



MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE  
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SPRING 2026

*Commencement*

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE  
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FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

10:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi

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MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE GRADUATION ETIQUETTE

OUT OF RESPECT FOR OTHER FAMILIES PRESENT:



SILENCE ALL DEVICES



HOLD YOUR APPLAUSE  
UNTIL  
PROMPTED



NO AIR HORNS  
OR NOISEMAKERS



PLEASE TAKE ALL  
PICTURES WITH YOUR  
GRADUATE BEFORE  
THE CEREMONY

*This Commencement is a solemn and formal occasion marking the completion of the legal studies of our graduates. We ask for your cooperation and assistance in ensuring that the dignity of the ceremony is maintained and the sanctuary of the church is respected.*

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MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW  
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

**PRELUDE**

*Trumpet Tune - James Sclater*  
*Amazing Grace - setting by Joel Rainey*  
*Chorale in A Minor - Cesar Franck*

Dr. Robert Knupp, Professor of Music, Mississippi College, organ

**PROCESSIONAL OF GRADUATES\***

*Pomp and Circumstance (Sir Edward Elgar)*

Dr. Robert Knupp, Professor of Music, Mississippi College, organ

**A HYMN OF COUNTRY\***

*My Country, 'Tis of Thee* by Samuel F. Smith  
Phillip McIntosh, Professor, Mississippi College School of Law

**INVOCATION**

Dr. Chip Stevens, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church of Jackson

**STATEMENT OF MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE**

Dr. Blake Thompson, President, Mississippi College

**STATEMENT OF THE DEAN**

John P. Anderson, Dean, Mississippi College School of Law

**AWARDING OF HONORARY POSTHUMOUS DEGREE FOR MEDGAR WILEY EVERS**

Dr. Blake Thompson, President, Mississippi College  
John P. Anderson, Dean, Mississippi College School of Law

**INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER**

John P. Anderson, Dean, Mississippi College School of Law

**COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

David McRae  
Mississippi State Treasurer

**AWARDING OF DEGREES  
FOR THE DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE CANDIDATES**

Dr. Blake Thompson, President, Mississippi College  
John P. Anderson, Dean, Mississippi College School of Law  
Dr. Michael J. Highfield, Provost and Executive Vice President, Mississippi College

**BENEDICTION**

Kurt Kraft  
MC Law Class of 2026

**RECESSIONAL\***

*Crown Imperial March - William Walton*  
Dr. Robert Knupp, Professor of Music, Mississippi College, organ

\*Audience will please stand if able.

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~December, 2025 graduate

^August, 2026 graduate

\*Fast Track Admission to The Mississippi Bar

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THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS RECEIVED  
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IN THE DESIGNATED AREAS OF LAW:

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CERTIFICATE IN CIVIL LAW STUDIES

Carter Louis Blanchard

Chloe Anjel Cain

Georgia Brooke Carroway

Allen H. England

Garret Dewayne Grove

Mary Ellen Hargis

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Cole Murray Linder

Cheney A. Scull

Macie Rayne Spell

Zachary M. Taylor

Caroline Grace Watson

Colby R. Wilson

CERTIFICATE IN FAMILY AND JUVENILE LAW

Alicia Hope Sage

CERTIFICATE IN PRO BONO SERVICE

Stefani Lynn Tent

CERTIFICATE IN SOLO AND SMALL LAW PRACTICE

Edwin Buchanan Herard

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER  
DAVID MCRAE

David McRae's family has called Mississippi home for generations. His great-grandfather, Sam McRae, grew up on a farm in Rankin County and opened the first S.P. McRae department store in Jackson at the turn of the century. Built on a commitment to customer service, the company grew into one of the Southeast's premier retail chains, serving shoppers for more than 100 years.

That same customer-first mindset guides McRae's work today as State Treasurer.

As Treasurer, McRae is responsible for managing the cash flow that keeps state government running day to day. Under his leadership, the Treasury has transformed its investment performance, increasing average annual earnings from \$39 million to \$187 million. Through conservative, results-driven management, the state generated a record-breaking \$1 billion in interest income since 2020 on funds that would have otherwise sat idle. Mississippi's strengthened financial position has also contributed to an improved credit outlook during McRae's tenure.

