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ALUMNI ADMISSION VOLUNTEER HANDBOOK

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Greetings Alumni!

This handbook will provide you with the structure of the Alumni Admission Volunteers program and be your guide for responsibilities of members and activities where you can help. In addition, we will provide you with an overview of the goals and objectives for the Millsaps College Office of Admission and a plan that allows you to use your volunteer time effectively.

The goal of the Alumni Volunteers program is to establish and enhance relationships between Millsaps alumni and prospective students and families. As the college admission process becomes more competitive, the need for a well-organized alumni network becomes increasingly critical. Millsaps relies on Alumni Volunteers to aid in the personalization of the admission process for both students and parents.

As an Alumni Volunteer, we hope you'll engage with students and families through various recruitment activities: reaching out via email, phone, and in-person meetings, attending large and small group events, and perhaps attending college night programs at high schools in your hometown or region. **We recognize that there are situations when you will not know the answer to students' questions. When you do not know the answer, please direct the students to the admission office for a satisfactory response if the answer cannot be found in the Alumni Volunteer Handbook.**

As alumni admission coordinators, we want to arm you with information pertaining to enrollment goals of the College, curriculum and program development, application, admission and financial aid, admission staff travel territories, and fast facts about the College. The information provided by the coordinators in this document should give you with the necessary resources to successfully represent Millsaps College as an Alumni Volunteer.

Thanks for your continuous support and dedication to Millsaps College, and please contact us with your ideas for improvement and questions for clarification!

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Dr. Rob Alexander, *Vice President for Enrollment and Communications*

Alumni Admission Volunteers Code of Ethics and Conditions of Membership

The Office of Admission has established the following guidelines in conjunction with Millsaps' enrollment goals. The role of the division of enrollment and communication is to tell the Millsaps story. Success depends on individuals working as a team toward a common purpose.

Enrollment Office Mission Statement: *Counsel, recruit, and enroll diverse and qualified students who fulfill divisional goals and contribute to the long-term success of the student and the institution. We will achieve this mission with integrity, transparency, and an understanding of our responsibility to educate families on the entire college enrollment process.*

Enrollment Office Customer Service Standards

We are responsible to our customers, including the Millsaps student body, our faculty and staff colleagues, business partners, secondary and college counselors, prospective students and their families, alumni, and community members. We are responsible for acting in the best interests of prospective students, Millsaps College and the admissions office at all times.

Alumni Volunteers must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Personal contact with prospective students and their families is exclusively for the purpose of discussing Millsaps College.
- Alumni Volunteers must not make any guarantees or promises regarding admission, scholarship, or financial aid decisions. **We recognize that there are situations when you will not know the answer to students' questions. When you do not know the answer or cannot find the answer in the Alumni Volunteer Handbook, please direct the students to the admission office for a satisfactory response.**
- As agents of Millsaps College, Alumni Volunteers are expected to refrain from discussing, or in any way disparaging, the quality of services offered by other colleges and universities with prospective students and families.
- Millsaps College is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity institution. Our policy of nondiscrimination extends to student and employee recruitment, retention, and promotion of the most qualified students, faculty, and staff regardless of race, sex, color, religion, national/ethnic origin, age, citizenship, marital status, sexual orientation, handicap, or veteran status. Millsaps does not discriminate against individuals in its provision of services and benefits.
- Alumni Volunteers may not profit from their activities by accepting gifts or payment from prospective students or their families.
- Confidential student and family information provided to Alumni Volunteers cannot be used in any way for solicitation. Any requests for use of student information must be submitted to the Office of Admission for approval.

Alumni Volunteer Activities

The three activities listed below are critical to the admission process. We hope that you will participate in at least one, if not all, of the following activities:

1. Attending admission receptions in the fall and spring
2. Representing Millsaps at college fairs not covered by College staff
3. Telephone, email, or personal contact with prospective students and parents

A more detailed explanation of the above listed activities follows.

Admission Receptions

Fall Programs

Millsaps admission representatives travel across the Gulf South Region each fall, and invite prospective Millsaps students (juniors and seniors in high school) and their families to attend and learn more about Millsaps College. The program includes a presentation by the admission representative, a question and answer session, and an introduction of present alumni. Alumni Volunteers contribute invaluable by sharing their Millsaps experiences with attendees briefly prior to the conclusion of the program. Alumni representation at admission receptions allows prospective students to see the success of our graduates, and the sense of community that is available after graduation. Alumni Volunteers have also proven to be a big help by assisting the admission representative with registration of visitors before the program begins.

Spring Programs

Spring admission receptions are held during the month of March for high school seniors who have been admitted to Millsaps.

Some Alumni Volunteers may host events for students and their families in their homes. If you would be interested in hosting an event in your home, place of business, or local event space, please let us know.

Summer Programs

Summer Send Off parties are events for students who have decided to attend Millsaps College, and provide networking opportunities for students, parents, and alumni in a particular region to get to know one another.

College Fairs

Other activities that require fall, spring, and occasionally summer participation are college fair programs. Individual schools, school districts, and independent academic organizations host college fairs as a way for high school students to gather a wealth of information about different colleges and universities and to meet college representatives all in one location. The fairs typically provide each college with a table to display and hand out brochures, as students travel from table to table visiting those colleges in which they have an interest. These programs range from 1 to 4 hours (the majority around 2 hours) and may be held at a school, a library, a convention center, a mall, or a number of other venues.

Millsaps annually receives hundreds of invitations to attend these programs. Admission representatives attend as many as possible; however, the limitations of our recruitment staff leave many fairs without an available Millsaps staff member assigned. The Alumni Admission Volunteer website, www.millsaps.edu/aav, maintains a listing of all college fairs that we invite alumni to serve as the Millsaps representative. Alumni Volunteers will receive notifications and reminders of the posted fair list via email and the semi-annual Alumni Volunteer e-news bulletin. If you would like to represent Millsaps at a listed fair, you may send an email to robert.alexander@Millsaps.edu, and the Alumni Volunteer coordinators will RSVP you and Millsaps for the event and arrange for a box of Millsaps materials (typically admission and financial aid literature, information request cards, pens, a Millsaps banner, a catalog, admission viewbook, and a plastic table cloth), including a copy of the fair invitation, to be mailed to you prior to the fair date.

