

# THE *Legacy* EDITION



MERIDIAN  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
FOUNDATION

## *An Evening of Gratitude*

A look inside the  
MCC Foundation  
Celebration



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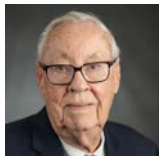
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## ► NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# INVESTING IN HOPE, TRANSFORMING THE FUTURE OUR COMMUNITY HELPS MCC STUDENTS FIND THEIR WINGS



Dr. Leia Agnew Hill

As I look back on this past year at Meridian Community College, I'm reminded once again that progress rarely happens in a single moment, it grows quietly, steadily, through the dedication of people who believe in possibility. And this year, possibility was everywhere.

We welcomed new students who brought energy and curiosity to our campus, and we celebrated returning students who continued to chase goals they once thought were out of reach. Across our classrooms, labs, studios, and fields, you can feel a renewed sense of purpose. Our faculty and staff continue to go above and beyond, and our community partners have stepped forward in remarkable ways.

**MCC is moving forward, not by chance,  
but because so many of you care  
deeply about what education can do.**

What encourages me most is what happens behind the scenes, the stories that rarely make headlines but change lives every day. A single mother earning a credential that will reshape her family's future. A first-generation student discovering an unexpected career path. A veteran returning to college to gain new skills with confidence. These moments don't happen by accident; they happen because someone believed enough to give.

Your generosity continues to transform MCC in ways both visible and invisible. Scholarships open doors wider. Modernized equipment strengthens our workforce pipeline. Enhanced programs create opportunities for students to thrive in a world that is evolving faster than ever. Every gift, whether large or small, becomes part of a story bigger than itself.

As we move into a new year, we are focusing intentionally on student belonging, innovative learning spaces, and opportunities that meet our community's changing needs. It is an exciting time for MCC, and we could not do this work without the donors, friends, and partners who walk alongside us. You are helping shape not only individual journeys, but the future of our region.

Thank you for investing in hope, in education, and in the belief that every student deserves the chance to rise. Together, we will continue building a campus where potential finds direction, where challenges become opportunities, and where dreams take flight. I am grateful for each of you and look forward to all that we will accomplish, together, in the year ahead.

Dr. Leia Agnew Hill  
Vice president for advancement and operations  
Executive director of the MCC Foundation



*Celebrating  
and honoring*

## FOUNDATION PAYS TRIBUTE TO ITS MEMBERS



Dr. Tom Huebner and Sherry Howell

The Meridian Community College Foundation honored its donors and celebrated a year of record support at its 2025 Annual Membership Celebration held at Northwood Country Club.

The evening brought together community leaders, alumni, College faculty, staff, administrators, and supporters to recognize the generosity of donors. The MCC Resurrection Jazz Band, directed by Chris King, provided live music as guests gathered for the event.

Dr. Leia Hill, vice president for institutional advancement and operations and executive director of the MCC Foundation, opened the celebration's program by welcoming attendees and thanking them for their support in the College's mission.

***"Tonight is about generosity, impact, and community," Dr. Hill said. "Every person in this room helps make education possible for our students."***

MCC President Dr. Tom Huebner thanked donors for their commitment. "Because of your generosity and the dedication of our staff, MCC stands as the community college with the largest net assets in the state of Mississippi," Dr. Huebner said.





Dr. Tom Huebner and Diane Delk



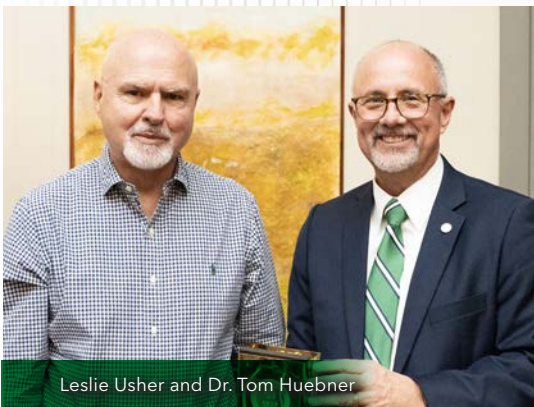
Steven Cooksey, Dr. Tom Huebner and Tyler Walton



Dr. Tom Huebner and Shirley Nell Goodman



Dr. Tom Huebner, Pam McDonald and Dr. Tommy McDonald



Leslie Usher and Dr. Tom Huebner

During the program, the Foundation recognized donors who reached new milestones in the Wings of Giving Society, which honors cumulative giving at the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Emerald levels.

