



Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
2025 PRESIDENT'S
ANNUAL REPORT

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A MESSAGE FROM Dr. Mary S. Graham



Welcome to Gulf Coast!

What an exciting year it has been at MGCCC! As you turn the pages of this annual report, I hope you feel the same pride and optimism that we do about the remarkable strides our college continues to make.

This year, we have so much to celebrate! Our outstanding students and student-athletes are shining in academics, athletics, and beyond. From earning the largest number of All-Mississippi Honor Roll recognitions to once again receiving the prestigious Halbrook Award for graduating more student-athletes than any other community college in Mississippi, the momentum at MGCCC is undeniable.

We're also proud to share that MGCCC has been named the largest community college in the state, and our excellence has not gone unnoticed on a national level. We've earned recognition on the Great Colleges to Work For Honor Roll, as well as being named a Military Friendly Gold and Military Spouse Friendly School. With the launch of the first statewide artificial intelligence (AI) initiative in the nation, MGCCC is once again proving that we are leading the way in innovation and opportunity.

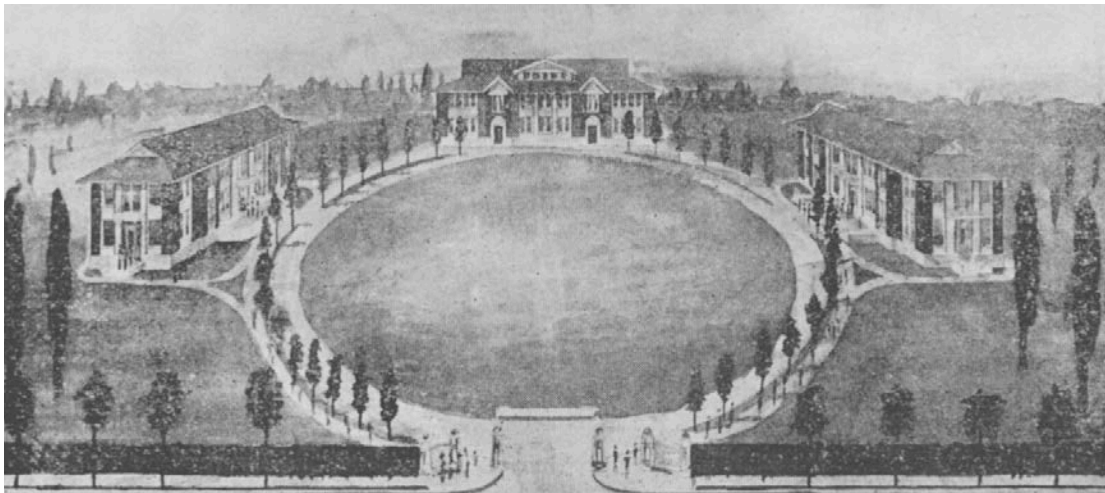
As you review this report, I encourage you to discover the incredible accomplishments of Gulf Coast. Whether you're a student, alum, partner, or friend of the college, we thank you for being a part of our journey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary S. Graham".

Dr. Mary S. Graham
MGCCC President





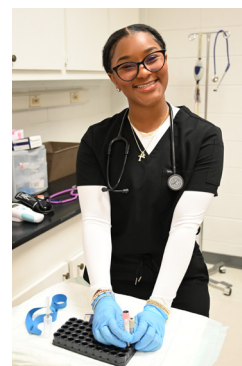
MGCCC: A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

Since its founding in 1911, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College has stood as a beacon of opportunity for South Mississippi. From the piney woods of Perkinston and George County to bustling campuses and centers across the Coast, MGCCC has remained true to its mission of transforming lives through education while advancing the prosperity of the communities it serves.

The college's story is one of growth, resilience, and innovation. Early leaders envisioned a place where students could gain knowledge, skills, and confidence to shape better futures. That vision, rooted in service and excellence, has guided MGCCC for more than a century. Today, the same spirit continues to thrive as the college builds pathways for university transfer, career and technical advancement, and direct connections to the workforce.

Students from diverse backgrounds have walked the halls of Gulf Coast. From first-generation scholars and working adults to military service members and dual-enrolled high school students, each has discovered new doors of opportunity. Faculty and staff, deeply committed to student success, ensure that the college remains a place where talent is nurtured, dreams are possible, and achievement is celebrated.

MGCCC's legacy is not only written in history books, but also in the lives of thousands of alumni who now lead in classrooms, boardrooms, shipyards, hospitals, and communities across the nation. As the college steps boldly into the future by continuing to expand partnerships with business and industry, growing programs in emerging technologies, and strengthening philanthropic support, it carries forward a tradition of excellence that has defined the Bulldog spirit for more than a century.



MISSION

The mission of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College is to meet the educational and community needs in George, Harrison, Jackson, and Stone counties by providing superior instruction through traditional and technological formats to offer workforce pathways, certificates, diplomas, and associate transfer and applied degrees. The College embraces lifelong learning, productive citizenship, service learning, and leadership development in a dynamic and innovative learning environment.

VISION

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College will be a globally competitive learning community with an entrepreneurial spirit that inspires excellence and accelerates achievement.

VALUES

Accountability:

An acceptance of responsibility for appropriate actions, obligations, and duties.

Collaboration:

A process that facilitates transfer of knowledge, skills, and attainment of common goals.

Excellence:

A motivation where the highest standards are viewed as benchmarks to surpass.

Integrity:

A commitment to honesty and ethical behavior in all situations.

Leadership:

A process of directing groups of people toward a common goal.

Respect:

A feeling of esteem or regard for the unique qualities of all individuals.

Service:

An action performed for others without the desire for personal gain.

