

Mississippi College becomes Mississippi Christian University

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The state's oldest institution of higher learning, Mississippi College, recently officially changed its name to Mississippi Christian University.

MC President Blake Thompson said the university's new name is a strategic, forward-looking decision that better reflects the school's Christian mission, academic scope and long-term vision. The change comes during the university's celebration of its two hundredth anniversary in 2026.

"In this bicentennial year for the university, we want to ensure that MC will be a university recognized for academic excellence and commitment to the cause of Christ for another two hundred years," Thompson said.

Discussions about a potential name change had been ongoing at MC for decades. Thompson said the shift to Mississippi Christian University emphasizes the institution's faith-based identity and its university-level academic program offerings, while

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Tammie Stephens

MC has official changed its name to Mississippi Christian University. The institution will still be called "MC."

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Ribbon cut on "largest economic development project in city's history"

By Randy Bell

Under a tent in the parking lot of the old Delphi Packard Electric plant in the Clinton Industrial Park, City and Hinds County leaders joined their data center partners June 9 in speaking glowingly about the \$1 billion Amazon Web Services facility that's being built there, calling it transformational. Then, they walked out into the sunshine to cut a ribbon, an event serving as the local kick-off for a project AWS officially announced in Ridgeland exactly two months earlier.

Roger Wehner, Amazon's vice president for economic development, told the crowd that the Clinton data center has been in the works for less than a year, and he thanked Mayor Will Purdie for helping to speed the process along.

"Your team and you, you were in-

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Clinton Mayor Will Purdie joins AWS officials Roger Wehner to cut the ribbon at the data center site in Clinton as members of the Board of Aldermen and the Hinds Co. Supervisors watch.

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