

July 25, 2022

BY EMAIL: publicrecords@usm.edu

RE: Public Records Request

Pursuant to the Mississippi Public Records Act of the Mississippi Code § 25-61-5, I request copies of or access to the following records:

- Any/all grant agreements and scopes of work between University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi Community Education Center from June 30, 2016-June 30, 2020.
- Any/all grant agreements and scopes of work between University of Southern Mississippi and Family Resource Center from June 30, 2016-June 30, 2020.
- Any/all grant agreements and scopes of work between University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi Department of Human Services from June 30, 2016-June 30, 2020.
- Any/all documentation pursuant to the MDHS-funded "Student Development Program" and/or "Community and Youth Leadership Engagement Program" grant including but not limited to: agreements, MOUs, scopes of work, budget narratives, program outcomes and outcome reports, expenditure reports, invoices and receipts, progress reports from June 30, 2016-June 30, 2020.
- Any/all communication from June 30, 2016-June 30, 2020, including but not limited to: letters, memos, emails and text messages, between, on one hand, Rodney Bennett, Jon Gilbert, James "Jim" Coll, Jenni Schmidt, Melissa Thompson, Brian Morrison, Kylie Amato, Jeff Mitchell, Daniel Feig, Mary Alexander, Christi Holloway, and Jennifer Lemacks, and, on the other, any employees of the University of Southern Mississippi Athletic Foundation, any board members of the University of Southern Mississippi Athletic Foundation, Nancy New, Zach New, Jess New, Christi Webb, John Davis, Brett Favre, Ted "Teddy" DiBiase Jr., Phil Bryant and Deborah Bryant.

If you decline to provide copies of the requested documents, I ask that you provide a written statement, as required by Miss. Code Sec. 25-61-5 (2), explaining the basis for withholding records and including citation of exemption created or afforded by statute. I also ask that your written statement include a specific explanation of conclusion that the cited exemption applies to the records you have withheld. If any exemption you assert applies only to a portion of the records, we request that you redact the portion you claim is exempt and provide us with copies of the remainder of the document or documents.

Please send records to me by email. If your office requires payment of a copying charge for records, we request that you inform us of that charge and advise us of the estimated cost prior to copying the documents.

Because dissemination of this information is in the public's interest, I request that you waive any fees associated with this request. If you determine fees applicable under the Mississippi Public Records Act, please inform me before complying with this request. You can reach me by telephone at 601-720-5370 or by email at awolfe@mississippitoday.org.



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If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me by phone. I look forward to your reply as soon as is practicable, and no more 7 working days from your receipt of this request. See Miss. Code Ann. § 25-61-5(1)(a).

If this request should have been directed to a different individual or office, please notify me by telephone or email, and please forward the request to the appropriate individual or office.

Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Sincerely,

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