Social Responsibility:

An ethical, inclusive approach to serve and engage our community.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

2025 All-Mississippi Academic Team



CIARA ANO

Coca-Cola Academic
Team Gold Scholar



CARMELLA BOYD

All-Mississippi Scholar



THOMAS FERGUSON

All-Mississippi
Workforce Scholar



VASH HO

All-Mississippi Scholar



MADISON HUNT

All-Mississippi Scholar



CHERYL LAWRENCE

All-Mississippi Scholar



APRIL NOVASCONE

All-Mississippi
Workforce Scholar



DAVID RUIZ OSPINA

All-Mississippi Scholar



ALLISON RICHARDS

New Century Transfer
Pathway Scholar



Jaida STRAHAN

All-Mississippi Scholar

More than 30 scholars attended 2025 STEM Summit



The college welcomed scholarship recipients, educators, industry professionals, and college leadership to the 3rd Annual Excelerate in STEM Summit in March at the college's Hospitality & Resort Management Center. The summit, funded by the National Science Foundation, provided an inspiring, conference-style experience designed specifically for Excelerate in STEM Scholars.

2025 Leaders of Promise Scholars



Ciara Ano



Lillian Bains



Marissa Barajas



Aiden Baudier



Matias Bustillo



Angela Cothorn



Thomas Ferguson



Olivia Greenough



Riley Ladner



Caroline Nelson

Barajas named semifinalist for prestigious scholarship

Marissa Barajas was one of 467 semifinalist chosen from 1,600 applicants for the highly competitive Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship.



Joelys Pacheco



Allison Richards



Isabel Valenzuela

2025 NASA COMMUNITY COLLEGE AEROSPACE SCHOLARS



William Buice
Harrison County
Campus



Riley Ladner
Jackson County
Campus



Zach McNutt
Jackson County
Campus



Tyler Nguyen
Jackson County
Campus



Lam Tran
Harrison County
Campus



Christopher Strunk
Jackson County
Campus



66%

MGCCC students who transfer to a four-year university or college



62%

MGCCC students eligible for scholarships or other financial aid to assist with college costs. The total financial aid disbursed last year was more than \$40 million.



COMMENCEMENT 2025



Professor Emeritus

Dr. Joan Hendrix, DNP, RN

During Spring Commencement 2025, held on May 14 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi, Dr. Joan Hendrix was recognized as Professor Emeritus for her service to the college. Dr. Hendrix has been at MGCCC for 23 years, serving as a nursing faculty member, department chair, and dean, and retired this year as Associate Vice President of the School of Nursing & Health Professions. Throughout her tenure, she has been instrumental in launching important initiatives at the college including moving the nursing faculty and students to The Bryant Center at Tradition in 2018.

MGCCC celebrates 2025 graduates and their impact across South Mississippi

MGCCC celebrated the achievements of more than 2,000 graduates during Spring 2025 Commencement, with ceremonies held May 13–14, 2025. Each ceremony highlighted not only academic success but also the life-changing opportunities that MGCCC provides students and their families across South Mississippi.

In the Adult Education Graduation Ceremony, 136 students earned their high school equivalency diplomas, with many taking the first step toward new careers and greater independence. Among them was Arthur Minor, 32, of Gulfport, who also completed the Commercial Truck Driving program at the West Harrison County Center.

“I feel like my life was on the wrong track for many years,” he said. “Now I’m ready to face a better future for me and my family.”

The School of Nursing & Health Professions honored 223 graduates during its Pinning & Recognition Ceremony, marking their transition into vital healthcare roles across the region. These graduates join the front lines of patient care in hospitals, clinics, and emergency services throughout South Mississippi, strengthening the local workforce and community well-being.

At the college’s main Commencement Ceremony at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum, more than 3,000 degrees and credentials were awarded, including 883 with Honors Distinction. Among the many inspiring graduates were students whose personal journeys reflected determination and resilience.

Maylin Skye Kyle, the first in her family to earn a college degree, discovered her passion after changing her major to legal studies. “I finished this semester with a 4.0 and despite the work involved to get there, truly enjoyed what I was learning,” she said.

Trevor Van Norman, a Collegiate Academy student, overcame mental health challenges and family hardship with the support of MGCCC advisors and counselors. He plans to pursue microbiology at The University of Southern Mississippi and become a general surgeon.

For Joyce and Maykala Ward, graduation was a shared milestone 21 years in the making. Joyce returned to college alongside her daughter after putting her education on hold to raise her family. “It doesn’t matter your age; you can do it if you really want to,” Joyce said.



By the numbers



During Academic Year 2024-2025,
3,000 credentials were awarded
to **2,034** individuals.

MAINTAINING A STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE Advancing Healthcare Education at MGCCC



**NLN Center of
Excellence in
Nursing Education**



MGCCC's School of Nursing & Health Professions continues to earn national acclaim for its leadership in healthcare education, reaffirming its position as one of the premier nursing and allied health training programs in the country.

This year, MGCCC was named a National League for Nursing Center of Excellence for the 2025 term, recognizing the college's sustained commitment to quality, innovation, and student success in nursing education. This prestigious designation places MGCCC among elite institutions that demonstrate exceptional dedication to preparing the next generation of healthcare professionals.

In addition, the school earned a four-year accreditation as a provider of Nursing Continuing Professional Development (NCPD) by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's

Commission on Accreditation. Effective through 2028, this designation allows MGCCC to offer high-quality, evidence-based continuing education programs that support the lifelong learning and professional growth of nurses across the region.

Complementing these achievements, the college's Healthcare Simulation Center, located at The Bryant Center in Biloxi, received reaccreditation from the Society for Simulation in Healthcare for its excellence in teaching and education. The state-of-the-art facility uses immersive technology and real-world clinical scenarios to prepare students for high-stakes environments, equipping future nurses, paramedics, and radiologic technologists with the skills and confidence to provide exceptional care.

MGCCC RECEIVES NATIONAL AACC AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR STUDENT SUCCESS



From left at the AACC Awards of Excellence presentation are Adam Pickering, Dr. Adam Swanson, Dr. Tammy Franks, Dr. Kollin Napier, Dr. Mary S. Graham, Dr. Suzi Brown, Dr. Erin Riggins, Dr. Cedric Bradley, Dr. Ladd Taylor, and Dr. Jonathan Woodward

MGCCC was awarded the Student Success Award at the American Association of Community Colleges' (AACC) Awards of Excellence Gala, held April 12-16 in Nashville, Tennessee. This prestigious national recognition celebrates MGCCC's unwavering commitment to supporting students throughout their educational journeys and beyond.

