

## Alumni Hall of Fame

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### Southern Miss Alumni Association to Induct Seven into its Hall of Fame

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**HATTIESBURG, Miss.** - Seven of The University of Southern Mississippi's most dedicated and distinguished alumni have been selected to join its Alumni Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremony, part of the university's homecoming festivities, will be at Southern Oaks House and Gardens in Hattiesburg this evening at 6:30 p.m. The event honors outstanding graduates and former students for their contributions to their alma mater and their communities. This year's inductees bring the Hall of Fame's membership to 228.

The 2009 inductees include:

#### **Dorrance Aultman '54**

A respected attorney who is active in the Hattiesburg community, Sumrall native Dorrance Aultman graduated from then Mississippi Southern College in 1954 and was awarded a bachelor of laws degree from the University of Mississippi in 1956, the same year he was admitted to the Mississippi Bar.

More than five decades later, he continues to practice law as president of the firm of Aultman, Tyner & Ruffin, Ltd. Among other professional affiliations, he is a member of the South Mississippi Bar Association, for which he served as president in 1970; the Mississippi State Bar Association; the American Bar Association; and the American Board of Trial Advocates.

While his professional accomplishments are numerous, Aultman has also served his country and community in a number of ways. He was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1956, serving on active duty and in the reserves for 30 years, and retired from the Mississippi Army National Guard as a brigadier general.

Along the way, Aultman received numerous awards and decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal; the Army Achievement Medal; the Commendation Ribbon; and the Legion of Merit. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg, having served as president in 1973-74, and is a past chairman of the March of Dimes of Forrest County, as well as a past United Way board member.

In addition, his pro bono work as general counsel for William Carey University was just one reason that institution awarded him an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 2008. He is also an active member of Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg.

His service also extends to Southern Miss. The Life Member of the Association is also an Eagle Club member, a member of the Circle of Champions, the Dugout Club, the Hardwood Club, the Attack Club and Wings Club. In addition, he is a member of the USM Foundation's Honor Club and recently completed a three-year term on the Foundation's board of directors.

Aultman has been married to wife Carolyn O'Neal Aultman for 53 years, and all three of their children attended Southern Miss—Dorrance "Dee" Aultman Jr. '84, Cynthia Hicks '85, '89 and Jo Ann Guy. His sons-in-law, Brian Guy '83 and Stacy Hicks '93 are also graduates of the university. The family includes two grandsons, Brady O'Neal and Cody Allen Hicks, and a granddaughter, Meagan Mackenzie Guy.

### **Jay Dean '75, '77**

Dr. Jay Dean has been the music director of The University of Southern Mississippi Symphony Orchestra since 1988. He is a member of the Alumni Association as well as the USM Foundation Honor Club's Associates for Excellence and Founders' Society.

During his tenure as director, the orchestra has cultivated an international reputation that enhances not only the university but also the state and region. His recruiting efforts have elevated the symphony into a multinational conglomerate, attracting students from 15 different countries.

Dean's vision has literally brought the world to Mississippi, including performances across the state by internationally known classical music icons such as Plácido Domingo, Itzhak Perlman, Yo-Yo Ma and Sir James Galway, as well as celebrities including Patti LaBelle, Doc Severinsen and Ray Charles.

After earning bachelor's and master's degrees from Southern Miss in 1975 and 1977, respectively, Dean received his DMA in orchestral conducting from the University of Texas at Austin. He has served as music director of Dekalb Youth Symphony Orchestra in Atlanta; the Mercer University/Atlanta Chamber Orchestra; the Columbus State University Orchestra; the Atlanta Festival Orchestra and Chorus; the Austin Civic Orchestra; and the Southwest Chamber Orchestra. He also served as assistant conductor for the Austin Lyric Opera.

Dean is the executive director of the Professional Resource Institute for Musical Excellence, the executive director of the Vicksburg International Chamber Music Festival and president of the Mississippi Orchestra Teachers Association. He served on the advisory board for the formation of the Mississippi School for the Arts as the representative from the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, and has served on the board of the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters and the Mississippi Opera Education Committee.

He is married to Mary Ann Kyle, a member of the university's faculty. He has three daughters—Michelle, a Southern Miss alumna; Alex, a Southern Miss employee; and Anna, who will be a student at the university next year; one son, Christopher, who is also a Southern Miss student; and two stepsons, Jonathan and David.

## **Dickie Dunaway '69**

Born and raised in Gulfport by the late Harty Levy and Maurine Stokes Dunaway, Richard "Dickie" Dunaway became a leader on campus and on the football field at Southern Miss.

Although he eventually became a three-year football letterman for the Southerners, Dunaway began as a walk-on for the team when a family friend asked then Coach Thad "Pie" Vann to allow Dunaway a tryout. He impressed the coaching staff and earned the first full scholarship for a punter at the university enabling him to continue his studies as his family faced financial hardships.