When attending a college fair, students typically ask college representatives about different programs of study, curriculum requirements, diversity of the student body, admission and financial aid facts, and the campus size and location. **We recognize that there are situations when you will not know the answer to students' questions. When you do not know the answer, please direct the students to the admission office for a satisfactory response if the answer cannot be found in the Alumni Volunteer Handbook.** However, one of the more important aspects of representing Millsaps at the college fairs is encouraging students to complete the student information cards included in the box of Millsaps fair materials. Students may complete these cards at the Millsaps table and leave them with the Millsaps Alumni Volunteer member, who mails the completed cards along with the fair evaluation form to the Admission Office. We will then input the student's information into our student system, and include the student in subsequent Millsaps mailings.

Below is a list of tips when attending college fairs:

1. Bring a copy of the fair invitation that will have the date, time, location, and directions, as well as a contact name for the program.
2. Arrive early. You may need to check in with the fair coordinator, who will direct you to the Millsaps table to set up the materials.
3. Stay behind your table to allow foot traffic to flow freely through the fair.
4. Please do not leave a college fair early.
5. You may send feedback regarding the event to robert.alexander@millsaps.edu.

Awards Presentations

Some high schools host events where graduating seniors are presented with awards or scholarships from the colleges to which they applied. Often, Millsaps admission staff cannot attend all of these events, and call upon alumni admission volunteers to represent the college at a school in their local community. These events are great ways to highlight the caliber of students that Millsaps attracts and showcase our outstanding alumni in their home town/region.

Telephone, Email, or Personal Contact with Students

Millsaps College does not require interviews to complete the admission process. Nevertheless, many students contact the Admission Office to request informal meetings with local alumni representatives to learn more about Millsaps College. In these cases, the Alumni Volunteer coordinators will contact you first for consent, and then provide the student with your contact information. Following your contact with a student, please provide a summary of the meeting by email to admissions@millsaps.edu (attn: Alumni Volunteer). Also, please encourage students to visit our campus.

Note: If you have any changes to your address, telephone number, or other information, please let us know at admissions@millsaps.edu.

The Admission Cycle

Students pass through many phases during the admission process. Admission travel, publication distribution, admission receptions, and on-campus programs are coordinated around these phases. Increasing Millsaps' enrollment means managing the transition points effectively at each stage to deepen the student/family's relationship with Millsaps.

Of all the **PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS** in the country, Millsaps selectively targets those in our region with high academic qualifications, purchases their names and contact information, and deploys electronic and paper mailings in a process called student search. An **INQUIRY** is defined as a student who has requested information from Millsaps or responded to a student search communication we sent, but has not yet decided to apply. The student is in the process of determining to which schools he or she will apply. High on their list of issues is the academic reputation, location, size, the cost or value of a Millsaps College education, and availability of scholarships.

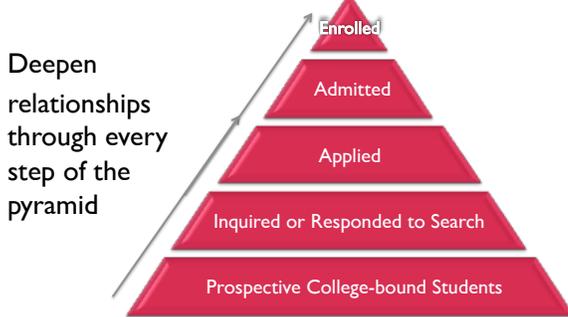
A student is considered an **APPLICANT** if he/she submits a completed application to Millsaps College. Applications may be submitted at any time during the student's senior year before February 1. Application files are considered complete when we receive the student's portion, the high school transcript (and any associated transcripts from college, summer, or dual enrollment coursework), the student's official ACT or SAT scores, and a recommendation from the school counselor.

Application files will be reviewed as soon as they are complete (see above), and a decision communicated immediately via email and paper mail. An **ADMITTED** student is one who has been offered admission to Millsaps College. Typically, students and parents will visit campus after receiving the notification of admission. Students have until the May 1 confirmation deadline to inform Millsaps whether they choose to enroll or to attend another institution.

An **ENROLLED** student has submitted their commitment deposit, intent to enroll form (online), housing contract (online), and acceptance of financial aid (if applicable) by May 1.

Increasing enrollment =

Managing transition points



Admission and Scholarship Deadlines

Early Action

Early Action is a non-binding admission option that allows first-year students to receive early notification of the Millsaps admission decision, while not having to let the college know of their decision until May 1. Students accepted under the Early Action option are free to apply to other schools. Under Early Action, students must apply and submit all supporting documents by November 15. Admitted students will be notified no later than January 15. Admitted students may submit their enrollment deposit at any time until the Candidate's Reply Date of May 1.

Regular Decision

First-year students who select this option should apply and submit all supporting documents by February 1 for the fall semester. Admission and scholarship notification will be mailed no later than April 1. Students will have until May 1 to pay their enrollment deposit indicating their commitment to attend Millsaps.

Admission Deadlines and Notification

	Application Deadlines	Notification No Later Than	Deposit Deadline
Early Action	November 15	January 15	May 1
Regular Decision (fall enrollment)	February 1	March 15	May 1
Regular Decision (spring enrollment)	November 1	December 1	December 15

Financial Aid Deadlines and Notification

	Application Available	Application Deadline	Notification Mailed
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	October 1	March 1	April 1

The Application Process

As an Alumni Volunteer, you will receive a number of publications each year updating you on Millsaps College, admission criteria, admission deadlines, and scholarship and financial aid opportunities.

Applicants to Millsaps College can apply online at our website, www.millsaps.edu using either our own institutional application or the Common Application (<http://www.commonapp.org>) which allows them to apply to multiple institutions simultaneously. Students are reviewed in the same manner whether they submit the Common Application or the Millsaps application. You may hear from some students that they received a special invitation to apply using the Major Opportunity Application, which is a marketing effort to demonstrate our enthusiastic interest in the students on our inquiry list, and motivate them to apply with no application fee, the promise of a fast admission decision process, and automatic scholarship consideration (all of these benefits hold true for any applicant, no matter which application method they use, but the Major Opportunity Application is marketed and celebrated in communications with those students on our inquiry list).

The Evaluation Process

- **High School Record:** The record includes the quality of the high school, strength of the curriculum taken, competitiveness of the graduating class, GPA (overall and academic classes only = English, math, science, social science, and foreign language), and class rank (if available). GPA and class rank are generally provided on the student's transcript, along with a listing of the courses that the student has completed and the grade for each course.

