



STENNIS SPOTLIGHT

The latest updates on SIG, policy, and politics

Mississippi Municipal League

Stennis Institute staff traveled to Biloxi for the 93rd Annual Mississippi Municipal League Conference. Several staff members led presentations focusing on community development, human resources and compensation, and municipal issues. We talked with people from all over the state, and raffled off Mississippi State's famous Edam cheese!



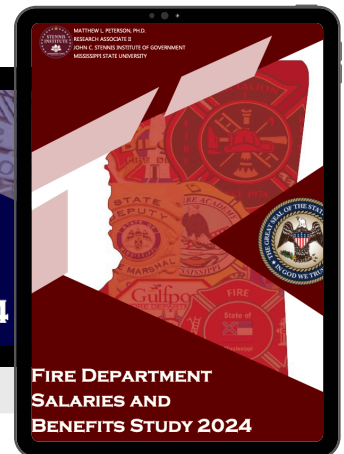
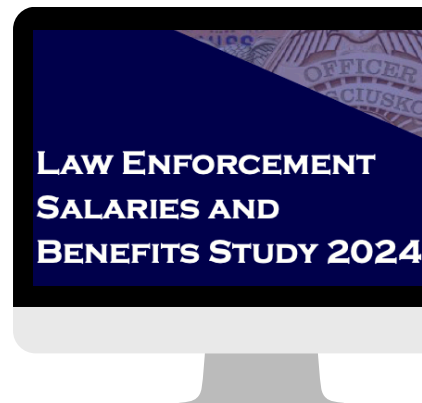
MEDC's Exchange 2024



Members of our community development team traveled to Biloxi for the Mississippi Economic

Development Council's Annual Exchange. Project Coordinator Chance McDavid participated on a panel titled "Turning Your Chamber from Valuable to Essential by Empowering Your Local Businesses."

Download the 2024 Police & Fire Salary Survey!



Available on our website!

APPLIED RESEARCH



The Stennis Institute, in partnership with the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety, conducted the 31st annual observational studies on seatbelt and child restraint usage. Surveyors travel to various locations across the state to conduct this observation.

GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

The Speaker of the Mississippi House of Representatives, Jason White, wrapped up the 2024 Legislative Session at the Stennis-Capitol Press Forum. Speaker White highlighted the session's accomplishments and presented goals for next session.



LEADERSHIP TRAINING



Stennis Institute Director, Dr. Dallas Breen is scheduled to visit Vicksburg, MS, as part of Mississippi Municipal League's fall trainings. He will discuss the different forms and functions of municipal government in Mississippi.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Our community development team facilitated a work session for Mississippi State University's Division of Agriculture, Forestry, and Veterinary Medicine's Vision 2030 Launch. This session brought stakeholders together in the agricultural industry to pinpoint economic drivers.



JUNIOR CIVICS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



This summer the Stennis Institute welcomed high school students from across the state to participate in the inaugural cohort of the Junior Civics Leadership Academy. Students spent seven days learning about civics, community development, and local, state, and the federal government. Members of Mississippi State's Political Science and Public Administration faculty and Stennis Institute staff taught lectures each morning. Days were filled with hands-on activities and simulations.

Students also had the opportunity to travel to Starkville City Hall to meet with Starkville Mayor Lynn Spruill and attend a city board meeting. In the middle of the week, the JCLA cohort also traveled to Mississippi's State Capitol in Jackson to meet with elected officials and people who work in policy at the statewide level. Students also spent time at the Two Mississippi Museums that afternoon.

JCLA provided an outreach opportunity to showcase high school students' potential at Mississippi State University. Students slept in residence halls, ate at dining halls, and met with various departments on campus to see first-hand what it is like to be an undergraduate student at Mississippi State.

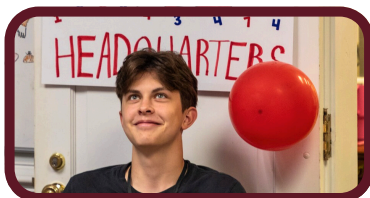
Each JCLA student received three elective credit hours at Mississippi State University. Sid Salter, Vice President for Strategic Communications and Director of Public Affairs at Mississippi State University, keynoted the closing ceremony.

JCLA 2025 will take place June 21-27, 2025. Stay tuned to our website for more information and follow us on social media.



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Leadership
Academy**

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SoS and Ambassadors Visit

Mississippi Secretary of State Michael Watson visited the Stennis-Montgomery Association to discuss the importance of voting in the upcoming general election and how to be an engaged citizen. Following his visit, the 2024-2025 Class of the Mississippi Secretary of State Student Ambassador Program visited the Stennis Institute for an ice cream social during a MSU campus tour.

2024 SEDI Cohort

The 2024 State Executive Development Institute welcomed 16 cohort members to Mississippi State's campus in May. SEDI is designed to help state department mid to upper level managers rise to executive administration. Cohort members participate in trainings and finish the week in the state's capitol.



NEW STUDENTS

Our undergraduate students assist with our research efforts and perform daily office and administrative tasks.



Brady Bolling

Political Science



Reid Peeples

Psychology



Alexandra Williams

Political Science and History

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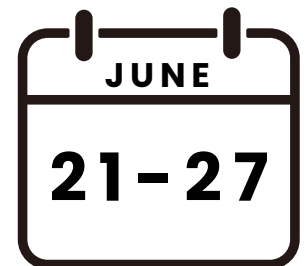
Stennis-Montgomery Association hosts Voter Registration Tailgate
Toledo vs. MSU



National Voter Registration Day



2024 Election Day



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