New Bronze Wings members included Diane and Robert Delk; Shirley Nell Goodman; Johnson Dodge Chrysler Jeep; Patrick Allen Companies; Southeastern Electric Exchange, Inc.; Mina Beth Tonini; and United Way of East Mississippi. New Silver Wings member was Southern Cast Products. And, new Gold Wings members were the late Jimmie Evans; Dr. Tommy and Pam McDonald; Meridian Kiwanis Club; the late Sara and William Scaggs; and Leslie Usher.

The evening's highest honor, the induction into the Emerald Circle, recognized The Paul and Sherry Broadhead Foundation for surpassing \$1 million in lifetime giving. The Foundation joins a group of community partners whose philanthropy continues to transform lives through education. Accepting the recognition on behalf of The Paul and Sherry Broadhead Foundation was Vice President Sherry Howell.

***"Paul and Sherry Broadhead were visionaries whose love for this community lives on through their family's continued generosity," Dr. Huebner said. "Their legacy will impact MCC students for generations to come."***

*An Evening of Gratitude*





In loving memory  
of **GERRY PURVIS**

The event also honored the memory of longtime MCC Foundation Board member Gerry Purvis. Dr. Hill reflected on his years of service, noting,

*"Gerry's kindness and commitment helped shape the success we celebrate tonight. His legacy will remain part of the MCC Foundation story forever."*

Foundation Board President Russell Thompson closed the evening by sharing that private investment in the College continues to grow, with nearly \$1.4 million raised in the past year. "Your generosity continues to exceed expectations," Thompson said. "Because of you, the Foundation can keep investing in the lives of students who will shape our future."



Dr. Leia Agnew Hill and Russell Thompson







Dr. Tom Huebner, Rebecca and Tommy Dulaney, Dr. Leia Agnew Hill, Donna Jill Johnson, and Anita Jo Ross



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 Donna Waseleski  
 M. L. and Kim Waters  
 Beverly Weathersby  
 Clarence Weatherspoon  
 Cathy and Woody Webb  
 Crystal Webster  
 William Woods III, DMD  
 Denise Wright  
 Mark Zerko

# MERIDIAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALUM ERIC BUTLER FINDS PURPOSE IN CARING FOR PATIENTS

Eric Butler built his career on a simple idea he learned early in life: do the right thing, even when no one is watching.

Today, the Meridian Community College graduate follows that mantra every day as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at Ochsner Rush Medical Center.

Butler said he always felt drawn to helping others. He enjoyed science, problem-solving, and learning how the body works, but he also wanted a career that mattered. "I like being the person who helps relieve pain, saves lives, or supports families during difficult times," he said. "Healthcare gives me a sense of purpose and the feeling that my work matters every day."

In his role, Butler creates and carries out anesthetic plans for patients before surgery. "I enjoy getting to know each patient and developing a plan that fits their needs," he said. "The goal is always a positive outcome."

Butler credits MCC with giving him the foundation he needed to start his nursing career. He graduated from the Associate Degree Nursing program in 2000. "MCC provided the classes and nursing program that gave me solid knowledge and experience," he said. "That allowed me to become a Registered Nurse, which became the springboard for advanced practice."

Affordability was one of the main reasons he chose MCC to start his higher education. Studying close to home allowed him to keep his part-time landscaping job and avoid extra expenses. "It just made sense," he said.

After receiving his degree from MCC, Butler earned a bachelor of science in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi, a master of science in nursing from the University of North Carolina, and a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist designation from Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

He encourages students who may be unsure about their future to consider MCC, noting the College is a great place to take core classes and explore different fields.

"When choosing which college to attend, always look for return on your investment. For many students, MCC offers Tuition Guarantee, allowing students to receive a degree. This is a 'no-brainer' when it comes to a great return on your investment," he said.

Outside of work, Butler enjoys spending time outdoors and being with his family. He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Jaycee, for 25 years. Their son, Grant, is a sophomore at Mississippi College studying Christian Studies. Their daughter, Lila, is a junior at West Lauderdale High School and plays volleyball.

Whether at work or home, Butler said he tries to live by the words his father shared when he was nine years old:

***"If a man doesn't have his word,  
he doesn't have much at all."***

Butler added, "These words made a huge impact on me and I try my very best to live by them to this very day."

For more information, visit [meridiancc.edu](https://meridiancc.edu).



Eric Butler



# MCC TEAM

## WINS TWO NCMPR AWARDS

Meridian Community College's College Communications team earned two Medallion Awards at the 2025 National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) District 2 Conference. MCC won second place in Magazine - Large Scale for the July 2024 issue of Connections, created by Tony Boutwell and Kay Thomas, and third place in Notes/Cards/Invitation for a thank-you card designed by Amy Miller for the MCC Foundation.

"The accomplishments of College Communications make me immensely proud. These awards underscore the exceptional skill, dedication, and thoughtfulness my colleagues bring to their work daily," said Dr. Leia Hill, vice president for institutional advancement and operations and executive director of the MCC Foundation. "I'm thankful that our team continues to tell the college's story with both impact and creativity."