A number of students and parents ask, "How do you know if my son or daughter's classes are weighted and the strength of their high school program?" Millsaps College representatives visit hundreds of high schools each year, and have established relationships with counselors ensuring familiarity with the quality of each school. Additionally, counselors submit high school profile forms with each student's application detailing the curriculum and resources available and the academic profile of its students.

- **Standardized Test Scores:** Millsaps requires either ACT or SAT test scores. Students are not penalized for taking the ACT or SAT more than once. Millsaps will accept the highest combined scores from different test dates (called a *superscore*). Standardized test scores must be submitted to Millsaps by the testing agency prior to admission deadline dates. SAT II tests are not required.
- **Recommendations:** The application requires one recommendation from the high school guidance counselor. However, students may not always have a familiar relationship with their counselor. Therefore, many applicants submit optional, additional recommendations from teachers, activity sponsors, or other persons with a familiar relationship to the applicant.
- **Extracurricular Activities, Honors, and Awards:** The application asks students to tell us about their involvement in extracurricular activities and their receipt of various honors and awards. Participation in student government, community service, part-time jobs, theatre, sports, etc., is relevant. The most efficient manner for a student to provide Millsaps and other colleges and universities with relevant activity information is by compiling a resume detailing all activities from 9th-12th grades. Students should include a brief description of their involvement with the activity as well as the average hours per week and weeks per year of participation.
- **Personal Statement:** Each applicant is required to submit a *personal statement* (we don't call it an *essay*, as we do not assign a particular topic, and students can write about whatever they wish). Students can use the personal statement as an opportunity to share more information that is not already contained in the application, which provides the admission representative with a more complete picture of the student. The personal statement is also reviewed for grammar and substantive content.

Admission Staff Geographic Recruitment Areas, 2017-18

Typically, the admission representative who travels to your area will initially evaluate the applications from that area as well. Below is a list of Admission staff names, titles, emails, and geographic recruitment areas.

Erin Gordon x1064

Travel: Metro Jackson Private Schools, Central/South MS including Vicksburg but not MS Gulf Coast and Transfer

Reading: Travel territory

Tye Menist x1043

Travel: North MS, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Monroe and Shreveport, LA

Reading: Travel territory

Lauren Barattini x1045

Travel: MS Gulf Coast, New Orleans and Northshore, LA, FL

Reading: Travel territory, West coast / West: CA, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA

Katelyn Murray x1257

Travel: Alabama, TN except Memphis area, GA

Reading: Travel territory and Midwest: IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, OK, SD, WI

Lena Young-Mathis x1051

Travel: Jackson Public Schools, Memphis, AR

Reading: Travel territory and AK, AZ, CO, DC, HI, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV, WY

Airriel O'Banner x1047

Travel: Texas

Reading: Travel territory and Northeast: CT, DE, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT

