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**A** lumni of the University of Southern Mississippi include Brett Favre, Jimmy Buffet, Kathleen Koch, Cat Cora and Clarence Witherspoon. They caught the “Golden Eagle fever” early. How about you?

From its beginnings as the Mississippi Normal College in 1910, the University of Southern Mississippi has evolved from a teaching school to a comprehensive doctoral, Carnegie I research extensive university, providing innovative educational and enriching cultural experiences for its students.

Southern Miss’ student body represents every state in the nation and dozens of foreign countries. As the only dual-campus university in the state, the University of Southern Mississippi provides educational opportunities in Hattiesburg, Long Beach and five teaching and research sites along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

As a research-extensive university, USM’s programs are distinguished as national leaders in polymer science, bio-medical, marine aquaculture and sports stadium security. In total, the University of Southern Mississippi offers nearly 100 degree programs.

Interested in studying abroad? Southern Miss operates study-abroad programs in numerous countries around the globe and has developed international exchange programs with 13 universities in eight foreign countries. The school’s British Studies Program is the largest summer program for Americans in London, England.

The University of Southern Mississippi is known for its College of Business, which has one of the few healthcare marketing degree programs in the country.

USM’s Department of Medical Technology is the only university-based master’s program of its kind in Mississippi, and the School of Polymers and High Performance Materials is home to one of the top polymer science programs in the U.S.

The School of Human Performance and Recreation features the National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security, the first of its kind in the United States.

Southern Miss provides plenty of choices for on-campus living, and those choices will soon expand. Construction is underway for



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**The administration building at Southern Mississippi** is the focal point of the campus.

## University of Southern Miss., 1910

**Address:** 118 College Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39406

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**Financial Aid:** Federal and state grants and loans, work study, scholarships

**Current President:** Dr. Martha Saunders

The Village, the university’s newest campus living opportunity for female students.

Located on a 10-acre portion of land on the Hattiesburg campus, the \$18-million construction project is expected to take about 14 months to complete, and will provide additional housing for more than 350 sorority members and upper-class scholarship recipients.

There is plenty to see and do while not hitting the books. In addition to all of the off-campus offerings in Hattiesburg and on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, the University of Southern Mississippi provides more than 250 clubs and organizations. Full-time students have free membership to the state-of-the-art fitness facility, the Payne Center, and

there are numerous intramural sports from which to choose.

Speaking of sports, Golden Eagles athletic teams are, well, golden. Southern Miss is a member of Conference USA, and competes in 16 intercollegiate sports. The baseball team has made numerous NCAA post-season tournaments.

The football team, in particular, has dominated Conference USA. The team has made six consecutive bowl appearances — one of a handful of universities in the nation to accomplish that feat. Last year under new head coach Larry Fedora, the Golden Eagles football team won the New Orleans Bowl, continuing a proud tradition of post-season wins.