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Hinds Community College

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Close to home. Affordable tuition. Quality programs.

That's what students at Hinds Community College, the state's largest, cite in their choice to enroll at one of the college's locations in Jackson, Rankin County, Raymond, Utica and Vicksburg.

From new high school graduates to adults coming back to college, Hinds serves them with more than 170 academic, career and technical programs.

The college in fall 2009 broke enrollment records with about 12,000 credit students, putting the college on track to serve more than 30,000 this year, including workforce, high school and GED/Adult Basic Education enrollment.

"It is clear to us that people turn to their local community college to gain the skills and qualifications that will help their circumstances and families. The unprecedented leaps in enrollment in all areas of the college are a strong indication of the value community colleges offer," said longtime president Dr. Clyde Muse.

New McLaurin High School graduate Hunter Watts, 18, started at the Rankin Campus in summer 2009. He took one class during the day and another at night while he continued to work.

"I like that it was close to home. I didn't really want to go far, far off," he said. "It helps out with my job. I can come here and still work."

Non-traditional students Michael and Katherine David of Vicksburg had double reason to celebrate at summer graduation. Both attended the Vicksburg-Warren Campus



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and received their associate's degree in nursing through Hinds' nationally acclaimed program.

Watching from the audience were their five children, ages 2-16. "We both wanted to have a little bit of further education and better jobs, but mostly to set a standard for our children," said Michael David, 34.

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Two new buildings will open soon on the Raymond Campus — a new band hall for the 200-piece Eagle marching band and Fountain Hall administration building.

The college is stepping up efforts to serve adults who need a GED through FastTrack classes and expanded testing dates. Hinds obtained a grant from the Dollar General to pay the \$40 testing fee.

For students seeking a bachelor's degree,

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Undergraduate Enrollment: 12,000

Annual Tuition and Fees: \$880

Annual on-campus room and board: \$800-\$1,000 per semester

Freshman applicants accepted: Open enrollment

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Average ACT: 16.5

Financial Aid: More than \$55 million

Percentage of Students with Financial Aid: 83 percent

Faculty-to-Student Ratio: 15.6

Popular Majors: Elementary education, nursing

Satellite/Annex Locations: Two locations in Jackson, Rankin, Raymond, Utica, Vicksburg-Warren

President: Dr. Clyde Muse

Director of Admissions: Ginger Turner

Hinds has two 2-plus-2 partnerships with universities — construction management technology through the University of Southern Mississippi and elementary education through Delta State University.

"I do think that (the 2-plus-2) is a good program. It kept me from having to move off," said Katy Prince, 24, of Byram, an elementary education major.

Hinds has easy access through two-week mini-terms, eight-week FastTrack schedules and steadily growing online classes. The college also has an international studies program, Honors forum, nursing at three locations and residence halls at Raymond and Utica.

"Hinds offers the traditional-aged college student the true collegiate experience, while the adult student will find convenient class times and a broad selection of programs," said Dr. Jay Allen, dean of Enrollment Services.