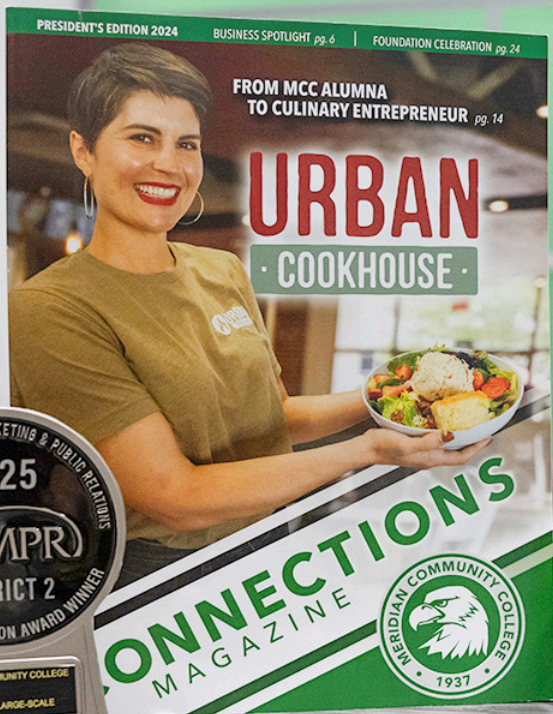
College Communications supports MCC's brand and outreach across social media, publications, and campus-wide messaging. Along with Boutwell, Miller, and Thomas, team members include Desi Leeper, Joy Smith, Casey Holladay, Tanisha Clark, Hunter Heath, Matt Milner, and Jet Scarbrough.



Tony Boutwell, Amy Miller, Dr. Leia Agnew Hill, and Kay Thomas

The NCMPR Medallion Awards recognize outstanding marketing, communications, and public relations work by community and technical colleges across seven districts. District 2 encompasses institutions in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, and the Bahamas.

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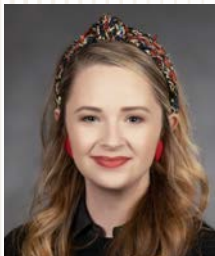
# EAGLES LEADERSHIP CONVOCATION REACHES MIDPOINT



As Meridian Community College moves through the academic year, members of the Eagles Leadership Convocation (E.L.C.) are midway through their yearlong journey of growth and collaboration.

The E.L.C., sponsored by the MCC Foundation, brings together nine faculty and staff members to strengthen leadership skills, communication, and teamwork while building stronger connections across campus.

## The Class of 2026 includes:



**Veronica Fox**  
Assistant Director  
of Student Accounts



**James Runnels**  
Director of I.T.  
Systems Analyst



**Rhonda Smith**  
College and  
Career Navigator



**Jawanda Huggins**  
Biological Science  
Instructor



**Chris King**  
Director of Bands



**Crystal Sterling**  
Mathematics Instructor



**Eric Jones**  
Welding Program  
Coordinator and  
Instructor



**Parker Manley**  
Workforce Project  
Manager



**Dr. Tommy Winston**  
Physical Therapist Assistant  
Program Coordinator  
and Instructor



James Runnels, Crystal Sterling, Parker Manley  
and Dr. Tommy Winston



MCC President Dr. Tom Huebner and Dr. Leia Hill, vice president for institutional advancement and operations and executive director of the MCC Foundation, serve as program facilitators. Courtney Pitts, executive assistant to the vice president for institutional advancement and operations and alumni coordinator, supports the program as an assistant.

Each month through May, the group meets to explore topics such as leadership, communication, teamwork, and community engagement. Sessions also cover areas like AI, human resources, and crisis management.

At the end of the program, participants will present a group project addressing a college need and proposing a practical solution. Graduates will receive a \$500 stipend upon completion.



Veronica Fox and Jawanda Huggins

Fox said she's already seeing the benefits of the program. "I joined E.L.C. to grow both personally and professionally," she added. "It's a great chance to learn from leaders across campus, develop new strategies, and understand how our departments work together toward shared goals."

To learn more about the Eagles Leadership Convocation, visit [meridiancc.edu/elc](https://meridiancc.edu/elc)



E.L.C. team: Courtney Pitts, Dr. Leia Agnew Hill, Eric Jones, Crystal Sterling, Veronica Fox, Parker Manley, James Runnels, Chris King, Jawanda Huggins, Dr. Tommy Winston, and Dr. Tom Huebner

# MCC ALUMNA JESSICA ANDERSON

## BUILDS CAREER ROOTED IN COMMUNITY, GRATITUDE



Jessica Anderson

Jessica Anderson didn't realize it at the time, but choosing to begin her college journey at Meridian Community College set the course for her future degrees, her career in banking, and the life she now cherishes with her family.