Austin Moore x1052

Travel: International

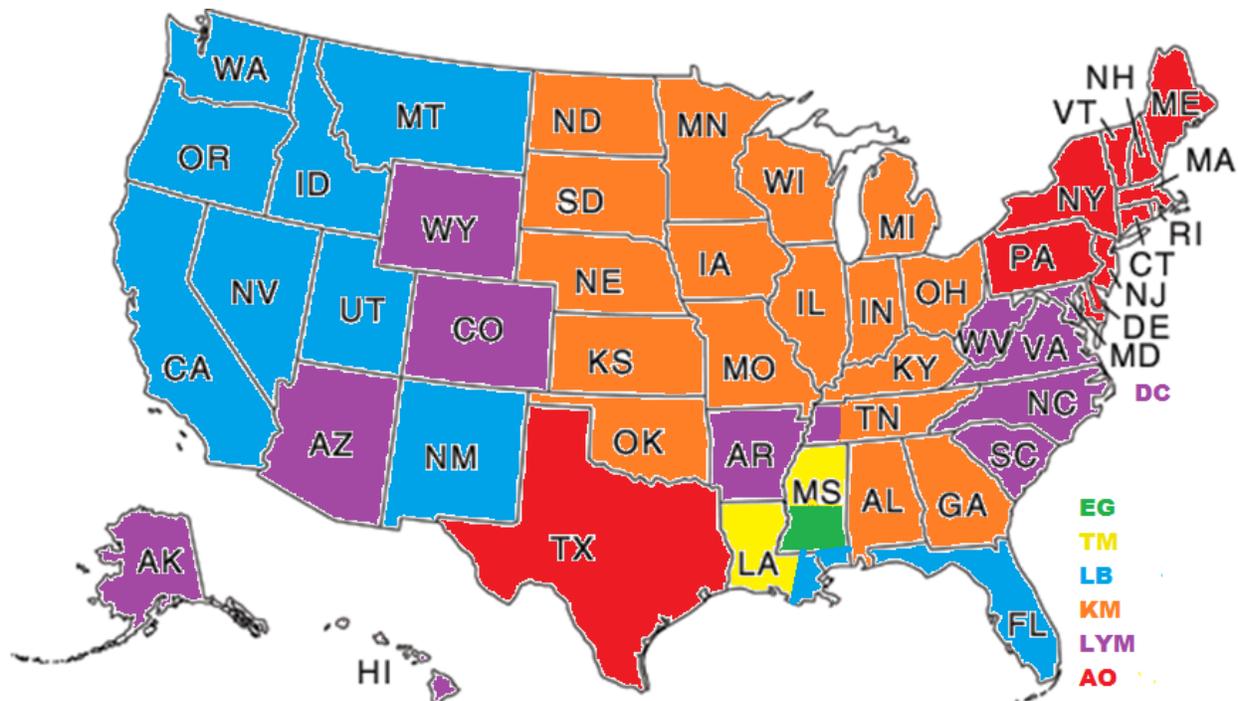
Reading: International

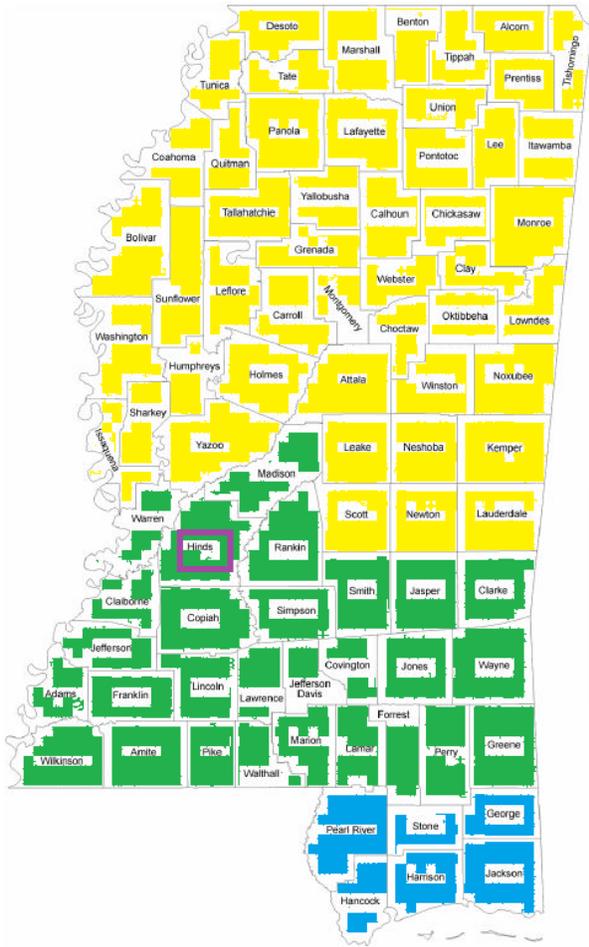
Molly West - Director of Admission x1063

Travel: International

Reading: Domestic and International Director Read, All unassigned

Melissa Meacham - Graduate Admissions (ELSE) x1256





Tye Menist - North MS

**Erin Gordon -
Central/South MS
Jackson Metro Private**

**Lena Young-Mathis -
Jackson Public Schools**

**Lauren Barattini -
MS Gulf Coast**

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

The information provided in the Alumni Volunteer Handbook should be used as a quick reference guide. If you have a chance, please review the handbook prior to attending a college night program.

As an Alumni Volunteer, you will receive the Admission Viewbook, one of the best reference guides available on Millsaps College, as well as other literature containing the latest information about Millsaps. Although our publications include detailed information about the College, we have highlighted appropriate responses on the next few pages to questions that parents and students will often ask throughout the admission process. If you have questions that are not addressed in the handbook or literature, or if you are uncertain of a response, please contact us at admissions@Millsaps.edu.

Where is Millsaps College?

When students and parents ask this question, they may want to also know about Millsaps' location relative to the region, the city of Jackson, and more about the College community.

- Millsaps College maintains a gorgeous and lush residential campus located in the heart of Jackson, the capital city of Mississippi.
- Millsaps fosters academic opportunities that take advantage of our location 1 mile north of the state Capitol with surrounding law and governmental offices, businesses, and museums, and just across the street from an extensive medical complex that includes the University of Mississippi Medical Center (medical, dental, and nursing schools) and extensive research and internship opportunities in health and natural sciences.
- The Belhaven neighborhood community bordering the east side of campus along North State Street boasts many of the most magnificent homes in the state, with a rich literary and artistic heritage including the Eudora Welty Home and Museum.
- The Midtown neighborhood on the west side of campus is an underserved but up-and-coming area where Millsaps students participate in community-engaged learning projects including with local businesses, non-profits, community gardens and elementary schools.
- Millsaps students spend most of their time in the Fondren neighborhood just north of campus, full of locally owned shops, restaurants, coffee shops, and bars (for those of legal drinking age). Within a 15-minute drive, students can shop at metro Jackson's new Whole Foods Market, Anthropologie, Apple Store, Barnes and Noble, or Coach, Cole-Haan, and Saks outlet stores.

What is Millsaps' endowment?

Over \$100,000,000.00

What is the current total enrollment?

Millsaps College enrolls just under 1,000 students. 80% of students live on campus.

Where do students come from?

More than two-thirds of Millsaps students come from out-of-state, with more than 25 U.S. states and 29 foreign countries represented among the student body.

What is the student/faculty ratio and average class size?

The student/faculty ratio is 9/1; average class size is 14 students.

Who are the faculty?

Millsaps College has approximately 100 faculty members, 95 percent of whom have the highest degree in their field, and who choose to teach at Millsaps because they can engage and mentor undergraduate students, rather than focus exclusively on research with their graduate students.

Is Millsaps a religious institution?

Millsaps College is a United Methodist-affiliated institution, which means that we are committed to the holistic growth of students in both mind and spirit. In order to provide the finest intellectual preparation, academic subjects are not limited by religious or confessional requirements. It also means that we seek ways to help students grow in their faith, but there is not a particular faith expression that is imposed on all students or a set of beliefs to which they must ascribe in order to attend our institution.

At Millsaps College, student religious life reflects the diversity of our student body and community beyond our gates. Christian students might find a home in one of several campus groups including: Catholic Student Association, Canterbury Club (Episcopal), Wesley Connexion (United Methodist), Fellowship of Christian Athletes, or Millsaps Christian Fellowship (Presbyterian Church in America). Students of other faiths are supported by the Jewish Cultural Organization, Muslim Student Association, or Millsaps Masala. There is also a group for students who are secular in their worldview. The Chaplain's Office also maintains relationships with faith communities beyond campus to ensure that students are able to be nurtured in their faith through worship and study, receive pastoral care and support, and mark significant religious holidays. Students may also work with Millsaps Better Together, an organization connected to Interfaith Youth Core, dedicated to educating about faith differences, facilitating conversations among people of faith, and creating opportunities for people of faith to take positive action together in their community.

This diverse student religious community enables students to explore and grow in their own faith, to learn from the wisdom of other faiths, and to engage the social issues confronting the world from the perspective of faith. These experiences enrich our community, enhance the academic program of the College, and prepare our students for work and life in an increasingly diverse social, political, and economic world.

The Director of Religious Life, Ann Phelps, is glad to meet with prospective students when they are on campus or to call on the phone to answer questions.

What was the most recent acceptance rate?

58%

What are the minimum requirements for admission?

Millsaps does not have minimum admission requirements. However, the average ACT score for entering freshman is a 27. The ACT range for the middle 50 percent of entering freshman is 25-28. The median grade point average for entering freshman at Millsaps is generally 3.6, but depends on the quality of the high school and the strength of the curriculum selected by the student.

What information is evaluated in the application review process?

