

Hinds CC, MSU sign agreement for Bachelor of Applied Science degree

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Hinds Community College and Mississippi State University have agreed to formalize partnerships for students enrolled in technical education programs.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions sets guidelines to complete MSU's new Bachelor of Applied Science program, which clears a new pathway to advanced degrees for students in career and technical education.

"The idea of transferring technical credits toward a baccalaureate degree is unique and shows the kind of flexibility Mississippi State University has," Hinds President Dr. Clyde Muse said during a virtual signing ceremony. Muse and MSU President Dr. Mark Keenum sat in their respective executive office spaces and talked via video conference.

"We've had a number of these types of memorandums with Mississippi State, but in all these years we've never had a virtual signing," Muse



Pictured (l to r) are Terry Dale Cruse, associate vice president for MSU-Meridian Campus, Sherry Franklin, Dr. Chad Stocks, Dr. Keri Cole and Hinds President Dr. Clyde Muse.

said. "It's due to the great work of the people of both Hinds and Mississippi State University to put this together."

Effective January 1, the agreement allows for a directory of acceptable

technical courses delivered at Hinds which will apply to the new bachelor's program at MSU. An advisor is to be housed at the Hinds Raymond Campus and will be employed joint-

ly by the two institutions. Also, Hinds and the university's Meridian Campus will work together to provide classroom space to deliver synchronous online courses.

"For the first time ever in the state of Mississippi, one of our IHL institutions can now accept your graduates and accept all sixty of their hours – with forty-five of those being technical hours – and apply them toward a bachelor's degree," Keenum said during the ceremony.

MSU launched its Bachelor of Applied Science program in August, significantly expanding the university's acceptance of technical credit from community colleges and military training. It is intended to serve the needs of adults who have completed a technical associate degree program through a community college or the military and need additional education to advance their careers.

For more on the Bachelor of Applied Science program, visit msstate.edu/students/bachelor-of-applied-science.

CCA collects donations for Second Harvest



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The student body of Clinton Christian Academy recently donated 3,427 cans to Second Harvest Ministry, a ministry of Morrison Heights Baptist Church that helps people in the Clinton community in need. Mrs. Myers's junior class and Mrs. Abraham's second grade class brought in the most cans and went to Second Harvest to help stock the shelves and prepare bags. The project is one of many service projects in which CCA encourages students to participate.

Lovett Junior High students recognized for gratefulness



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Lovett Elementary School recently recognized students who won the character trait award for gratefulness. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Shruti Singh, Ethan Dodson, Carlos Barrientos, Jhayla Bradley and Nga Nguyen; middle row: Jenna Ward, Ava Grace Oswalt, Harmonii Forbes, Murphy Schoggen, John Mark O'Leary and Hayden Hunt; and back row: Mason Meeks, Edgerrin Washington, Jaiden Jefferson, Davon Merchant and Aiden McGloster.

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