What she did know was that MCC felt like the right place to begin: familiar faces, a supportive environment, smaller classes, and the added benefit of paid tuition.

Today, Anderson, who earned her associate of arts degree from MCC in 2007, and her bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi State University-Meridian, serves as senior vice president and human resources manager at Citizens National Bank.

Anderson first learned about a banking opportunity from one of her professors at MSU-Meridian. "I knew it was a great company, so I applied," she said. "I went

for an interview, and I've been here 15 years since." At Citizens National Bank, she now works with more than 300 employees across Mississippi.

Her path to business and accounting began at MCC.

*"MCC helped me decide what I wanted to study," Anderson said. "It was a great foundation that prepared me for my four-year degree, my master's degree, and eventually my career."*

A graduate of Meridian High School, Anderson originally planned to attend the University of Mississippi, but staying in Meridian felt right. "Everything I needed was here—my family, my church, my job, and many of my friends," she said.

Another key attraction of MCC for her was the Tuition Guarantee, the MCC Foundation's signature program that covers two years of tuition for Lauderdale County high school graduates. "I am very appreciative of the many individuals and companies who have supported the Tuition Guarantee program and truly invested back into Meridian and the surrounding areas," she said.

During her time at MCC, Anderson excelled academically, earning the Outstanding Business Student award and other honors. "One of my favorite things about MCC was the smaller class size, which allowed for more interaction with the class and the instructor," she said.

Her resume reflects continued success: positions of increasing responsibility at Citizens National Bank, SHRM-CP certification, multiple professional awards, and recognition as one of The Meridian Star's 2025 Top Twenty Under 40. She is also a graduate of Leadership Lauderdale.



Away from work, Anderson stays grounded in the people and activities she loves. She and her husband, Drew—also an MCC alumnus and former Eagle baseball player—have been married 16 years. Their two children, Lane, an eighth grader, and Layken, a fourth grader, keep the family busy with sports and lake days. They are active at Covenant Church, and Anderson devotes time to special needs sports programs, including Challenger League, Top Soccer, and Camp Hoops.

Her guiding philosophy comes from Proverbs 16:3: “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans.”

“Sometimes we face difficult decisions or challenges in life,” she said, “but if we keep our focus on the Lord, everything will work out, and often better than we imagined.”

Anderson hopes students considering college will give MCC a close look, just as she once did. “People have asked me if I regretted not ‘going off’ to college, and I don’t regret it one bit,” she said.

“MCC was the perfect start for my education,” Anderson said, adding, “If I hadn’t stayed in Meridian, I might not have the life I have today, for which I am so incredibly thankful.”

For more information about MCC, visit [meridiancc.edu](https://meridiancc.edu).



## JOIN OTHER ALUMS



### THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE - AND THAT INCLUDES BECOMING A MEMBER OF MCC'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Courtney Pitts, executive assistant to the vice president for institutional advancement and operations and MCC Foundation executive director and alumni association coordinator, said there are no fees to join the association. The membership benefits are plentiful, including being informed of College events, networking with other alumni, and advocating for an institution that provides quality education.

To join, alums can go to [meridiancc.edu/alumniassociation](https://meridiancc.edu/alumniassociation)

There's also a social media channel [facebook.com/groups/mccalumniassociation](https://facebook.com/groups/mccalumniassociation)

For details, contact Pitts at MCC at 601.484.8688, or email [courtney.pitts@meridiancc.edu](mailto:courtney.pitts@meridiancc.edu).