The Treasurer has also made returning unclaimed money a top priority. To date, his office has returned more than \$170 million to Mississippians, which represents more than half of all funds returned in state history.

In addition, he oversees Mississippi College and Career Savings, helping families prepare for the cost of college and career training while strengthening the state's future workforce. Under his leadership, the program has earned national recognition, with MACS ranked among the top programs in the country by Forbes and MPACT restored to financial solvency.

McRae has been selected by his peers to serve on the Board of Directors for both the National Association of State Treasurers and the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers. He was also appointed by Governor Tate Reeves to the Balanced Budget Interstate Compact.

Before taking office, McRae worked in his family's business as Managing Partner of McRae Investments. He remains active in civic life, supporting organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Friends of Children's Hospital, and the American Heart Association.

McRae earned his law degree from Mississippi College, where he served as Chief Justice of the Honor Court. He is a member of the Mississippi Bar and lives in Ridgeland with his wife, Katherine, and their three children.

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MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

PRESIDENT  
DR. BLAKE THOMPSON

Dr. Blake Thompson has brought a new sense of excitement to historic Mississippi College with his limitless energy and deep commitment to putting students first. It is common to find him engaging with students across the institution's two campuses or recruiting prospective students in their schools.

Thompson, now finishing his eighth year as president of Mississippi College, has led transformative initiatives, including creating new academic scholarship programs for instate students, introducing innovative programs of study, and enhancing the historic campus.

Thompson is championing the University's 2026 Bicentennial Celebration, currently underway, which is the first 200th anniversary of an institution of higher learning in Mississippi. As part of this milestone year, the university is hosting hundreds of students, parents, alumni and friends at various events honoring the University's past, present and future.

Mississippi College, in 2024, unveiled a partnership with city and business leaders for a new, mixed-use "Rising Spring" development adjoining the main campus in Clinton that will serve as an economic driver for the entire region and transform the physical and economic landscape near the campus. Comprehensive renovations to the Mississippi College School of Law in downtown Jackson, the first major renovation to the facility in more than 20 years, are well underway, underscoring MC's commitment to educating the state's future lawyers in the State Capital.

Thompson and Mississippi College started the Speed Scholarship program in 2022 to honor longtime benefactor Leland Speed, which provides tuition support for admitted high school or transfer students who are residents of Mississippi. The program's launch led to a record class of over 1,000 new students in fall 2023.

Under Thompson's leadership, the Gore Arts Complex was opened in 2023, supporting one of the only arts education programs in Mississippi and housing the newly created Institute for Southern Storytelling. Renovations to the historic Alumni Hall - including adding a visitor's center, Chick-fil-A, and Einstein Bros. Bagels restaurants - were completed in 2020. In 2019, he established the University's Honors College and expanded international programs by launching the Edward McMillan Center for Education Abroad.

Nationally, Thompson was appointed to serve a seven-year term on the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II Presidents Council, the division's highest governing body. He has also served as President of the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities for the past four years and, in 2025, served as President of the Mississippi Association of Colleges (MAC) - the annual meeting of all of the state's two- and four-year higher education institutions.

Gov. Tate Reeves appointed Dr. Thompson to the Board of the Mississippi Humanities Council in 2024, an organization that creates opportunities for Mississippians to learn about themselves and the larger world and enriches communities through civil conversations about the state's history and culture.

Thompson recently served as a member of the President's Advisory Council for the University of Health Sciences & Pharmacy in St. Louis. He has played a significant role in the American Heart Association's Metro Jackson chapter, serving on its Heart Ball Executive Leadership Team at the 43rd annual event to promote healthier lives.

In 2026, Thompson was named to the 2026 class of Mississippi Top 100, honoring leaders in business, government and culture who have made a positive impact on the state. The Mississippi Business Journal has recognized him as one of Mississippi's Top CEOs, and he is a member of the Mississippi chapter of YPO.

