foundation board for several years. He also began returning for Sports of Hall of Fame induction ceremonies. In spring 2012, he was the speaker for graduation ceremonies, delivering a heart-felt speech describing his time at Hinds as "a turning point in my life."

His wife Jean and he began a scholarship, the David L. and Jean Eidson Yewell Endowed Scholarship, in November 2013,

which is intended to provide financial assistance to students based on their needs and create an opportunity for students to begin a college education. Preference is given to first-generation college students.

Like many others, Yewell is "paying it forward," helping present-day students to have their own life-changing experience at Hinds.



## Awards Legend

Hinds Community College recognizes employees, retirees, alumni, community members and businesses with a number of different awards every year. The following explains the awards.

**Alumni Service Award** – In 1988 Hinds began recognizing supporters of the college (who are not required to be alumni) who have demonstrated outstanding service over the years.

**Alumnus of the Year** – In 1967 Hinds began recognizing former Hinds students who have demonstrated outstanding service over the years.

**Emeritus** – Since 2005 Hinds has recognized selected retired Hinds faculty members and administrators with the Emeritus designation.

### Higher Education Appreciation Day- Working for Academic Excellence

(HEADWAE) – The Mississippi Legislature in 1988-1989 began recognizing a student and faculty member of each higher education institution in the state.

**Hinds Heroes** – The Hinds Heroes employee award, which began in fall 2012, replaced the Life Star award. Heroes stands for Hinds Employees Reflecting Outstanding and Exceptional Service. Heroes are chosen because they represent the college well, provide exceptional customer service to internal and external customers and constantly promote the Hinds mission of service.

**Life Star** – The Life Star employee award was given at Hinds from 2002 to 2011. Employees were selected by peers, students and community members for exemplary service.

### Outstanding and Distinguished Employee

**Awards** – Awarded from 1984 to 2001, Outstanding employees from each location were selected in four categories – staff, administrative non-teaching professional, academic instructor and vocational-technical instructor – and from those awardees one from each category was honored as a Distinguished employee of the year.

**Sports Hall of Fame** – The college began inducting former athletes and coaches for the Hinds Community College Sports Hall of Fame in 1985.

**3E** – In 1979 Hinds began the 3E Award, Emphasis on Excellence and Enrichment, the college's highest award given to someone who has gone above and beyond for the college.



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