The admission committee evaluates standardized test scores, the high school transcript, a personal statement, extracurricular activities, and a guidance counselor recommendation. When evaluating the high school transcript, the admission committee evaluates the quality of the high school, the rigor of the student's curriculum (i.e., Advanced Placement, IB, and Honors courses), the breadth and depth of coursework, and overall performance. Additionally, in the space provided on the application or in an attached resume, students should list their extracurricular activities including leadership positions, community service, athletics, work experience, etc. Students are required to submit one recommendation from a guidance counselor; however, the admission committee welcomes additional recommendations from other school officials, advisors, community leaders, coaches, or employers.

Are interviews required for admission?

Interviews are not an evaluative factor in the admission process, and are therefore not required. However, we offer students the opportunity to speak with an admission counselor during campus visits or through telephone conferences. Unofficial interviews offer students the opportunity to ask questions and express their sincere interest in the College. Please remind students that the Admission Office offers campus tours and information sessions with an admission counselor Monday through Friday, and selected Saturdays at 9am (please contact the Office of Admission for Saturday tour dates). In addition, Millsaps invites families to special on-campus events that provide more in-depth information about the College.

How important is the alumni interview?

Alumni interviews are not required. However, we support alumni/prospective student meetings because alumni provide first-hand knowledge of the Millsaps College experience. Alumni Volunteers may provide the Alumni Volunteer Coordinators with documentation of all student meetings. Although we do not require interviews, the information you gain from your meeting can provide us with additional information for the review process.

How much is tuition?

For the 2017–2018 academic year, the total cost of full-time attendance for undergraduates is estimated to be \$55,322 for full-time undergraduate students. Those figures include the standards of tuition, fees, room, board, books and supplies, transportation, and a small allowance for miscellaneous expenses. However, keep in mind that very few students pay the full cost, thanks to our extensive financial aid programs. The average Millsaps family pays about \$24,000 for each year of education, which can be less expensive than the total cost of educational and living expenses at state colleges, particularly when time-to-degree is considered, including lost wages when a student takes more than 4 years to get the classes they need, graduate, and enter the workforce.

How many students receive scholarships?

Nearly 90% of Millsaps students receive some form of financial aid or scholarships. For students demonstrating financial need, the average package exceeds \$30,000 per year.

What types of scholarships does Millsaps College offer?

All admitted undergraduates will be considered for merit scholarships, based on the criteria below. Additionally, students wishing to apply for need-based financial aid should submit the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#).

The following information will be publicized and promoted regarding general new freshmen merit scholarship awarding:

We know that planning and paying for college can be confusing, so we want to help you understand Millsaps' **simplified scholarship selection system**. While every applicant is reviewed individually and our applicant pools are increasingly competitive, the table below allows you to use your highest reported GPA and highest super-scored ACT (or SAT) score to estimate your merit scholarship range. The final award will be determined by additional criteria such as the rigor of a student's academic program and high school curriculum, leadership, extracurricular involvement, letters of recommendation, alumni/legacy relationships, institutional fit and demonstrated interest. High school grades/transcripts submitted at the time of the student's application will be utilized for holistic admission and scholarship review; subsequent increases in grades or GPA will only be used for students initially deferred or wait listed. Students may submit higher standardized test scores and request a re-review of their scholarship decision; the last testing dates considered for Millsaps' scholarship review are the February ACT and/or SAT. *Students interested in consideration for need-based financial aid must submit the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#).*

	ACT	Under 21	21-24	25-31	32-36
	New SAT	Under 1060	1060-1190	1200-1440	1450-1600
GPA	4.00+	Considered for institutional awards on an individual student basis	\$28,000	\$30,000	\$33,000
	3.95		\$28,000	\$28,000	\$30,000
	3.75		\$27,000	\$28,000	\$28,000
	3.50		\$27,000	\$28,000	\$28,000
	3.00		\$20,000	\$27,000	\$27,000
	Under 3.00		Considered for institutional awards on an individual student basis		
	In addition to the merit scholarships listed above, all students may receive additional need-based grants, state, and/or federal financial aid.				

Special Scholarships

Some scholarships may be awarded to students with specific talents, backgrounds, or interests. If an admitted student is eligible to be considered for multiple awards, the student will receive the award with the highest monetary value.

Presidential Scholars of Distinction Program

While all of Millsaps is equivalent to what state schools would call "honors colleges," this new program segments the top 10% of admitted students into a cohort of Millsaps Presidential Scholars of Distinction. Our hope is that, in addition to the scholarship dollars we offer this group, offering them some additional experiential components could help us enroll more high-ability students. We are planning a special visit program for these students and their parents which will coincide with the Honors Project presentations, as a way of demonstrating what our top students do in conjunction with faculty mentors. It seems to me a win-win, likely tracking more and better students into Millsaps AND toward Ford Fellows and Honors Projects. The goal of this program is to showcase academics at Millsaps at its finest.

Millsaps Legacy Scholarship

Millsaps values its legacy students who carry on a family tradition of attending the College. Any student who accurately indicates on his or her application for admission that their brother, sister, parent or grandparent, is an alumnus of the College will be awarded a Legacy scholarship, up to \$1,000.

Scouting Scholarships

Eagle Scouts and Girl Scout Gold Award recipients admitted to Millsaps College as entering freshmen will receive a minimum total scholarship package of \$60,000 (\$15,000 per year, renewable all four year), in recognition of their leadership, academic and extracurricular achievements.

What degree programs are offered at Millsaps?

Millsaps offers undergraduate students Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Business Administration degrees; with additional study, students can earn Master of Business Administration and Master of Accountancy degrees. The most popular programs include Business, Psychology and Pre-Health Sciences.

A major at Millsaps is a specialized course of study required of all students, offering the opportunity to focus in depth on a particular discipline. It usually consists of 32-48 hours of course work specified by a particular department, in addition to the prescribed work for the degree. For more information on degree requirements, prospective students should review the [Millsaps College Catalog](#).

Specific requirements for a major can be found under the appropriate department of instruction. Students may major in a subject only with the consent of the department chair. They are expected to declare a major by the end of the sophomore year. All work to be applied toward the major must be approved in advance by the department chair.

A student may have more than one major by completing all of the requirements in the departments involved.