The Student Success Award honors a community college that has demonstrated sustained, measurable outcomes in student achievement. MGCCC was selected for its holistic approach to education, comprehensive wraparound student services, and innovative initiatives designed to increase graduation and retention rates.

CAREER-TECH INSTRUCTOR OBEY PARKER RECEIVES DALE P. PARNELL DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD



Long-time career-technical instructor Obey Parker was selected to receive the prestigious Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty Award from the American Association of Community Colleges for 2025. With 20 years of dedicated service teaching construction and residential maintenance at the Perkinston Campus and two regional correctional facilities in the college's district, Obey Parker offers hope for a brighter future to justice-involved students. Parker's classroom is a dynamic environment where evidence-based teaching strategies merge with vital life and employment skills. He ensures that his students not only grasp the material but also recognize a clear pathway to success.

DR. KOLLIN NAPIER NAMED AACC RISING STAR MANAGER



Dr. Kollin Napier, Director of the Mississippi Artificial Intelligence Network (MAIN), received the Rising Star Manager Award from the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). The Rising Star Manager Award recognizes emerging leaders in the community college system who have made exceptional contributions through innovation, leadership, and dedication to student and institutional success. Dr. Napier has played a pivotal role in establishing Mississippi's first statewide AI network within the community college system. Under his leadership, MGCCC has emerged as a hub for innovation, creating specialized AI courses, workshops, and partnerships that give students hands-on experience with the technologies shaping the future workforce.

FOCUS ON STUDENT SUCCESS



The student experience at MGCCC is rooted in a supportive, student-centered environment where every individual is encouraged to discover their strengths and pursue their goals with confidence. From the moment students arrive on campus, they are welcomed into a community that values belonging, academic excellence, and personal growth. Faculty and staff are committed to providing guidance, encouragement, and resources that empower students to reach higher and achieve more than they ever imagined.

Beyond the classroom, students benefit from hands-on learning opportunities that prepare them for real-world success. Whether through innovative workforce programs, leadership development, or immersive campus activities, MGCCC students

gain experiences that build skills, spark passion, and connect them to meaningful career pathways. State-of-the-art facilities and industry-aligned programs ensure students have access to the tools and training they need to thrive in today's competitive landscape.

What truly sets the MGCCC experience apart is the sense of community that defines the college. Students form lifelong friendships, build relationships with mentors who champion their success, and engage in opportunities that enrich both their educational journey and personal growth. MGCCC is more than a college; it's a place where students are inspired, supported, and prepared to step confidently into their future.





PHOTOS: On the previous page, a student climbs the indoor climbing wall at the Estuarine Education Center (EEC) on the Jackson County Campus. The EEC provides students with a variety of physical activities that build confidence and leadership skills. Below, student leaders from across the college take part in the annual Student Leadership Conference, held October 1, which brought together club officers, organization leaders, Reflections Team members, Student Government Association representatives, and Resident Assistants for a day of learning and collaboration.

At the top of this page, students enjoy True Blue Experience, an end-of-the-school-year celebration for our student leaders, including those from Reflections Team, Student Government Association, and Campus Activities Board. This event is an opportunity to reflect on the year through feedback on how to make the college even better. At bottom left, student scholarship recipients are recognized during the Phi Theta Kappa Recognition Ceremony on May 1. Bottom right, members of the Reflections Team gather for their annual June retreat, where they develop leadership skills and prepare to support the college at major events throughout the year.

NO-COST CAREER & TECHNICAL PROGRAMS EXPANDED

NO-COST, TUITION-FREE, AND FEE-FREE PROGRAMS

GULF COAST WORK READY

- Cosmetology
- Commercial Truck Driving
- Heavy Equipment Operation
- Maritime Multicraft Technology
- Massage Therapy
- Unmanned Maritime Systems Technology

CSET TECH FUSION

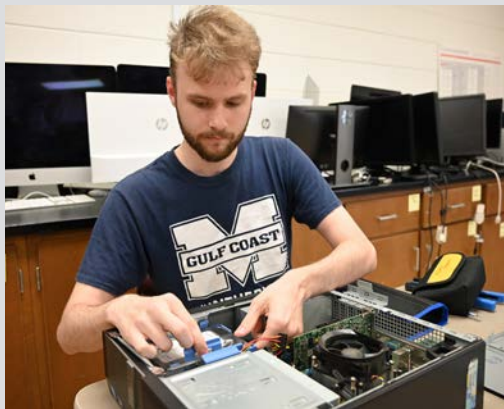
- Coding Technology
- Computer Networking Technology
- Cybersecurity Technology
- AI and Data Technology
- IT Specialist Technology
- Simulation & Game Design Technology
- Live Entertainment Technology

WORKFORCE TRAINING – MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE SUPPLY CHAIN

- Commercial Truck Driving
- Heavy Equipment Maintenance Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Robotics and Automated Manufacturing

HEALP

- Emergency Medical Sciences-EMT
- Emergency Medical Sciences-Paramedic
- Respiratory Therapy



This year, MGCCC expanded its no-cost, tuition-free, and fee-free programs for eligible participants through the BP Restore Act Grant, provided by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Treasury.

The initiative supports more than 25 credit offerings designed to prepare individuals for high-demand, high-paying careers that meet the workforce needs of local industries in South Mississippi.

Each offering is carefully crafted to align with industry demands, ensuring participants gain relevant skills that directly translate to local job opportunities.

STUDENTS RECEIVING FUNDING IN CTE AND HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS FOR FY25

Gulf Coast Work Ready	CSET Tech Fusion	Supply Chain	HEALP
143	515	222	88



EXPERIENCE CTE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

The college welcomed high school students from across South Mississippi to the Experience CTE for the 21st Century event, held on February 21 at the Immersive Media Performing Arts Center (iMPAC). Students explored MGCCC's career and technical programs through interactive sessions, hands-on activities, and meetings with instructors.

The event showcased programs that equipped students with the skills needed to enter high-paying, high-growth industries more quickly or, in most programs, transfer to a university to work toward a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree. These programs emphasized practical learning and industry relevance, serving as a gateway to successful and rewarding careers.