Before joining MC, Thompson served as vice president and secretary to The Ohio State University (OSU) Board of Trustees. He held several leadership positions encompassing government affairs, economic and workforce development, and university governance at the 66,000-student OSU, one of the largest universities in the country. During that time, he was instrumental in supporting the creation of The Ohio State University Medical Center Board, for which OSU was recognized by the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB). In addition, Thompson held a joint vice-presidential appointment with Battelle, the world's leading nonprofit research and development organization, where he led the creation of the Battelle Center for Science and Technology Policy in partnership with the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. He also served as a senior staff member for the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee and the late Senator Thad Cochran in Washington, D.C.

Blake and his wife, Jana, were raised in the small community of Rienzi, Mississippi. Both are graduates of the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy, where he was recognized as 2021 Alumnus of the Year and serves on the Dean's Advisory Council. Thompson is a three-time graduate of the University of Mississippi, where he earned his doctorate in pharmaceutical sciences. He also holds an executive master's degree from Georgetown University School of Business. Blake and Jana are deeply committed to their Mississippi roots (and their Mississippi blueberry farm). They have three children: Grey, Sarah Blake, and Cate.

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MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW

DEAN  
JOHN ANDERSON

John P. Anderson began serving as Dean and Henry Vaughan Watkins and Selby Watkins McRae Professor of Law in 2023 after a year as Interim Dean. He has been awarded numerous Professor-of-the-Year Awards by his students, and received the Mississippi College Distinguished Professor of the Year Award for the 2018-2019 Academic Year.

A native of Lompoc, California, he received his undergraduate degree in philosophy from the University of California at Berkley, an M.A. and Ph.D. of philosophy from the University of Virginia, as well as a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. After several years practicing law in Washington, D.C., and teaching as an adjunct professor at the American University School of Law, he decided to shift to full time teaching. He and his family relocated to Mississippi in 2010 where he began his time as an MC Law Professor.

Dean Anderson's scholarship focuses on securities enforcement, white-collar crime, and intersections of law and philosophy (e.g., business ethics, constitutionalism, problems of pluralism, and human rights). He has been published in leading peer-reviewed journals and in top law reviews. Dean Anderson recently published a book with Cambridge University Press, *Insider Trading: Law Ethics and Reform*. He is a frequent contributor to the Columbia Law School Blue Sky Blog, and an editor of the Business Law Professor Blog. Along with his role as Dean, he currently teaches Contracts I and II.

Since becoming Dean, Anderson has set a goal of building on the unique attributes of MC Law (its location in the state's capital, its Christian mission, and its student-first culture). He has put many new ideas into motion that will allow for growth and opportunity while enriching the community in which MC Law is situated. In addition to a multi-million-dollar renovation that began in the summer of 2024, under Dean Anderson's leadership the law school continues to innovate with new programs like the "Fast Track to Mississippi Practice" and the "Camp ESQ" bar preparation programs. His vision for the law school is that it should offer a superior legal education "one relationship at a time."

Dean Anderson currently resides in Madison, Mississippi with his wife, Jaime, and their three children: Peyton, Brendan, and Cosette. He and his family attend Pinelake Church in Madison.

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MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE CITATION

**MEDGAR WILEY EVERS**  
**DOCTOR OF LAWS**

IN RECOGNITION OF A LIFE DEDICATED TO SEEKING JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS AND SERVING HIS COMMUNITY, STATE AND THE WORLD, MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE IS PLEASED TO BESTOW A POSTHUMOUS HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS UPON MR. MEDGAR WILEY EVERS.

Born on July 2, 1925, in Decatur, Mississippi, Medgar Wiley Evers was a World War II veteran who served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 and was part of the famous Red Ball Express, which hauled supplies to Allied forces following the D-Day invasion in Normandy. Medgar overcame many challenges into which he was born and in 1952 earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration from Alcorn A&M College, now known as Alcorn State University. Medgar Wiley Evers excelled in college. He was Editor-in-Chief of Alcorn's yearbook, junior class president, and a member of the debate, track, choir, and football teams.