Majors Available at Millsaps

Accounting	Environmental Science	Philosophy/Religious Studies
Art History	European Studies	Studies
Art Studio Art	Geology	Physics
Biochemistry	Geophysics	Political Science
Biology	History	Psychology
Business Administration	Latin American Studies	Religious Studies
Chemistry	Mathematics	Sociology/Anthropology
Classical Studies	Mathematics - Applied	Self-Designed Major
Communication Studies	Mathematics	Sociology/Anthropology
Creative Writing	Music	Spanish
Economics	Neuroscience and	
Education	Cognitive Studies	
English	Philosophy	

Most Majors are also available as Minors, along with other disciplines offer as Minors only. **Pre-professional programs** are offered in Pre-engineering, Pre-health, Pre-law, and Pre-ministerial studies.

The **Self-Designed Major** (SDM) is a customized major designed by a student working closely with appropriate faculty. The curricular, instructional, and administrative framework for the pursuit of an SDM is not, by contrast with that of standard majors, already in place. It must be constructed by a special effort. Although members of the faculty and administration of the College stand ready to help the student at many points along the way, the initiative for this special effort lies with the student. Consequently, a higher degree of self-motivation may be demanded of a person desiring an SDM than those traveling established routes to graduation.

What is the undergraduate core curriculum?

Millsaps' Compass Curriculum is a **four-year path to graduation**, designed to clarify, pursue, measure, and articulate what our students know and can do as a result of their educational experience at Millsaps.

"The Compass Curriculum guarantees that half of the courses in Millsaps students' freshmen year will have 15 students max- there's no other college of our caliber that can claim that level of personal interaction with professors in the first year!"

-Academic Dean Keith Dunn

What will you experience through Millsaps' Compass Curriculum?

Our Human Heritage

A year-long course taken during the first year, *Our Human Heritage* is a humanities-based, interdisciplinary exploration of human experience and world cultures throughout history that considers intellectual development, artistic expression, and social and cultural evolution, from

pre-history until the present. The course will develop skills for seeking, understanding, and interpreting cultural phenomena across numerous human contexts.

Ventures

Offered in the fall semester, *Ventures* courses explore a problem or tightly focused set of problems. You will investigate relevant issues from multiple perspectives and propose possibilities for resolution, engaging in project-based work, collaborative learning, creative risk-taking, and adaptive strategies for problem solving. Course topics will be diverse and from a variety of disciplines.

- This course offers an exciting opportunity for you to engage directly with faculty who will introduce you to a process of learning that leads to the development of problem solving, collaborative, communication, and creativity skills necessary for the development of critical thinkers.
- You will grapple with issues that have ethical, aesthetic, scientific, economic, or political impact today. You are expected, and will be empowered, to take on a decisive role in the classroom while learning to work with and respect multiple points of evidence and perspectives.

Examples include:

- Does Religion belong in the Hospital?
- What does Heritage have to do with History?
- Can I still eat it? Does the 5-second rule work?
- Will Zombies Rule the Planet? Problem-solving in Biochemistry
- How Much is a Job Worth?

Connections

In the spring semester, you will focus on development of communications skills through the *Connections* courses. These courses are complementary to the distinctive goals of *Our Human Heritage*, which constructs a large-scale historical framework by examining multiple historical contexts and drawing on multiple humanities disciplines. The *Connections* courses address a specific topic situated within a single humanities discipline and in the topic's historical context. You will create formal and informal communication products that demonstrate critical listening, reading, and, where appropriate, aural and visual comprehension of course material.

Examples include:

- Jesus, Kanye, and the Colonial Press: Selling Jesus in America Since the 17th Century
- Redemption of Reality? The Force of Cinema
- *Mansfield Park* and the Trouble of Faithful Adaptation
- The Pentecostal Explosion: A 20th Century Global Phenomenon
- Sartre's *No Exit* and Camus' *The Misunderstanding*: Divine Damnation or Self-Determined Destiny?

Explorations

Through the *Compass Curriculum*, you will explore several knowledge domains during your time at Millsaps. The *Explorations* components of the *Compass Curriculum* include:

- **Business** – You will gain fundamental business knowledge, skills to understand the logic of the marketplace, and the capacities of organizations and organizational leaders to affect human life across the street and around the globe.

- **Fine Arts** – You will explore the aesthetic dimension of human life through artistic expression, performance, and/or discernment.
- **Mathematics** – You will study and solve pure and applied mathematical problems from both visual and analytic perspectives.
- **The Natural World** – You will learn, use, and interpret scientific knowledge of the natural world through experimentation with, and observation of, its processes and relationships.
- **The Social World** – You will build an academic and intellectual foundation for understanding and/or engaging in diverse social settings, and for reflecting critically on social and cultural phenomena.
- **Non-native Languages** – You will engage language as a vital means to understanding other cultures, literatures, historical perspectives, and human experiences, and will become more aware of your own native language and culture to enhance communication, reasoning and thinking skills.
- **Science, Technology, Engineering and Math** – You will develop skills to evaluate new situations, new phenomena, and new data.

The Major Experience

The *Compass Curriculum* is designed to lead you to a specific and common destination, known as *The Major Experience*. You will complete a capstone learning experience directly connected with Millsaps’ vision of producing transformative leaders who will have positive impacts “across the street and around the globe” through an experience on, or beyond, the Millsaps campus. This experience will normally be fulfilled as an upper-class student and must comprise the equivalent of 4 credit hours in one or more experiences.

Examples include:

- Study abroad
- Field-based course
- Community-engaged coursework
- Undergraduate research
- Honors project
- Ford Fellowship
- Internship with reflective component

What programs are offered through the Else School of Management?

The Else School of Management offers [undergraduate degree programs](#) that lead to a B.B.A. degree with majors in accounting or in business administration, as well as to B.A. or B.S. degrees with a major in economics.

The Else School also offers two graduate degrees: [Master of Business Administration \(M.B.A.\)](#) and [Master of Accountancy \(M.Acc.\)](#). The M.B.A. degree may be completed in one year beyond the bachelor's degree for students who have completed the B.B.A. program at Millsaps or at any other AACSB International accredited institution, as well as for non-business students who complete some additional requirements. The M.Acc. degree generally requires one additional year of study beyond the B.B.A. for students who have majored in accounting and wish to complete the educational requirements to take the CPA examination.

Additionally, the Else School offers an [Executive MBA](#) program for mid- to high-level managers or executives who are typically on track to advance into senior leadership.

The business programs offered by the Else School of Management at Millsaps College are [accredited by the prestigious AACSB International](#) and have been recognized for the past two years as a top tier business school and a global super-MBA program by CEO Magazine.

What pre-professional programs are available?

Pre-professional programs are not majors in and of themselves, but can be combined with any Millsaps major.

