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CAMPUS:

Mississippi State University

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Mississippi State University covers some 4,200 acres and forms part of a close-knit community that is affectionately known as “Bulldog Country.” State also operates a campus in Meridian.

Southeastern Conference athletics frequently bring big crowds to the small City of Starkville, which also hosts internationally known performers and lecturers, community theatre a civic symphony and chorus, art exhibits and more than 300 student organizations.

In athletics, Mississippi State University offers something for everyone. Bulldogs compete in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track and field and volleyball.

Ever wonder why there are so many Mississippi State University fans? Well, the university has been around a long time. It was established in 1878 as the Agricultural and Mechanical College of the State of Mississippi to fulfill the mission of offering training in “agriculture, horticulture and the mechanical arts...without excluding other scientific and classical studies, including military tactics.”

The long, fancy name was shortened over the years as Mississippi State University significantly expanded its academic offerings. The agricultural component alone has grown to house the MAFES Plant Science Farm comprising 560 acres of land, 10 greenhouses and 43 structures, and the MAFES Animal Sciences Farm, which has 1,650 acres and 52 structures.

Mississippi State University is a comprehensive, doctoral-degree-granting university bustling with research, discovery and application of knowledge, and is known worldwide for its contributions to science and technology, particularly engineering.

Qualifying students may apply for financial aid through the MSU Promise Program. Scores of first-year students have received assistance through the privately funded initiative.

The university has adopted an honor

Mississippi State University, 1878

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Undergraduate Enrollment: (fall 2008)
(CDS section B1) 13,991

Graduate Enrollment: (fall 2008) (CDS section B1) 3,833

Annual Tuition & fees: (UG portion of this is from CDS G1) (in-state undergraduate=\$5,151; out-of-state undergraduate=\$12,501; in-state graduate=\$5,151; out-of-state graduate \$12,501)

Annual on-campus room & board:
average undergraduate \$7,333

Financial Aid: (CDS H1) \$31,278,127
Total Scholarships/Grants Need-based (include non-need-based aid used to meet need.)

Percentage of students with Financial Aid: (CDS H2) 64.0% ; Full-time Undergraduate (Incl. freshmen) On average, the percentage of need that was met of students who were awarded any need-based aid. Exclude any aid that was awarded in excess of need as well as any resources that

were awarded to replace EFC (PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans.)

Average ACT: 23.6

Freshman applicants accepted:

- Total first-year freshmen that applied: 7429
- Total first-year freshmen that were admitted: 4864
- Total first-year freshmen that enrolled: 2489
- Full-time first-time first-year freshmen enrollment: 2478

Application Deadline: (CDS C16)
Notifications to applicants of admission decision: On a rolling basis beginning Sept. 1.

Faculty-to-student Ratio: (CDS I2) 18 to 1

Popular Majors: Undergraduate: biological sciences; physical education; elementary education; geosciences; mechanical engineering — Graduate: business administration; geosciences; engineering; counselor education; PhD. in community college education

Current President: Dr. Mark Keenum
Director of Admissions: Dr. Phil Bonfanti

code designed to foster a campus culture of integrity and personal responsibility.

Young leaders at Mississippi State University may also participate in the G.V. “Sonny” Montgomery chapter of the Appalachian Leadership Honors Program.

Also on tap is “Young Guns.” Young Guns is a summer leadership camp for rising high school seniors. And, there is Day One, a program for freshmen that includes an hour-long leadership forum, service learning and mentoring.

“We’re proud of the academic programs at MSU and the dedication of the faculty and staff,” said Peter Rabideau, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Mississippi State University.

Some more recent physical improvements at the university include the

Zacharias Village, which features four state-of-the-art residence halls, Shackouls Honors College classrooms, meeting facilities and a coffee shop.

After being closed for more than a year for renovation, the new-look Colvard Student Union opened just last year. The facility features student-friendly spaces, offices, a convenience store and hair salon as well as a food court, complete with a Starbucks.

In addition, a new, 40,000-square-foot, \$11-million Agricultural and Biological Engineering building recently opened as well as a new, 18,000-square-foot university band and choral rehearsal hall.

Also on campus are the Chapel of Memories/Carillon Tower, Walk of Honor and galleries and museums.