An avid scholar and life-long learner, Medgar Wiley Evers applied to law school at the University of Mississippi Law School in 1954 shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education* that ended segregation in public schools, but was denied admission on a technicality. Medgar Evers was the first African American to attempt to enter the law school. Although he was never admitted to law school, he spent the rest of his life using the law to level the playing field for others working towards the same dream. In fact, his work paved the way for James Meredith's ultimate admission to the University of Mississippi. He advanced the law in ways that most practicing attorneys would not attempt or be able to do. Medgar Evers helped form the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) in the spring of 1961 with Aaron Henry, Mississippi state NAACP president; Carsie Hall, a civil-rights lawyer practicing in Mississippi; Bob Moses, civil rights activist, and others to facilitate a meeting with Gov. Ross Barnett to secure the release of incarcerated Freedom Riders.

Medgar Wiley Evers was the first NAACP field secretary for Mississippi. He was offered the position after impressing NAACP Mississippi State Conference leader E. J. Stringer with his eloquence, focus, resolve, and leadership. Evers accepted the position and worked to improve equal access to public facilities, end school segregation, and ensure equal access to secure voting rights. Evers' activism and work ultimately cost him his life. Medgar Wiley Evers was assassinated at his home in Jackson, Mississippi, on June 12, 1963. He was shot in the back while in his driveway. President John F. Kennedy requested that Medgar Evers be buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery. Evers's assassination helped fuel global awareness and commitment to the civil rights movement and contributed to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Medgar Wiley Evers continues to be honored. He was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2024, the Nation's highest civilian honor. The Medal is awarded by the United States President to individuals who have made meritorious contributions to the security or national interest of the United States, world peace, or cultural endeavors. In 2018, the Medgar and Myrlie Evers House was designated a National Historic Landmark and, in 2020, established as a unit of the National Park Service. In 2013, Alcorn State University erected a statue of Evers and dedicated new student housing and a center on campus. In 2011, USNS Medgar Evers (T-AKE-13), a Humanitarian Cargo ship, was christened and put to sea. In 2004, the Jackson City Council renamed the city's airport to Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport in his honor. In 1992, the City of Jackson erected a statue and renamed all of Delta Drive (part of U.S. 49) in his honor. Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, New York, was established in 1970 in his honor. The NAACP posthumously awarded him its highest honor, the 1963 Spingarn Medal.

Medgar Wiley Evers was married to Mrs. Myrlie Evers until he was assassinated in the driveway of his home. They are the parents of two sons, the late Darrell Kenyatta Evers and James Van Evers, and one daughter, Reena Evers-Everette. Medgar and Myrlie Evers were partners in life and in the civil rights struggle. Myrlie Evers-Williams continues to carry forward Medgar's legacy and to fight for justice and equality. Evers' older brother, Charles Evers, was a prominent civil rights activist, politician, businessman, and radio personality until his death on July 22, 2020.

IN RECOGNITION OF A DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF SERVICE TO THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE AND TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE IS PLEASED TO BESTOW THIS POSTHUMOUS HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS UPON MR. MEDGAR WILEY EVERS.

DATED AT THE CITY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THIS THE 15TH DAY OF MAY 2026.

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# ABOUT MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

## PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The medallion concept originated in Biblical days as a symbol for authority. The medallion was worn for adornment, and its likeness served as the official Seal. The Presidential Medallion, crafted for Dr. Blake Thompson, symbolizes the authority of the president's office as well as the president's responsibility to the Mississippi

College academic community. Fashioned in bronze and electroplated with gold, the Presidential Medallion depicts the Nelson Hall clock tower and is inscribed with the name and founding date of the University. The University's motto, "Veritas et Virtus" (truth and virtue), and the title "president," are included in the inscriptions.



## MACE AND SEAL

The Mississippi College Mace, carried by the faculty senate president who serves as grand marshal, is a symbol of the authority of the president of Mississippi College. Originating in the Middle Ages as a hand weapon used by the guards of kings, the mace has evolved into a ceremonial symbol in academic processions. The Mississippi College Mace is an original design by Dr. Ruth Glaze, former professor of art and department chair, the late Dr. Kenneth Quinn, art instructor, and the late Dr. Archie Germany, professor emeritus of chemistry. Dr. Cliff Fortenberry, former professor of communication and department head, suggested the creation and use

of the mace, which was first used during the inaugural ceremony of Dr. Howell Todd on April 28, 1995. The mounts were designed and cast by the late Dr. Sam Gore, professor of art and department head, and Steve Cook, former professor of art. The four bronze Ormolu mounts represent Provine Chapel, Nelson Hall, a depiction of a Native American, and the Mississippi College motto within a circle placed over an open Bible and under the torch of truth. The mounts are attached to the four quadrants of the mace and the Mississippi College Presidential Seal is located in the crest of the mace.

