



**Affordable
Accessible
Opportunity**

THE SOUTH'S MOST AFFORDABLE REGIONAL UNIVERSITY

The W leads the state on affordable degrees. In 2023, The W ranked No. 1 for Least Debt among Regional Universities (South) and tied for No. 5 in Top Performers on Social Mobility among public southern regional universities, according to U.S. News & World Report. Washington Monthly ranked The W No. 15 as the Best Bang for the Buck nationally.

LEADING THE CHARGE ON COMBATTING MS "BRAIN DRAIN"

Not only does The W enroll the greatest percentage of Mississippians according to IHL (86% compared to the system average of 63%), an impressively high percentage of our graduates (77%) are working in the state of Mississippi three years after graduation. Our unbeatable programs in nursing, culinary arts, speech-language pathology, and education are especially vital to creating opportunities for Mississippians to remain in the state for growing industries and communities.

BY THE NUMBERS

+ \$215 million

in economic impact for
the state of Mississippi

\$0 debt

and a growing endowment
of over \$61 million in assets

+ 3,433 jobs

supported in the
state of Mississippi

\$21 million

in recently completed
upgrades to our historic campus

MSMS + The W

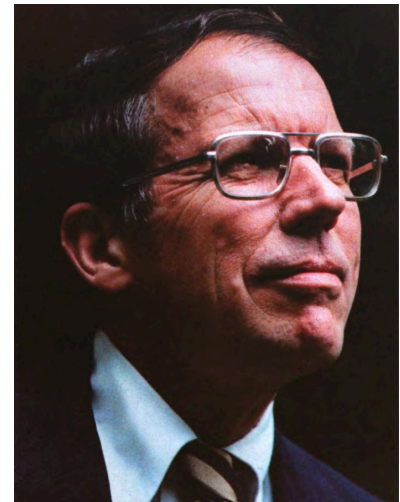
Decades of tradition and award-winning collaboration

Long hailed as a champion of education in Mississippi, former Governor William Winter was the catalyst for the development of the Mississippi School for Math and Science.

After touring a similar program in North Carolina, Winter and his education advisor, Andy Mullins, proposed a transitional program, the Mississippi Governor's School, designed to prepare students for the eventual residential school. In 1981, The W was selected as the host campus for Governor's School based on The W's reputation, commitment, and passion for education. After several successful years of directing the Governor's School, The W was chosen as the host site for MSMS in 1987 by the Mississippi Legislature. Governor's School and MSMS remain part of the fabric of The W.

The size of The W's campus and accessibility to downtown Columbus allows MSMS students to safely acclimate to independence while also having access to the full array of campus resources.

We are doing our part to ensure these gifted students remain in Mississippi. We look forward to requesting funding for buildings MSMS uses on our campus to ensure that MSMS remains the shining example in the nation for public, gifted and residential education, just as Governor William envisioned.



Former Gov. William Winter

- **Exclusive MSMS residence halls & academic halls**
- **Shared access with university dining hall, recreation center, library, health center, and more.**
- **Collaboration on Tales From The Crypt, Eight of May, MoreStory**



As part of our investment in MSMS and our effort to retain high achievers in Mississippi, The W recently announced that we will offer a full-tuition, four-year scholarship to all MSMS graduates who attend The W.