CREDENTIALS OFFERED AT MGCCC



- Associate of Arts
- Associate of Science
- Associate of Applied Science
- Diploma
- Certificate



3.27

Average university GPA of MGCCC students who have transferred to a four-year institution



PARTNERING WITH INDUSTRY TO BUILD PATHWAYS TO STUDENT SUCCESS

MGCCC continues to strengthen its commitment to student success through innovative partnerships with business, government, and industry. Working with more than 30 organizations, MGCCC develops apprenticeships, workforce training programs, and collaborative grants that help students gain hands-on experience, earn credentials, and transition seamlessly into high-demand careers.

Through a partnership with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), MGCCC enhances workforce training by providing Electrical Technology students a direct pathway into IBEW's four-year Electrical Apprenticeship Program. Students who complete MGCCC's program receive credit toward the apprenticeship, streamlining their transition into the skilled workforce while earning valuable Career and Technical Education credentials.

In another key collaboration, MGCCC joined forces with Bollinger Mississippi Shipyards to launch a Maritime Bootcamp that has successfully completed four cohorts across three high-demand craft areas: ship fitting, pipe fitting, and pipe welding. To date, approximately 140 participants, who are paid Bollinger employees, have completed the 14-week intensive training led by MGCCC instructors, gaining critical hands-on skills to meet the growing workforce needs of the maritime industry.

MGCCC's partnership with Keesler Federal Credit Union (KFCU) has also yielded strong results. Fifty-five KFCU employees recently completed the Bank Manager Apprenticeship Program, which combines classroom instruction at MGCCC with on-the-job training at the credit union. The program equips participants with essential leadership, management, and financial service skills to advance their careers.



On the previous page are students in the Electrical Technology Program at the Harrison County Campus. At top are apprentices in the LPN Apprenticeship Program at the Bryant Center. On the bottom left is an apprentice working in the virtual welding and fitting lab in Pascagoula. At bottom right are apprentices in the Keesler Federal Credit Union Bank Manager Apprenticeship program.

Working with both AccelerateMS and Ingalls Shipbuilding, MGCCC established a cutting-edge virtual welding and fitting training lab at the HII Shipyard in Pascagoula. This innovative training model blends immersive virtual instruction with hands-on welding experience, allowing students to safely build foundational skills before advancing to real-world practice at the Ingalls Welding School.

Healthcare remains another area of growth. This year, 35 individuals completed the Singing River LPN Apprenticeship Program offered at MGCCC’s Bryant Center. The program combines classroom instruction with clinical experience to help meet the region’s critical demand for licensed practical nurses.

Additionally, through the Mississippi Artificial Intelligence Network (MAIN), MGCCC has awarded 1,319 Continuing Education Units (CEUs), 250 School Executive Management Institute credits for educational administrators, and 89 Orientation for School Leaders credits, for a total of 1,658 professional development credits, while providing 15,000 total instructional hours for K–12 teachers. This effort underscores MGCCC’s leadership in advancing AI literacy and workforce readiness across Mississippi.

By fostering strong relationships with its partners, MGCCC continues to transform lives and communities, helping bridge education and opportunity, while preparing the Gulf Coast’s workforce for the future.



WORKFORCE SUMMIT

Held each fall, the Workforce Summit provides a collaborative platform for career, technical, and workforce instructors and administrators to connect directly with business and industry partners. The event is designed to evaluate course content, graduate performance, and the technical skills needed for student success in the local job market. Attendees also explore emerging technologies, discuss workforce challenges, and tour MGCCC's advanced labs and training facilities.

Through this deep collaboration between MGCCC and its industry partners, the Workforce Summit plays a vital role in transforming the Gulf Coast economy. By aligning training programs with current and future workforce demands, the college is equipping individuals with the tools they needed to secure high-quality jobs in key sectors that fuel regional economic growth and long-term competitiveness.

One of the most valued aspects of the summit is the open dialogue it fosters between industry and education. Companies across the region are not only helping shape MGCCC's training programs, they're investing in the future workforce.

Tours of MGCCC's state-of-the-art labs offer attendees a first-hand look at how the college is integrating the latest tools and technology into its instruction, from welding simulators and robotics to virtual healthcare training.

CUTTING-EDGE AiM UP LAB DEBUTS AT AMTC



A grand opening ceremony was held for the Advanced Manufacturing Upskilling Program (AiM UP) Lab, in October 2024. An advanced manufacturing training hub, the state-of-the-art facility is located at the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center (AMTC) in Gulfport.

This new lab is part of a groundbreaking partnership with Mississippi State University aimed at delivering cutting-edge training in advanced manufacturing technologies.

Highlights of the AiM UP Lab:

- Features collaborative robots, autonomous mobile robots, resin and metal 3D printers, 3D scanning, and 3D vision technologies
- Provides hands-on experience and career exploration opportunities for students
- Serves as a demonstration and training facility for local industries





MGCCC once again receives Metallica Scholars Initiative Workforce Education Grant

MGCCC was once again recognized as a national leader in workforce education in July 2024, receiving its third Metallica Scholars Initiative Workforce Education Grant from the band Metallica’s foundation, All Within My Hands (AWMH). The \$25,000 award supports MGCCC’s Precision Manufacturing and Machining Technology program at the Jackson County Campus, providing scholarships, tools, and personal protective equipment to help students gain the skills and experience needed for high-demand careers.

Now in its sixth year, the Metallica Scholars Initiative (MSI) has grown into a nationwide effort to strengthen technical education and promote skilled trades as viable and respected career paths. What began in 2019 with 10 colleges has expanded to 60 colleges across all 50 states and the territory of Guam, marking the program’s largest reach to date.

With this year’s expansion, AWMH has invested more than \$10 million in workforce programs at community colleges in partnership with the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).



Through its participation in the initiative, MGCCC has awarded more than 60 scholarships to students in high-demand career and technical education programs.

The funding directly supports workforce pathways that connect students to meaningful, well-paying careers while meeting local industry needs.

By the end of year six, AWMH and AACC estimate that the Metallica Scholars Initiative will have helped more than 8,000 students nationwide, many of whom are non-traditional learners balancing family and work responsibilities while pursuing their education. These students represent the heart of America’s workforce.