# COASTAL WONDERS

## TRAVELERS DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF MAINE

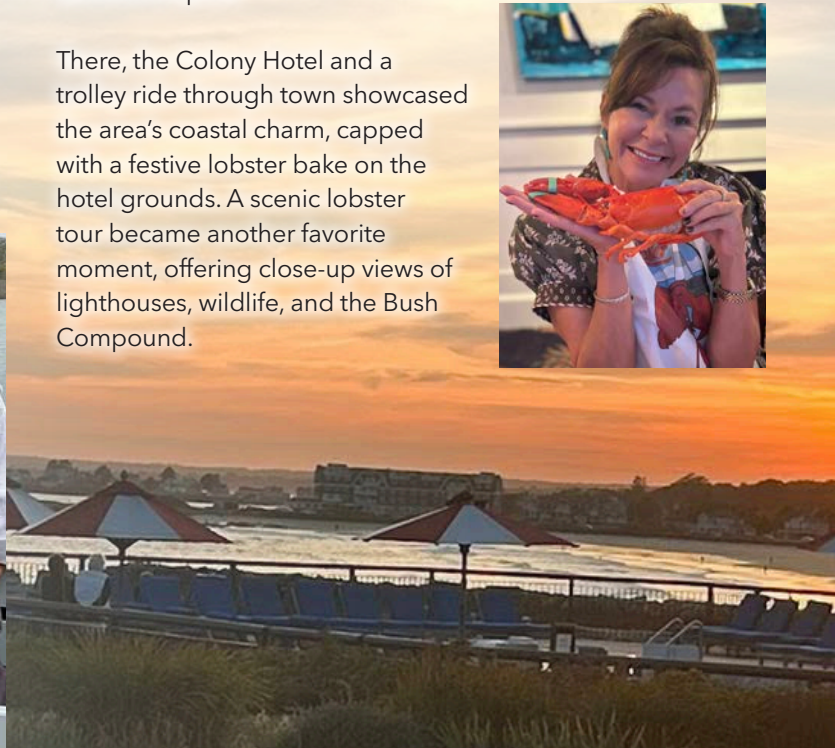
The MCC Foundation Travelers found Maine to be beautiful at every turn - its coastlines, ocean air, and seaside towns quickly became the heart of the journey.

The Bar Harbor Inn set the tone, offering a welcoming atmosphere and stunning views that carried throughout the trip.

After traveling from Meridian to Bangor and settling into Bar Harbor, the group enjoyed a relaxed morning before taking a guided tour of Acadia National Park. Sweeping ocean views, rugged cliffs, and pine forests offered an unforgettable introduction to Maine's natural beauty.

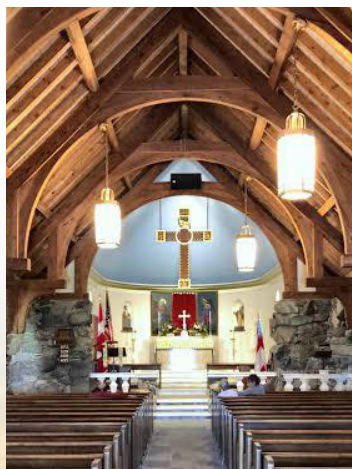
Bar Harbor continued to delight with a tour of the historic inn, a sunset schooner sail from its pier, and dinner in the Reading Room overlooking the water. Travelers journeyed south to Portland, where breakfast over Frenchman Bay, fresh lobster rolls, and a city-and-lighthouse tour delivered New England experiences before the group arrived in Kennebunkport.

There, the Colony Hotel and a trolley ride through town showcased the area's coastal charm, capped with a festive lobster bake on the hotel grounds. A scenic lobster tour became another favorite moment, offering close-up views of lighthouses, wildlife, and the Bush Compound.





From Acadia's cliffs to Kennebunkport's harbors, the week was filled with beauty, great food, and memorable moments. Maine proved to be a remarkable destination—and the MCC Foundation looks forward to the adventures ahead.



For more information about future travel opportunities, visit [meridiancc.edu/foundationtravel](http://meridiancc.edu/foundationtravel).

# BONJOUR, FRANCE!

## TRAVEL WITH THE MCC FOUNDATION

### JULY 10 - 20



## PARIS, BORDEAUX & NORMANDY: A PRIVATE MCC FOUNDATION TOUR

From the City of Light to the coastal beauty of Normandy, this exclusive 10-day journey invites you to savor the sights, flavors, and romance of France. Designed just for MCC Foundation travelers, this private experience offers flexibility, comfort, and unforgettable moments shared with friends – not strangers.

Your adventure begins with a **Paris pre-tour experience**, featuring:

- Dinner in the Eiffel Tower
- An evening Seine River dinner cruise
- A full-day trip to the Palace of Versailles

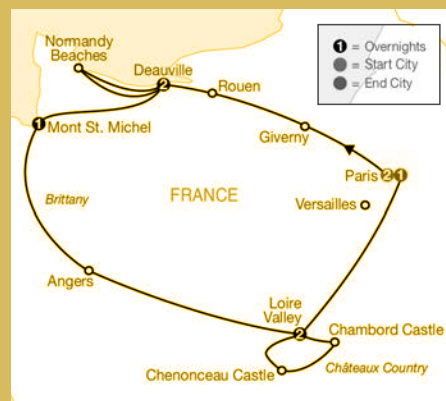
Then travel onward to explore France's most enchanting regions:

### The Bordeaux Region

Wander fairy tale châteaux and vineyards. Enjoy private wine tastings and local cuisine. Relax and travel at your own pace.

### The Normandy Coast

Visit the historic D-Day beaches. Reflect and explore with flexible time among your MCC group.



Every detail is arranged to let you immerse yourself in the best of France, from fragrant gardens and storied wineries to coastal charm and Parisian elegance.

### WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS TRIP

- Private tour exclusively for MCC Foundation participants
- Flexible itinerary – linger where you love, skip what you don't
- Personalized experience – travel with friends, not strangers
- Airfare: Choose your own flight or work with Corrigan Travel (estimated \$1,200-\$1,600 round trip)
- Price (Land Only): \$5,800 per person (double occupancy)
- Single occupancy pricing available upon request
- Deposit: \$500 non-refundable, due at registration

Seats are limited for this exclusive MCC experience; don't miss your chance to experience France at its finest!

For more information or to register, call the MCC Foundation at 601.484.8612 or visit [meridiancc.edu/foundationtravel/paris](http://meridiancc.edu/foundationtravel/paris)



# MCC RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY STUDENT HONORED WITH FIRST ADRIAN MICHAEL HILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Meridian Community College student Macy Adams never thought the start of her final year of study in the Radiologic Technology Program would reveal a surprise that would help cover the cost of her education.

It would also connect deeply to her career goals.

Adams, 22, of Enterprise, is the first recipient of the Adrian Michael Hill Memorial Scholarship. This newly endowed scholarship, which is funded through the MCC Foundation, honors Hill, a nuclear medicine technologist for 22 years. Hill died in March 2025 after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

In announcing the scholarship and the recipient during Adams' class, Dr. Leia Hill, Adrian's widow and the vice president for institutional advancement and operations and executive director of the MCC Foundation, shared a little about her husband. "He absolutely loved what he did. It has been so meaningful to hear from his patients and colleagues after his passing—so many spoke about how his kindness made a lasting difference in their lives. It's a true testament to the person he was."

Adrian wanted his legacy to continue helping people, and a scholarship is one way to do that. It is awarded

to second-year students in the Radiologic Technology Program who show compassion, integrity, and a commitment to helping others – qualities that reflected Adrian's own life and work.

Adams said her own health battles shaped her career goals. "When I was younger, I had leukemia, and I wanted to give back," she said. "I'm drawn to mammography or radiation therapy - areas that deal more with cancer."

"I like that connection with the patient," she said.



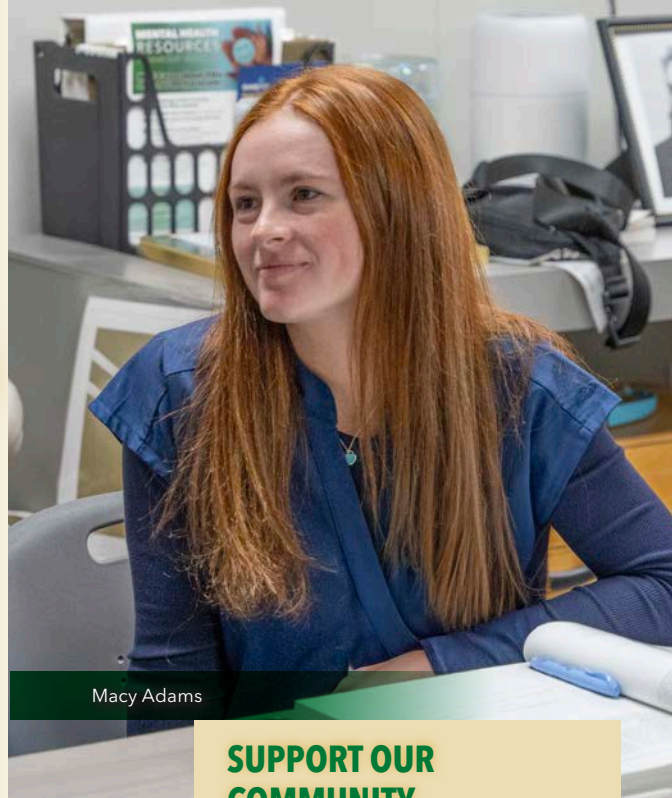
Adrian Michael Hill

Going to school full-time, Adams also works part-time at Baptist Anderson Regional Medical Center as a student tech in radiology and admits, "This scholarship means so much. This is huge."

Adams came to MCC after studying for two years at Northwest Community College. "I cheered there, but I just like being home." She began her studies at the MCC Radiologic Technology Program and plans to graduate in May.

This health care program consists of five consecutive semesters of training and is designed to prepare students for entry-level radiography.

For more information, visit [meridiancc.edu/foundation](https://meridiancc.edu/foundation).



Macy Adams

## SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH EDUCATION FIVE WAYS TO GIVE TO THE MCC FOUNDATION

**President's Roundtable** - PRT comprises businesses and individuals committed to supporting MCC's Tuition Guarantee program.

**Annual Giving Fund** - The Annual Giving Fund consists of gifts from individuals interested in supporting the College through scholarships, program support, or unrestricted funds.