Pre-Med

- Millsaps med school admission rates are double the national average.
- Millsaps graduates have enrolled in large numbers at the following medical schools: UMMC (the University of Mississippi Medical Center, just across the street from Millsaps in Jackson), Tulane University, Emory University, University of Alabama, LSU, Vanderbilt University, University of Texas, Washington University in St. Louis.
- Millsaps graduates represent the largest group of medical students at UMMC, as a percentage of undergraduate population—4 times the per-capita representation of Ole Miss, Mississippi State, or Mississippi College.
- Millsaps' pre-med advisors and advisory board (alumni physicians from across the nation) work to help our students prepare for success in med school admission and in their medical careers.
- Millsaps professors help place students in prestigious research and clinical internships with five partner hospitals located adjacent to our campus in Jackson, and around the country during summers.

Millsaps' **Medical Mentoring Program** pairs current undergraduates with medical professionals, many of whom are Millsaps alumni, for a semester-long experience. Millsaps' rigorous curriculum prepares students for entry into medical school. Millsaps provides a [Pre-Health Advisory Committee](#) that guides the students through each year's responsibilities, sponsors seminars with key personnel from the health-related schools, provides mock interviews, and more. Mentorships, internships, and fellowships are available and encouraged. The Pre-Health honorary, [Alpha Epsilon Delta](#), sponsors programs with admissions officers and practitioners in these professions. Small class sizes provide close professor/student interactions. Millsaps faculty provide research opportunities ranging from drug separations and cancer research to polymers and nanotechnology.

Students interested in applying to **nursing school** have several options for their college education in preparation for a career in nursing. Most nursing programs have similar prerequisites they expect all applicants to have completed before applying for a program of professional study in nursing, including some social science, mathematics, English composition, biology and chemistry. Most of these have equivalent courses at Millsaps. It is a good idea to check the prerequisites specified by each school to which you intend to apply.

Millsaps has worked out specific articulation agreements with two schools of nursing. Find out more about these programs:

- [2 + 2 Early Entry Program and 3 + 2 Early Entry Program at University of Mississippi Medical Center \(UMC\)](#)
- [4 + 2 year Bachelor of Science/Master of Science in Nursing Program at Vanderbilt University Nursing Program](#)

Pre-Law

On average, more than 10% of Millsaps graduates attend law school. The active Millsaps Pre-Law Program and its Mock Trial Team meet regularly under the advisement of Professor Harvey Fiser. These programs host an annual Law School Forum, one of the largest in the southeast, regularly attended by 15-20 law school recruiters from around the country.

Millsaps students who sat for the LSAT in 2013-14 scored three points above the LSAT national average, and approximately 94% of Millsaps applicants were accepted to at least one graduate law program. Each year, Millsaps sends numerous students to our regional public and private law schools. In addition, Millsaps students are admitted to some of the country's most prestigious law schools, including Yale, Harvard, University of Virginia, Georgetown, Duke, University of Pennsylvania, Washington and Lee, William and Mary, University of Texas, and University of Tennessee.

Approximately 90% of Millsaps applicants are accepted to at least one graduate law program, and Millsaps students who sat for the LSAT in 2011-12, on average, scored three points above the national average. More than 10% of Millsaps students are currently in the legal studies program and attend graduate studies in law. Pre-law is not a major in itself, but is combined with any Millsaps major. Millsaps students enter law school after majoring in areas as diverse as accounting, biology, business administration, communications, English, philosophy, political science, and a wide variety of other interests and majors. Courses in business law, civil rights, constitutional law, and neuroscience and law are available for undergraduates to help them discover if they are interested in pursuing a legal career, and to help them prepare for law school.

Law schools prize the ability to think and analyze critically and to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing - skills developed by every major program that we offer. Students also benefit from the individualized guidance provided by our pre-law advisor, who helps interested students navigate the application process. Many law-related internships are available in Jackson, the seat of Mississippi state government, and give Millsaps students an additional edge in their professional preparation.

The Pre-Law Association meets regularly under the advisement of Professor Harvey Fiser and hosts an annual Law School Forum, one of the largest in the southeast, regularly attended by 15-20 law school recruiters from around the country. Each year, Millsaps sends numerous students to our regional public and private law schools in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama. In addition, Millsaps students have recently been admitted to prestigious law schools around the country, including Yale, Harvard, University of Virginia, Columbia University, University of

Pennsylvania, Vanderbilt, American University, University of Texas, and University of Tennessee.

Many pre-law students are also engaged with the Millsaps Mock Trial Team, which has grown to one of the largest programs in the southeast. From its own historic [Mock Trial Courtroom](#) on campus, the Mock Trial Team begins each season in August and competes through the spring semester. The team has won numerous awards over the past several years including best attorney awards, best witness awards, and top rankings in regional competitions earning a bid to the opening rounds of the American Mock Trial Association national competition.

For students who are planning to attend law school or who are considering if the legal field is for them, Millsaps has a comprehensive program that allows you to explore your interest in the legal field and provides the critical thinking, writing, communications and legal skills to best prepare for a successful career in law.

The **Pre-Engineering program** offers students opportunities to combine our excellent broad-based college education with specialized engineering studies at major universities. Millsaps has developed several cooperative programs with Auburn, Columbia, and Vanderbilt universities that provide a wide variety of engineering options in any area of specialization, ranging from aerospace, chemical, civil, industrial, and mechanical engineering to biological, metallurgical, and mineral engineering. Students can choose from among 3-2 BS programs, 4-2 BS and MS programs and 3-3 BS/MS and BS/MBA programs. The Millsaps pre-engineering advisor helps students to craft courses of study that exactly fits their interests and specific program requirements.

The **Pre-Ministerial program** supports Millsaps' affiliation with the Methodist Church since its founding in 1890. In that time, Millsaps has educated generations of church leaders through its pre-ministerial program. In fact, it's produced more United Methodist bishops than any other college or university in the country. The College is distinguished by a core curriculum infused with a spirit of philosophical and religious inquiry, and aims for students to emerge from Millsaps with renewed and re-affirmed spiritual beliefs. Guided by the faculty of religious studies and the College chaplain, students can customize any major with the proper courses in religion, philosophy, and the social and behavioral sciences that provide a firm foundation for professional study in a theological seminary.

What is Millsaps Retention Rate?

The average retention rate hovers around 80%

Does Millsaps offer opportunities to study abroad?