The Metallica Scholars Initiative’s continued investment demonstrates a shared belief in the power of community colleges to change lives. For MGCCC, it reinforces the college’s ongoing mission to provide accessible, high-quality education that leads to opportunity, economic growth, and student success.

LOWE'S FOUNDATION GABLE GRANTS

Program offers second chance to state inmates in George County



Dr. Mary S. Graham presents a high school diploma and college certificate to Kevin Mayberry, an inmate at the George County Regional Correctional Facility in Lucedale. Mayberry is among those inmates who received high school equivalency and/or college credentials during a ceremony in June.

Inmates at the George County Regional Correctional Facility (GCRCF) in Lucedale are gaining new hope and direction, thanks to a unique partnership between Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and the Lowe's Foundation Gable Grant program.

Through this partnership, individuals incarcerated at GCRCF are earning high school equivalency diplomas and college credentials that will prepare them for productive futures after release.



The college program, offered for the first time this year, allows inmates to earn certificates and associate degrees in Commercial and Residential Construction Technology.

Supported by the Lowe's Foundation Gable Grant, the program teaches valuable trade skills such as carpentry, electrical work, masonry, and plumbing, giving students the tools they need to build successful careers.

Building Futures: MGCCC awarded second Lowe's Foundation Gable Grant

This summer, the college was awarded a second Lowe's Foundation Gable Grant, this time worth \$700,000, to expand its career, technical, and workforce training programs and strengthen educational and economic opportunities for students across the region.

The new two-year grant began in Fall 2025 and will further expand the college's skilled trades training footprint. New investments include scholarships, instructor positions, and the development of a Construction Skills Lab/maker space at the Harrison County Campus. The grant supports key programs such as Construction Management, Electrical Technology, Drafting and Design Technology, Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology, and an Internet of Things certificate.

GRANTS RECEIVED FY 2025

GRANT TITLE	FUNDING AGENCY	AMOUNT
Metallica Scholars	<i>All Within My Hands</i>	\$25,000.00
Supply Chain II	<i>BP Restore</i>	\$4,950,000.00
MS Space Grant College and Fellowship Program (Renewal)	<i>NASA</i>	\$7,500.00
HEALP	<i>BP Restore</i>	\$5,940,000.00
Spark Good Local Grant	<i>Walmart</i>	\$3,000.00
Title III Part A Programs: Strengthening Institutions Program	<i>U.S. Department of Education</i>	\$1,970,381.00
Adult Education	<i>U.S. Department of Education/ MCCB</i>	\$1,138,909.50
Basic Skills	<i>AccelerateMS</i>	\$317,217.47
WIOA - Out of School Youth Program	<i>SMPDD</i>	\$633,223.00
WIOA-Career Services Coordinator	<i>SMPDD</i>	\$167,971.00
WIOA-Workforce Coordinator	<i>SMPDD</i>	\$67,499.00
MDA Strategic Investment Pilot Program (SIPP)	<i>MS Development Authority (MDA)</i>	\$10,000.00
FY25 WET Funds	<i>AccelerateMS</i>	\$2,879,591.16
JAG	<i>MS Dept of Public Safety</i>	\$5,000.00
Grant Writer	<i>Bower Foundation</i>	\$5,633.00
Non-trad Recruitment and Retention Grant	<i>MS Comm. Coll. Board</i>	\$5,000.00
ACENet IACMI - The Composites Institute	<i>America's Cutting Edge (ACE)</i>	\$139,681.00
	TOTAL	\$18,265,606.13

iMPAC EVENTS

The Immersive Media Performing Arts Center (iMPAC) in Gulfport continues to serve as a dynamic hub for cultural, educational, and community engagement across the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Over the past year, iMPAC has hosted a diverse range of events that reflect its growing reputation as a premier venue in the region. Headlining acts like the Marcus King Band, Mac McAnally, and the internationally acclaimed Taste of Ireland brought nationally recognized talent to the Coast, while the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra, that is proud to call iMPAC home, delivered powerful performances for local audiences. Sounds of the Holidays is an iconic annual event that so many in South Mississippi look forward to each year.





Investing in our Students' Success



The MGCCC Foundation continues to transform lives through education by expanding opportunities and resources for students across all campuses and centers.

During FY2024–25, the Foundation provided direct support that strengthened academic achievement, athletic success, and student well-being.

In total, 91 percent of Foundation funds directly supported student scholarships, reflecting a steadfast commitment to student access and success. Last year, 655 students received scholarships totaling \$763,498.67, made possible through the generosity of 702 donors, including more than 300 new

supporters, and through businesses and organizations, like Massage Envy and Rotary International.

The Foundation now manages 205 endowed scholarships, ensuring lasting opportunities for future generations of Gulf Coast students.

Beyond scholarships, the Foundation provided essential support to other college initiatives. More than 200 students received assistance through MGCCC Food Pantries. The Foundation also supported 246 student-athletes participating in 11 different sports, as well as the college's cheerleaders and dance team.



15TH ANNUAL *Gala* FUNDRAISER

The MGCCC Foundation hosted its 15th Annual Scholarship Gala on March 15, 2025, at the Beau Rivage Resort & Casino in Biloxi. The elegant black-tie event brought together more than 400 guests for an evening dedicated to supporting student success through education.

With the help of over 40 corporate sponsors and partners and the continued support of many alumni, friends, and community members, the Gala raised more than \$1 million in support of student scholarships through the MGCCC Foundation. Every dollar raised helps provide financial assistance to students pursuing their academic and career goals at MGCCC's campuses and centers across South Mississippi.

The Scholarship Gala not only offered an elegant evening of entertainment but also served as a platform for making a difference in the lives of countless students. By attending, guests contributed directly to create opportunities for MGCCC students to pursue higher education and achieve their dreams.



Tim Tebow's presence at this year's gala marked a milestone in the event's history. Tebow is known for his philanthropic work through the Tim Tebow Foundation, which has served individuals in over 90 countries. His message of hope, faith, and resilience resonated deeply with attendees.

