

THE W AT A GLANCE

- + 77% of W graduates are still working in the state **three years** after graduation.
- The W leads IHL with the highest number of Mississippians enrolled at 86%, compared to the IHL System average of 63%.
- The W awards an IHL-leading 33.9 degrees per 100 full-time equivalent undergraduate students, compared to IHL average of 23.9.
- + 76% of new W undergraduates are transfer students, primarily from **Mississippi** community colleges.

- The W has recently completed \$21 million campus improvement projects with an additional \$17 million in progress.
- At The W, students are more than a number,
 10:1 student-to-faculty ratio.
- The W is one of the most diverse institutions in the IHL System. Fall 2023, **39%** of students were minorities.
- W students graduate with the least amount of debt among Southern regional universities.

THE W SUPPORTS MISSISSIPPI

The university's economic value to the state totaled more than **\$215 million** during fiscal year 2021-22. Expressed in terms of jobs, The W's impact supported **3,433 jobs**.

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Under the expert leadership of President Miller, The W holds **no debt**, has appropriate cash reserves, has access to a growing foundation endowment of more than **\$67 million** in assets and awarded more than **\$2.4 million** in scholarships. The university has several recently completed major improvement projects. The W takes pride in our thoughtful stewardship of the funding appropriated by our legislators.

AFFORDABLE & ACCESSIBLE

When it comes to affordable degrees, The W is **leading the state**. Washington Monthly's 2024 Best Bang for the Buck Rankings: South ranked the university **No. 4**. 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.