**Memorials and Honoraria** - Donations are accepted as memorials and as living tributes. Acknowledgments are made using cards depicting a scene from campus.

**Endowments** - Long-term investment options for those who want to establish a legacy gift. Once the endowment is complete, it is never breached, creating a never-ending source for scholarships and awards.

**Planned giving** - Bequests, insurance, annuities, and trusts that list the MCC Foundation as the beneficiary.

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# MCC FOUNDATION ENDOWMENTS

## FUEL STUDENT SUCCESS, COMMUNITY GROWTH

Endowed scholarships at Meridian Community College are built to last. Donors give to these funds, the money is invested, and each year the earnings help pay for student scholarships. That means a single gift can support students for generations.

Endowments come from many sources – individuals, families, businesses, and community groups. Some honor loved ones. Others support a field of study or help students from a certain hometown. No matter their purpose, these funds open doors and strengthen the community.

“MCC’s endowed scholarships are more than financial support. Every scholarship tells a story, and for most, it’s about honoring a person’s life and legacy,” said Dr. Leia Hill, vice president for institutional advancement and operations and executive director of the MCC Foundation. “Behind each named endowment is a heartbeat – a parent honoring a child, a family memorializing someone they loved, or a graduate giving back to the college that shaped their future.”

Today, the MCC Foundation manages more than 160 endowed scholarships.

### **BEBE ROBERTS FREEMAN SCHOLARSHIP**

The Bebe Roberts Freeman Scholarship supports MCC students preparing for careers in education. Freeman, who died in 2007, was known as a dedicated teacher, a strong advocate for social justice, and a proud feminist. She taught for 30 years in schools across Meridian, Louisiana, Washington, D.C., and Ohio.

Freeman attended Meridian High School and spent one year at Meridian Junior College before earning degrees from Mississippi University for Women and the

University of Cincinnati. She loved learning and believed strongly in the role education plays in helping people reach their potential.

Her husband, Harry Freeman, said, “Bebe believed opportunity mattered. She would be thrilled to know her name helps future teachers build their careers.”

The Freemans also established previous MCC scholarships honoring family and friends, which have already supported dozens of students. This newly endowed scholarship continues that legacy by helping the next generation of educators.

### **REV. WAYNE EDWARDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**

Before his passing in 2024, the Rev. Wayne Edwards spent his life serving others. He pastored churches in McCool, Little Rock, Eudora, Meridian, and Collinsville, and worked more than 42 years with the Mississippi Baptist Convention’s Baptist Children’s Village. He also taught biblical studies at MCC for 24 years.

The scholarship endowment, when it is fully funded, will support students who show leadership, community involvement, and an interest in Bible or theology courses.

### **CARLTON “CORKY” PALMER SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**

Carlton “Corky” Palmer left a lasting mark on the game of baseball. With a career coaching record of 946-493 across high school, community college, and Division I teams, he influenced generations of players.

Palmer coached the MCC Eagles from 1987 to 1996, leading the team

to the Division I JUCO World Series in Colorado. Later, at the University of Southern Mississippi, he guided his alma mater to the College World Series in Omaha. He is a member of several halls of fame and is remembered for caring as much about his players’ lives off the field as on it.

When this endowment is fully funded, it will support an MCC sophomore baseball player who shows leadership, a positive attitude, strong character, and a commitment to being a good teammate.

### **DR. THOMAS M. HUEBNER ENDOWMENT**

The Dr. Thomas M. Huebner Endowment honors Meridian Community College’s president, whose work has shaped MCC and the wider community. Dr. Huebner holds degrees from Southwest Baptist University, the University of Georgia, and the University of Southern Mississippi, all in communication. Throughout his career, he has been recognized for excellence in teaching, leadership, and service.

The scholarship will support a student who has completed MCC’s ABE/GED program and is enrolling as a college student. It reflects Dr. Huebner’s belief in second chances, lifelong learning, and the power of education to change lives. This endowment is continuing to be funded.

**To learn more or to create or to give to an endowment, visit [meridiancc.edu/foundation](https://meridiancc.edu/foundation).**

# FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS



## FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FALL 2025 RECIPIENTS



## DONOR DOLLARS AT WORK

\*Scholarships awarded as of 12/8/2025

### **ADN Donor Scholarship**

Destini Keeton

### **Baptist Anderson Board of Directors Scholarship**

Shannon Russell

### **Anderson Support and Development Foundation Scholarship**

Katherine Bruner  
Aisata Slaughter

### **Dr. William Jeff Anderson Memorial Scholarship**

Makayla Feasel

### **Dr. William J. Anderson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**

Tatiana Jennings

### **Dr. William J. Anderson, III Memorial Scholarship**

Tausha Bianchi

### **Charles Armstrong Scholarship**

Akeelah Davis  
Margarita Gonzalez

### **AT&T Scholarship**

Emeline Ayala  
Kenzleigh Dearman

### **Laurie M. Autry Memorial Scholarship**

Barbara Seals

### **C. B. Bailey Memorial Scholarship**

Alexandria Hill  
Connor McDill

### **Barnett All-America City Scholarship**

Kittra Hudnall  
Jonathan Parker

### **Leonard Corydon Barrell Family Scholarship**

Blissany Bigbee  
Xa'Zarria Blanks  
Janiya Hill  
Kameisha Houston

### **Shirley M. and Dr. John R. Berney Scholarship**

Brittney Battle

### **Cameron Scott Boggan Memorial Scholarship**

Mushula Tubby

### **Dr. George W. and Ettamac Bounds, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**

Joshin Moreno, Jr.

### **Judie Bounds Memorial Scholarship**

Anna-Leigh Purvis

### **Dr. Lemann H. and Wilma S. Bounds Scholarship**

Destiny Chisolm  
Jayla Powe

### **Harry & Vivian Boureau Music Scholarship**

Haley Reynolds  
Aidyn Way

### **Susan Partridge Boyette Memorial Scholarship**

Morgan Campbell

### **Gloria Blackshear Brown High School Equivalency Scholarship**

Isabella Brown

### **Fran and Wadell Byrd Memorial Scholarship**

Ranisha Gentry

### **Madeline Scott Callahan Memorial Scholarship**

Kiersten Hampton

### **Mark Chandler Memorial Scholarship**

Makayla Ward

### **Alta and Ivan Chisolm Memorial Scholarship**

Madelyn Parker

### **A. C. Johnson/Civitan Scholarship**

Kalee Lathem  
Macy Oliver  
Havyn Riser

### **Coastal Television Scholarship**

Oscar Fields

### **Justin and Brent Cobb Memorial Scholarship**

Sydney Cooper

### **Robert F. Cochran, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**

Bruce McClung

### **Chuck Nicholson/Community Bank Veteran Scholarship**

Keith Dailey

### **Winnie P. Crampton Nursing Scholarship**

Shakea Winford

### **Linda and Marty Davidson Scholarship**

Hannah Capello  
Ben Cole, IV  
Nykolis Stevens

### **L. J. Davis and Winifred Davis Memorial Scholarship**

Mya Pruett  
Landon Warren

### **Dental Hygiene Scholarship**

Brittney Battle

### **Toni L. DeVaney Memorial Scholarship**

Steven Lewis

### **Glen Deweese Scholarship**

Ashlynn Lofton  
Hannah Rogala  
Zacaree Rupert

### **Dixie Highway High School Scholarship**

Cooper Gordon  
Madison Hayes  
Adrian Houston  
Kyle Parten

### **T. K. Dobbins, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**

Anders Jensen  
Malerie Lee  
Clara Lott

### **Downtown Optimist Club/Bill Herndon Memorial Scholarship**

Markeita Hill  
Sarah Joyner

### **Margaret Reed Dulaney Scholarship**

Dantwaine Johnson  
Aaliya Mendiola  
Mary Margaret Stevens



**Eagle Influencer Scholarship**

Hannah Beddingfield  
John Barry Boldin  
Katherine Bruner  
Ty'Rhiana Jeffery  
Aaliya Mendiola  
Joshua Randall  
Faith Tillery  
Jardashia Williams

**Earnest Workers Circle of the International Order of King's Daughters and Sons Scholarship**

Tazmine Hudnall

**Susan M. Ellis Memorial Scholarship**

Kaelyn Latting

**William H. Entrekin Family Music Scholarship**

Lauren Broome

**Erika's Hope Memorial Scholarship**

Blessing Igwe

**Evans PTK Scholarship Award**

Nicholas Lewis

**Hugh and Katherine Foster Memorial Scholarship**

Sarah Elizabeth Pryor

**Bebe Roberts Freeman Scholarship**

Rylee Turner

**Jacob Chester Frist Memorial Scholarship**

Kaylin Wright

**Future Nurses Scholarship**

Olivia Avera  
Alexis Thornton

**Gameday Operations Scholarship**

Shadarion Washington  
David Watkins

**Nicholas Gianakos Memorial Scholarship**

Derek Byrd  
Bailey Csaszar  
Daylon Horton  
Riley Pate  
Emma Patterson  
Nathan Trochessett

**Dottie and Hardy Graham, Sr. Scholarship**

Christian Allen, Jr.  
Hannah Beddingfield  
Audrey Gibson  
Anabelle Hodges  
Graham Jackson  
Elizabeth Shirley

**Gayle Gray Memorial Nursing Scholarship**

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