An important part of the evening was the presentation of the annual Hornsby Award. This year, the award was given to Lenny and Earline Sawyer for their steadfast support of education and community development. This past year, they endowed a scholarship through the Foundation. Their generous donation is specifically aimed at supporting students from Long Beach, reflecting their deep-rooted commitment to local educational initiatives.

2024-2025 SPORTS WRAP-UP

Men's Soccer



The team finished 12-4-5 overall, 7-1-3 in MACCC. They were MACCC runners-up and NJCAA Region 23 semifinalists. They played at the NJCAA Championship in Huntsville, Alabama. They finished the year ranked sixth in NJCAA.



Men's Soccer scores big in the classroom — again

Mississippi Gulf Coast men's soccer once again topped the conference academically.

The team was the MACCC Academic Team of the Year in their sport for the fifth time in six years. They put together a 3.54 GPA to lead 11 other teams that participated in the sport while making it to the NJCAA Championship for the second time in school history.

Two soccer players were also named to the College Sports Communicators Academic All-American Team for the Men's College Division. **David Ruiz Ospina** and **Victor Moerck** were both named to the First Team.



Women's Tennis

Finished 12-2 overall, 8-1 in MACCC. MACCC and Region 23 runners-up. Finished 12th at the NJCAA Championship. Danique Vermue, left, was named to the 2024-25 College Sports Communicators Academic All-American Women's At-Large Team for the College Division.

Men's Tennis

Currently 12-3 overall, 9-1 in MACCC. MACCC and Region 23 runners-up. Finished school- and MACCC-record 9th at NJCAA Championship in May, the best among six MACCC teams participating, and a new high-water mark for the conference in national tournament history.



Women's Soccer



The team finished 9-5-1 overall, 6-4-1 in MACCC. They finished sixth in MACCC and qualified for the NJCAA Region 23 tournament.



Four Sophomores head to Next Level Play

Four women's soccer team members have continued at the Next Level after leading the Bulldogs to 19 wins.

Azlyn Dawson, a sophomore outside back from Taylorsville, headed to Jackson to play at NCAA Division III Belhaven along with **Kadie Craft**, a sophomore forward from Picayune.

Dana Brooks, a sophomore All-MACCC performer from Costa Rica, is in Jefferson City, Missouri, playing for NCAA Division II Lincoln University.

Isabella Reynolds, a sophomore forward from Pascagoula, is playing in Greeneville, Tennessee, for NCAA Division II Tusculum.

Football

The team finished 8-2 overall, 5-1 in MACCC South. They won a share of the South Division title but lost in MACCC semifinals. They finished the year ranked ninth in NJCAA.

Gulf Coast sent 16 Bulldogs to the next level. Since Coach Jack Wright took over in 2018, more than 120 players have signed with four-year schools.

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
Trey Hall	RB	5'11	185	Ole Miss
Montrell Chapman	LB	6'3	230	Mississippi State
Al Sandifer	DL	6'2	270	Western Kentucky
Damaryion Fillmore	DB	5'11	185	Georgia State
Javen Gibson	DL	6'3	235	Old Dominion
Chandler Chapman	RB	6'0	205	Southern Illinois
Keshawn Thomas	LB	6'2	220	Old Dominion
JP Coulter	WR	5'11	175	ULM
Peyton Floyd	QB	5'11	185	UAB
Matt Adcock	TE	6'3	245	Memphis
Brandon Hines	RB	5'9	180	Harding
Crosby Mullins	OL	6'4	305	Samford
Brandin Talley	LS	6'4	230	Delta State
Mikyal Trotter	OL	6'2	310	Southern
Marcus Washington	DB	6'0	180	Central Arkansas
Ryan Pascal	OL	6'3	310	Delta State

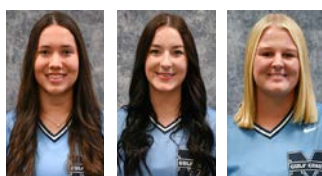


Men's Basketball

Finished 17-12 overall, 7-7 MACCC. Finished eighth in MACCC. Qualified for NJCAA Region 23 Tournament. For the second straight season, **Jabbari Barry**, left, earned a spot on the All-MACCC Team.

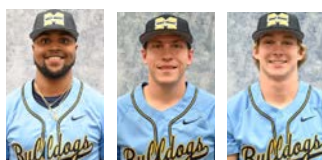
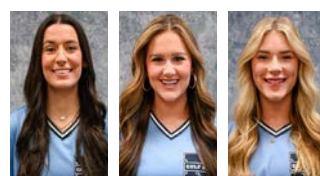
Women's Basketball

Finished 14-14 overall, 7-7 MACCC. Finished seventh in MACCC. Advanced to NJCAA Region 23 Tournament quarterfinals. **Taelar Felton**, right, was named to the All-NJCAA Region 23 Team. Felton and **Dekyra Mitchell** were named to the All-MACCC women's basketball team.



Softball

The team finished 36-19 overall, 15-11 in MACCC, and ranked sixth in the state.. The team qualified for the Region 23 Tournament and placed six players on the All-MACCC softball team, including **Irina Sanford** and **Annaston Tate** on the First Team, and **Caroline Batson**, **Brooklyn Mitchell**, **Karley Rouse** and **Abby Lindsey** on the Second Team.



Baseball

Finished 38-19 overall, 19-9 in MACCC, and finished fourth in MACCC. Qualified for Region 23 Tournament. Three players on the All-MACCC baseball team, including **Kaden Irving** and **James Vines** on the First Team, and **Samuel Marsh** on the Honorable Mention list.



Cheer Team

MGCCC's Cheer Team placed second in the nation in Game Day Open Co-Ed Cheer at the Universal Cheerleaders Association National Cheerleading Competition in Orlando in January. They made history by scoring the highest the team has ever scored, and it was the first time that Mac, the Mascot, competed with the team at UCA College Nationals.

MGCCC STUDENT-ATHLETES SWEEP 2024-2025 HALBROOK AWARDS



Gulf Coast won the David M. Halbrook Jr. Trophy for the academic success of its student-athletes.

This year, the award was divided into men's and women's for the Community College, Public University, and Independent College divisions. Gulf Coast swept the awards for the Community College division.