## THE UNIVERSITY SEAL

The seal, which originated in prehistoric periods, came to represent the authority of the king. When used with wax and attached to a document, the impression of the seal carried with it the full weight of the king's authority. The University Seal symbolizes the academic

authority controlled by the University. Any document which bears the University Seal is vested with the full authority of the University and its president. The Mississippi College University Seal mirrors the design of the Presidential Medallion.

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## ACADEMIC REGALIA

A time-honored tradition of great dignity, the wearing of academic apparel dates to the ecclesiastical garb of the late Middle Ages. The academic gown and hood were apparently first adopted in the 13th century at the University of Cambridge (1284). The University of Oxford was soon to follow. The custom was transplanted to this country in colonial times by Kings College in New York, now Columbia University.

In 1885, American universities and colleges standardized their academic styles and developed the intercollegiate code of academic costume. The characteristic elements of academic regalia are the gown, hood, and cap. The gown is usually of black material (serge

or worsted for bachelors, the same or silk for masters, and silk for doctors).

The hood, worn around the neck to hang down the back, is the principal emblem of the nature and source of the degree held. It is edged with velvet of the color of the degree; its silk lining bears the colors of the institution which granted the degree. Hoods may be worn only after the degree has been granted.

The cap bears a tassel which may be black for all ranks of degrees, or may be of gold thread for doctors and the color representing the degree for bachelors and masters.



## HISTORY OF MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

When Mississippi College opened its doors in 1826 as Hampstead Academy, much of the United States was still wilderness. A mere nine years earlier, Mississippi had been admitted to the Union as the twentieth state. The state itself was an untamed frontier—a challenge to be met with hard work, diligence, and faith.

Applying these ideals to the academic setting, the institution began educating men and women to become leaders in both professional and spiritual arenas. Today, it stands as Mississippi's oldest institution of higher learning, the second-oldest Baptist university in the nation, and the first co-educational institution in the United States to grant a degree to a woman. Mississippi College's

relationship with the Mississippi Baptist Convention spans more than 175 consecutive years. Governed by a board of trustees, the University is supported through tuition, gifts from alumni and friends, foundations and corporations, and the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Now in its 200th year, Mississippi College celebrates its Bicentennial, and on June 1, 2026, the University's enduring identity will be more clearly reflected as it officially becomes Mississippi Christian University. This name reflects the foundation that has guided the institution for two centuries and carries that mission forward into its next 200 years.

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## MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE VISION STATEMENT

Mississippi College seeks to be known as a University recognized for academic excellence and commitment to the cause of Christ.



## MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Mississippi College, governed by a board of trustees elected by the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is a private, co-educational, comprehensive University of liberal arts and sciences and professional studies dedicated to the pursuit of academic excellence. Founded in 1826, Mississippi College is the oldest institution of higher learning in Mississippi. As a Christian institution, Mississippi College values the integration of faith and learning throughout the educational process.

Consistent with its Baptist heritage and relationship to the Convention, Mississippi College provides a Christian education for its student population. Students select the University because of the quality of its academic programs, Christian environment, and location. The University recruits students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, leadership, and church and community involvement. The majority of students come from Mississippi and other southern states.

Mississippi College stimulates the intellectual development of its students through the liberal arts and sciences and concentrated study in specialized fields, including preprofessional and professional programs. The University's environment promotes the spiritual, social,

emotional, and physical development of its students and encourages them to utilize their skills, talents, and abilities as they pursue meaningful careers, lifelong learning, and service to God and others. The University emphasizes those undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs that offer opportunities for service. The University reflects its responsibility of service to the community through a variety of learning opportunities and numerous cultural-enrichment experiences.