A valid passport and sturdy luggage are great things to have at Millsaps, where more than 40 percent of students spend time abroad. Our unique study abroad programs are designed by Millsaps faculty to meet the needs and interests of Millsaps students, while also fulfilling credit hours within a variety of disciplines.

From religious research in Israel to cultural studies in Vietnam to language classes in France, study abroad provides students with a powerful tool for understanding and appreciating our

complex world. Millsaps also participates in semester and yearlong direct exchange programs, most recently in Japan, Liechtenstein, and Northern Ireland.

Millsaps operates 3 facilities in the heart of the Yucatán peninsula in Mexico, including a 4,000-acre tropical forest biocultural reserve with ancient Mayan ruins. Our distinctive *Living in Yucatán* program offers semester-long programs and shorter, summer courses in the study of archaeology, business, ecology, education, geology, history, literature, and sociocultural anthropology.

Additionally, Millsaps faculty have taught summer classes throughout Europe annually for over 25 years. Currently, students who enroll in these faculty-lead classes travel in the cities of London, Florence, and Munich to study disciplines across anthropology, art history, business, economics, finance, marketing, philosophy, political science and psychology.

For a full list of Study Abroad opportunities and course descriptions (not to mention dozens of spectacular photos), check out the [Millsaps Study Abroad Programs Brochure](#).

What are the residence halls like at Millsaps?

80% of students live in Millsaps' residence halls—the center of campus life with easy access to their classes, the library, and extracurricular facilities. Residence halls are designed for traditional double style, apartment style, and suite style living. All rooms are designed for double occupancy, and each residence hall provides laundry facilities, snack machines, meeting space, and study areas for student use.

On move-in day for first year students, Millsaps upperclassmen, Foundations Leaders, and Resident Assistants are waiting in the lobbies to welcome you to the Millsaps Community and help students move into their new home. Resident Assistants are available on each hall to help students acclimate to college life through programming, community living tips, and simply to answer any number of questions a student might have.

Does Millsaps have fraternities and sororities?

Millsaps fraternity and sorority life is a thriving mix of social, academic, and service-oriented activities. There are four sorority and six fraternity chapters at Millsaps. The chapters are all members of well-established international Greek-letter organizations. Policies governing fraternity and sorority life are formulated through the Panhellenic and Interfraternity councils. Fraternity and sorority membership is available only to Millsaps College students.

Does Millsaps offer intercollegiate athletics?

Millsaps College believes in our "[scholar athletes](#)" who excel academically and athletically. Our athletes compete among 18 teams at the Division III level of the NCAA (in which no athletic scholarships are offered). For men, there's football, soccer, track & field, lacrosse, cross country, tennis, basketball, baseball, and golf; women can participate in volleyball, tennis, lacrosse, basketball, track & field, cross country, soccer, golf, and softball. Our teams of scholar athletes are not just competitive; they win championships on the field, regularly winning division championships and competing in post-season play.

How safe is Millsaps and Jackson?

Millsaps College takes a proactive approach in educating students about safety at Millsaps and in Jackson. For detailed safety statistics, please see the College web site at www.millsaps.edu.

During orientation, each student is required to attend the safety awareness program. This program provides students with helpful hints and recommendations about staying safe in the city.

Millsaps has a 24-hour security force that completes training with the Jackson Police Department. Millsaps College Officers patrol campus and the surrounding area on foot, in patrol cars, and on golf carts 24-hours a day. While rarely needed, the College provides a safety escort service for those students walking across campus late at night. There is also a blue-light phone system on campus for emergencies, and when activated an officer is dispatched immediately. All residence halls require students to use their Millsaps student ID to gain access and cannot be entered unless a student is a resident of the facility.

In accordance with federal law, Millsaps College and all higher education institutions publish a crime report annually, and this report is available online at www.millsaps.edu. Millsaps College Public Safety provides students with up-to-date, accurate information to ensure students remain safe when navigating the campus and city.

Fast Facts for recent incoming first-year classes:

- ~250 freshmen plus ~20 transfers
- Avg. ACT score: 27 / Avg. GPA: 3.66
- 49% Female/51% Male

What Makes Millsaps Distinctive?

Obviously, this list could be pages long, but selectively:

Academic strengths

- **Curriculum**
 - Breadth and depth through the Compass Curriculum
 - Gives students a clear, **guaranteed** 4-year path to graduation
 - All students take coursework in liberal arts and sciences, interdisciplinary humanities, and business
 - All students earn credits outside the traditional classroom
- **Relationships:** Engagement, rigor, and personal mentorship with top faculty
- Following in the Wesleyan tradition, Millsaps exists at the intersection of knowledge and vital piety, where students can explore and develop their intellect and their faith, while learning from the faiths of others

Outcomes

- Millsaps College has announced an initiative that **guarantees graduation in four years**, with some basic student responsibilities, or the College will waive tuition and fees on courses required to complete a bachelor's degree.
- Among 2016 graduates were a Rhodes Scholar and a Fulbright Scholar
- 95% of Millsaps graduates are employed or in graduate/professional school 6 months post-graduation
- Med School: Double the national average acceptance rate
- Law School: 90% admitted to at least one law school in their initial year of application

Value

- Millsaps boasts the highest graduation rate of any school in the MS and amongst the highest in the region and nation: Millsaps students earn their degree in 4 years, on average. For public colleges in MS, including Ole Miss, the average student takes 5 years. The same trends are evident in LA and TX.
- Public universities may cost less per year, but if it takes more than four years to get the classes needed to graduate, not only are students paying additional annual tuition, fees, room and board, but they are losing out on the salary they would have earned if they had entered the job market on time
- When you think of college costs as an investment, and consider time-to-graduation and starting salary, investing in a high quality college education makes more financial sense than choosing the least expensive option

Location and Campus (and Off-Campus) Environment

- Learn and engage *across the street* in the capital city, gaining practical experience and references through internship, research, volunteer and work opportunities
- Prepare for a global world- go *around the globe* through top-ranked study abroad programs

- Intellectual—national surveys prove that our students are more engaged and fulfilled with their academic experience than nearly any other college
- Fun—between Greek life, sports and clubs on campus, and the restaurants, galleries, music, and nightlife in the city of Jackson, Millsaps students work hard AND play hard.
- Safe—our beautiful residential campus is a relaxed and safe setting for our students to live and study. Millsaps’ safety statistics compare favorably to those of any campus located in cities across America.

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