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Blue Mountain College might be 137 years old, but it is certainly not living in the past. Indeed, while its heritage is its sure foundation, the private college's mission is one of growth.

There is an old saying that not all change is progress, but the continuing growth and expansion at Blue Mountain College is following a very specific and deliberate plan — a plan with the education and well-being of its students in mind and the educational needs in the region and beyond.

"The beauty of a small college is that we know our students on a very personal basis," said Dr. Bettye Rogers Coward, now in her ninth year as president of Blue Mountain College. "This allows us to focus on the students first and foremost, which in turn has shaped the working environment for the faculty and staff."

Blue Mountain College is a Christian liberal arts institution supported by the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Established in 1873 as a woman's college, BMC began offering an academic program for men preparing for church-related vocations in 1956. In 2005, the college's board of trustees approved the expansion of all programs to men.

The decision to go co-ed also led to the establishment of the first men's intercollegiate athletics program (basketball and cross country), which in turn has led to increased enrollment among male students and a more inclusive college community.

Blue Mountain College still places a high priority on women in leadership roles.

Last year, Blue Mountain College awarded diplomas to its first master's degree graduates (in elementary education). At the same time, the college wrapped up its first year of partnership with New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary offering graduate level courses in ministry.

Once again looking toward the future, Blue Mountain College recently made a large investment in technology. The college quadrupled its Internet bandwidth, installed a completely new campus-wide system that provides a ton of online services to its students. It doubled the number of computers in its classrooms and labs, and installed a



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Student life at Blue Mountain College is easy going and fun.

completely new campus security alert system.

Blue Mountain College is in the business of preparing its graduates for a broad spectrum of jobs. With the high number of job and career changes the workforce will make in their lifetime, employers are finding that applicants who have degrees from liberal arts colleges such as Blue Mountain have a surprising advantage over some of their vocation-specific counterparts because they have been exposed to a broad-based education that prepared them for major fields of opportunity.

Blue Mountain College's broad liberal arts curriculum offers courses of study leading to three undergraduate degrees — B.A., B.S. and B.S. in education. Majors include biblical studies, church-related vocation, business administration, elementary education, secondary education, physical education, psychology, music, English, Spanish, biology, mathematics, biology and medical technology, natural science, history and social

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

Popular Majors: Education, psychology, social science, physical education, business, Bible

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science. It also offers master's of education degrees in elementary education.

Blue Mountain College also offers pre-professional programs in medicine, nursing, physical therapy, pharmacy and law, enabling students to complete the required undergraduate courses, graduate and continue their education in the field of their choice.