Mississippi College is committed to excellence and innovation in teaching and learning. The University seeks to employ and retain faculty who are dedicated to teaching, learning, and advising students; who support and engage in scholarship and creative activities that advance knowledge; and who seek to continue their own professional development. The University also seeks to employ and retain staff and administrators who are equally dedicated to supporting these efforts. Furthermore, the University selects employees who reflect Christian values and a commitment to service. Mississippi College is an equal opportunity employer in accordance with Title VII and applicable exemptions.

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# ABOUT MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW

## OUR HISTORY

MC Law began educating future attorneys in 1930 as the Jackson School of Law, a night school for working professionals who wished to become attorneys.

Our location in Jackson, Mississippi's legal and governmental center has been an advantage ever since the law school's earliest days; the original faculty members were practicing attorneys who pursued justice in the courtrooms of the capital city by day and encouraged the next generation of legal leaders in the evenings. Over the years, the law school grew from a night school into a full-time institution, earning a reputation for outstanding instruction and the professional success of its graduates.

In 1975, the law school became a part of Mississippi College, the oldest university in the state. In the late 1970s, plans were underway to construct a new law school

building on the main campus of Mississippi College in Clinton. Those plans changed when United Gas Pipeline generously donated a five-story building in downtown Jackson to the law school; the first classes were held on the new MC Law campus in 1980. At that time, the gift was the largest in Mississippi College history, but its true worth was not in the monetary value of the bricks and mortar, but in the building's location.

Now celebrating its 50th year, MC Law's position in the heart of Mississippi's legal, judicial, and business center has offered students unlimited opportunities for work, clerkships, and externships. Combining a practical legal education with Christian principles for five decades, the law school has since become a premier legal center for the South.

## OUR MISSION AND VISION

Our aim is to create an institutional environment that promotes intellectual and practical learning. Our student body and faculty reflect a wide variety of backgrounds and interests. Out of this diversity, we seek to create a scholarly community in which students and faculty discuss issues freely in a variety of settings, both formal and informal.

Our curriculum is designed to train students to become skilled and ethical lawyers capable of adapting

their practice to a changing legal world. To accomplish this goal, we have looked to a liberal arts model in shaping the law school's curriculum. Our courses emphasize individual responsibility for learning, while providing every student instruction in the substantive and analytical skills necessary for successful practice.

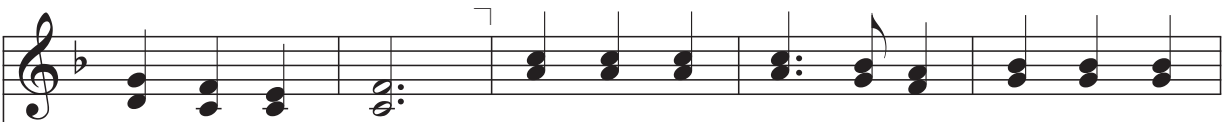


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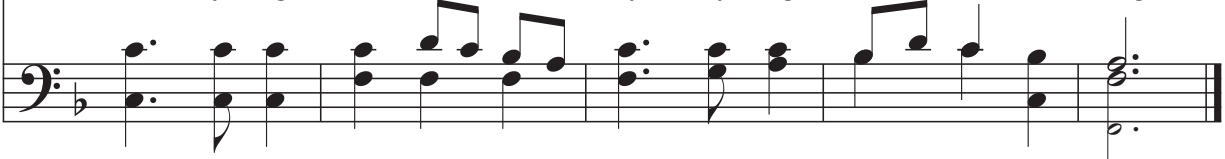
1. My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,  
2. My na - tive coun - try, thee, Land of the no - ble free,  
3. Let mu - sic swell the breeze And ring from all the trees  
4. Our fa - thers' God, to thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,



Of thee I sing; Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the  
Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and  
Sweet free - dom's song; Let mor - tal tongues a - wake; Let all that  
To thee we sing; Long may our land be bright With free - dom's



pil - grims' pride, From ev - 'ry moun - tain - side Let free - dom ring!  
tem - pled hills. My heart with rap - ture thrills Like that a - bove.  
breathe par - take; Let rocks their si - lence break, The sound pro - long.  
ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, Great God, our King!



Text: Samuel F. Smith, 1808-1895  
Music: From *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, 1744

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