The Halbrook Award was established in 1984 by the state Legislature and was set up to recognize colleges that achieve high academic standards and to encourage high graduation rates.

Gulf Coast, which had more than 200 players in 11 varsity sports in the 2024-25 academic year, had the highest percentage of student-athletes graduate, complete or transfer in both the men's and women's divisions.

MGCCC also won the Halbrook six times including in 2009-10, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2015-16 and 2021-22 and the most recent 2024-25.



Each institution has a male and female student-athlete recognized with the David Halbrook Certificate for Academic Achievement Among Athletes. It recognizes the efforts of individual student-athletes who excel in academics, leadership, and service.

Gulf Coast's awardees were football's **Joseph Bradford**, far left, and tennis' **Kendall Burn**, right.

MGCCC student-athletes win MACCC and CSC Academic Honors



Mississippi Gulf Coast just missed a school record for the classroom in the 2024-25 season, with 127 student-athletes named to MACCC All-Academic teams. The record was 128 in 2023.

There were 52 Bulldogs who finished with GPAs of 3.80 or higher to earn Distinguished Academic All-MACCC. Another 75 had GPAs between 3.29 and 3.79 to earn Academic All-MACCC.



In addition, the college had 20 student-athletes named to the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District teams announced in June.

There were 10 men and 10 women to make the squads, which include community colleges, Canadian institutions, and other non-NCAA and non-NAIA divisions which comprise the at-large teams.

Nominees must have a 3.50 GPA or greater and the award recognizes combined performance in the athletic realm and the classroom.

BULLDOG GOLF DOUBLES THE GLORY

Back-to-back National Champions

Mississippi Gulf Coast defended its NJCAA Division II Men's Golf Championship in May, staving off a determined charge by Illinois Central at Swan Lake Golf Resort in Plymouth, Indiana.

The Bulldogs, who now have three team titles, swept the big trophies, with Stanley Campbell claiming the individual championship, the second Gulf Coast player to do so. Campbell, Ludvig Behring and John Mark Mills were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Campbell is one of six NJCAA golfers who are finalists for the Gary Player International Golfer of the Year, and was selected for the PING and NJCAA All-American First Team. He signed with NJCAA Division I Jacksonville State to continue his college career.

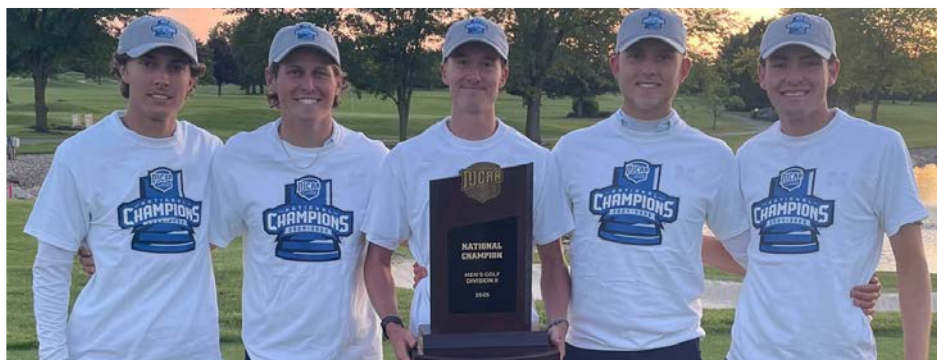
Gulf Coast, also Gulf District and MACCC champions, finished first in Bushnell Golfweek NJCAA Division II Coaches Poll and Clippd National Collegiate Golf Rankings.

Three members of the Golf team were also named to the College Sports Communicators Academic All-American Team in the Men's College Division: **Stanley Campbell, John Mark Mills, and Ludvig Behring.** Campbell and Mills were named to the First Team, while Behring was named to the second team.

Coach Brad Thornton was named the 2025 Dave Williams National Coach of the Year presented by Golf Pride Grips for the second-straight season.

Pictured at bottom, from left: (1) The NJCAA Division II Men's Golf Champions and sophomore Bulldog golfers (2) Coach Brad Thornton was twice awarded the Dave Williams National Coach of the Year trophy.

Far right: Stanley Campbell claimed the individual national championship, among other awards.



Putting the "Community" in Community College

MGCCC is deeply rooted in the communities of South Mississippi, enriching the region through partnerships, outreach, and a wide variety of free public events. From cultural celebrations to family festivals, these opportunities strengthen community connections and create welcoming spaces for residents to learn, grow, and engage with one another. This involvement reinforces the college's mission to serve as a catalyst for opportunity and progress while providing the communities it serves with accessible resources and experiences that support a strong and thriving Gulf Coast.

Festival of Lights

MGCCC's annual Festival of Lights, held in December on the Perkinston Campus, welcomes families and community members for an evening of festive fun. The free event features a Christmas parade, visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, games, rides, music, local vendors, and a petting zoo provided by an MGCCC alumnus. The celebration concludes with holiday performances and a fireworks show, making it a beloved tradition for all ages.



Annual Halloween Candy Giveaway

Each year, the Perkinston Campus partners with Perkinston Elementary School to dress in costumes and visit the campus, where employees gather outside their buildings and provide candy for the children as they parade by.



Fall Festivals at the Harrison County and Jackson County Campuses

Each October, the Harrison County and Jackson County Campuses host Fall Festivals that bring together students, employees, and community members in a fun, family-friendly celebration of the season. Featuring safe trick-or-treating, children's games, and great food, these events highlight MGCCC's commitment to community connection and a welcoming campus atmosphere.



Veterans Appreciation Event at the George County Center

The George County Center in Lucedale hosted a Veterans Appreciation Program on November 6. The event was open to the public, with special invitations extended to veterans from the 150th Combat Engineer Battalion of the Mississippi National Guard. The program featured Dr. Andrew Weist, a noted military historian and bestselling author of *Boys of '67*. He discussed his newest work, *Dogwood: A National Guard Unit's War in Iraq*, which chronicles the battalion's 2005 deployment. Named for the unit's Forward Operating Base Dogwood, the book captures their experiences through personal interviews, journal excerpts, and soldier reflections. Many of those interviewed had served in Bravo Company in Lucedale.



Live Entertainment Showcase at iMPAC

The Harrison County Campus hosted a Live Entertainment Technology Program Showcase in August at the iMPAC. The free public event highlighted the college's one-year program designed to prepare future lighting and sound design professionals. Attendees enjoyed live music, recording studio demonstrations, and guided tours of the iMPAC. The showcase demonstrated the outstanding training students received in the program and highlighted the performance facility where much of that training took place. It also emphasized the variety of career opportunities available in the entertainment industry.



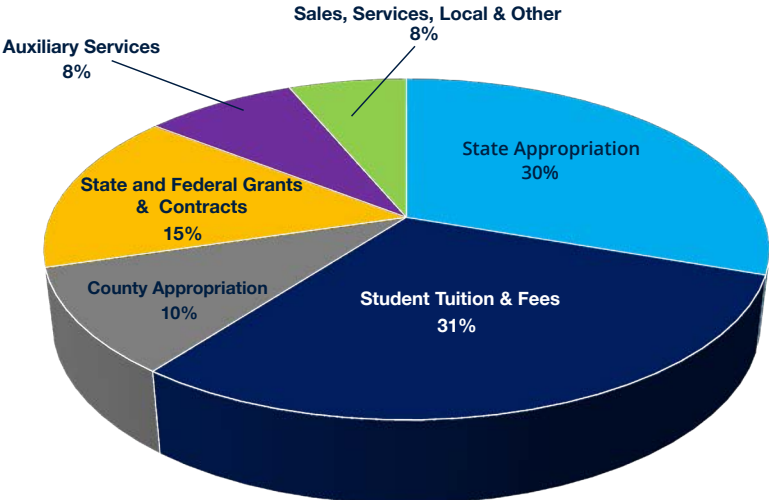
7th and 8th Grade Math Tournament at the Jackson County Campus

Nearly 60 young mathematicians gathered at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Jackson County Campus on March 18 for the Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics 7th and 8th Grade Regional Math Tournament. Students from George, Harrison, Jackson, and Stone counties advanced after earning top scores on school-level tests, where more than 2,300 seventh and eighth graders competed. The top two winners from each grade at the regional event were set to advance to the state competition at the Mississippi School of Mathematics and Science on April 12, 2025. Participants also enjoyed a free lunch, commemorative T-shirt, door prize, and the chance to earn cash awards for placing in the top three of their grade level. Now in its 41st year, the Regional Math Tournament is a long-standing tradition at MGCCC's Jackson County Campus, reinforcing the college's commitment to fostering excellence in STEM education.



EDUCATION & GENERAL FUND AND AUXILIARY FUND

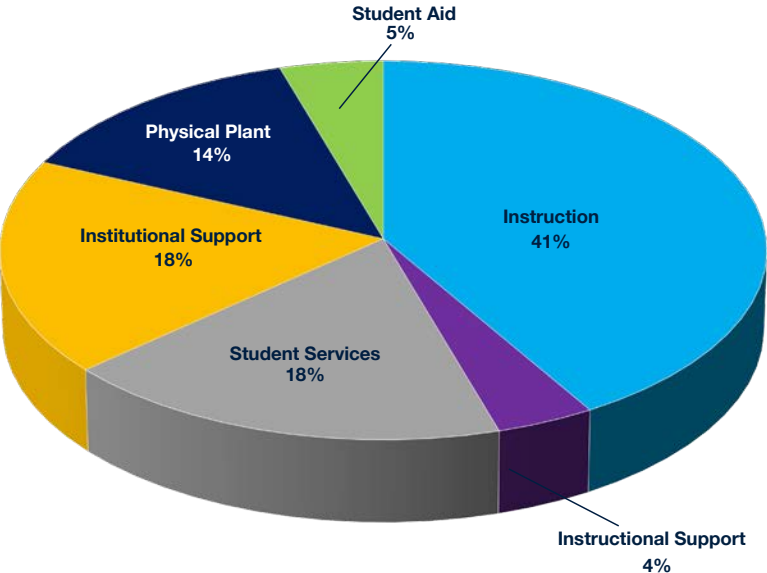
Revenue



REVENUE	PERCENTAGE
Student Tuition & Fees	31%
State Appropriation	30%
County Appropriation	10%
State and Federal Grants & Contracts	15%
Auxiliary Services	8%
Sales, Services, Local & Other	6%
TOTAL REVENUE	100%

NOTE: EXCLUDES PASS-THROUGH STUDENT AID

Expenses



EXPENSE	PERCENTAGE
Instruction	41%
Instructional Support	4%
Student Services	18%
Institutional Support	18%
Physical Plant	14%
Student Aid	5%
TOTAL EXPENSES	100%

THE COLLEGE DISBURSED \$59,323,503 IN SALARIES AND BENEFITS DURING FY2025.

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George County

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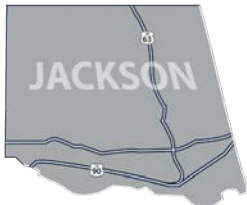
E&G	1.43	1.43
Capital/Bonds	2.66	2.66
Total	4.09	4.09



Harrison County

MILLAGE

E&G	2.01	2.09
Capital/Bonds	2.61	2.53
Total	4.62	4.62



Jackson County

MILLAGE

E&G	2.60	2.60
Capital/Bonds	1.82	1.82
Total	4.42	4.42



Stone County

MILLAGE

E&G	4.00	4.00
Capital/Bonds	3.00	3.00
Total	7.00	7.00

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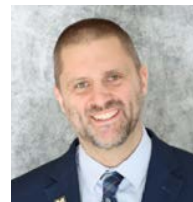
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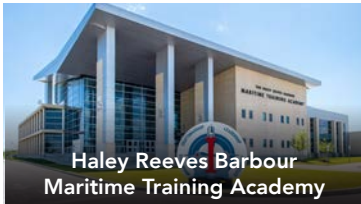
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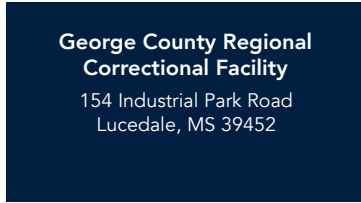
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