After graduation, Dunaway took a job as a factory representative for the Ford Motor Company, a position that eventually sparked the opening of his own glass business, Auto Glass Discount, in Gulfport in 1971. Today, nearly 40 years and a few hurricane-related challenges later, Dunaway Glass Inc. continues serving the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Inspired by the scholarship he earned more than four decades ago, Dunaway has also served his alma mater in a number of capacities. A life member of the Alumni Association, he is a former president of the Gulf Coast Metro Alumni Chapter and was honored with the Association's Continuous Service Award in 2004.

He is a 1992 inductee into the M-Club Hall of Fame, a member of the Eagle Club, a member of the USM Foundation's Honor Club at the President's Circle Level, the Circle of Champions, and currently serves on the Athletic Foundation's board of directors.

In addition, Dunaway has arranged for two endowed scholarships at Southern Miss, including the Dickie Dunaway Athletic Football Scholarship, awarded to Golden Eagle punters, and the Richard "Dickie" and Nancy Hodges Dunaway Gulf Coast Scholarship, available to students from coast counties who plan to attend Southern Miss Gulf Coast.

Dunaway and his wife, Nancy Hodges '74 of Biloxi, enjoy entertaining at their tailgate area on the Eagle Walk and have frequently opened their home for Southern Miss to deliver its message to Gulf Coast high school juniors. Their family includes Dickie's daughter, Denise Dunaway-Ozerden; her three children, Vivian Caffee, Hardy Noble and Miriam Dunaway; Dickie's son, R. Damon Dunaway, and Nancy's son, Ryan Lawrence.

## **Mary Dayne Gregg '71, '82**

Since 1960, Mary Dayne Kenamond Gregg has been a part of the Southern Miss family. She was born in Jackson and is the third daughter of Fred and Jane Kenamond. After her father joined the Southern Miss accounting faculty in the fall of 1960, the Kenamond family moved to Hattiesburg.

As a young teenager, Gregg rode her bicycle to campus to explore and take advantage of offerings like swimming lessons and other camps. At 16, she obtained her first job at Southern Miss, a summer job in the Registrar's Office filing and processing transcript requests.

In 1971, Gregg earned her bachelor's degree with highest honors in mathematics and secondary education. As a student, she became a member of the Epsilon Delta chapter of Chi Omega, served on the Women's Judiciary Board and was a student worker in the housing department. Gregg also received the Citizenship Award and was named to the University's Hall of Fame.

After graduation, she was a high school mathematics teacher at Hattiesburg High School from 1972 until 1981. During this time, Gregg pursued a master's degree in computer science and taught night classes at Southern Miss as an adjunct instructor. In the fall of 1981, she joined the faculty as a full-time instructor in the Department of Computer Science.

During Gregg's tenure as an instructor, she continued to serve as an alumnae advisor for Chi Omega, the faculty advisor for both the Golden Key International Honour Society and Upsilon Pi Epsilon and as assistant chair of the Computer Science department.

In 2002, Gregg was named to the Southern Miss Greek Hall of Fame and was named the College Panhellenic Council Advisor of the Year. In 2006 the Chi Omega Foundation scholarship that is awarded annually to an active member of the Epsilon Delta chapter was named in her honor.

After a brief retirement in the spring of 2007, Gregg rejoined the university and works as an assistant to Southern Miss President Martha Saunders. She and her husband Wally, both life members of the Alumni Association and members of the Eagle Club, have two children, Ginny Gregg Graham '94 and Dr. Neal Gregg. They are also grandparents to five grandchildren. **She most recently was named to spearhead President Saunders' audit of university committees.**

### **John Lazenby '69, '70**

Over the past decade, John Lazenby has consistently ranked as one of the top realtors in Orange County, Fla. In addition

to his work in the real estate industry, he is a leader in service to his community and alma mater.

His service to Southern Miss is extensive. As a student, he was active in campus activities, serving as president of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and president of the Student Senate. As an alumnus, he is one of the founding members of the College of Business' advisory council and a Life Member of the Alumni Association, serving as a member of the Association's board of directors from 1994 to 1996 and as a chapter president on multiple occasions.

He was honored with the Association's Outstanding Service Award in 1983 and the Continuous Service Award in 1999. Lazenby and his daughter, Stacey Lazenby Malaret '96, contributed to the Ogletree House Campaign by dedicating a painting of the house by alumna Janet Shearer to Polly Odom and Jewel Tucker of the Southern Miss President's Office for their work on behalf of the university.

While he is certainly willing to lend a helping hand in Hattiesburg when called upon, his community service is also extensive in his home state of Florida as well. Among other involvement, Lazenby sits on the associate board of directors of the Florida Citrus Sports

Association and is on the selection committee for their Capital One and Champs Sports bowls. Lazenby has earned Accredited Buyer Representative and Accredited Luxury Home Specialist designations and was named Agent of the Year in 2003 by the Master Custom Builder Council, a consortium of top custom builders in Central Florida.

He is a member of the Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council's Hall of Fame and the board of directors of the Florida Association of Realtors. He has received an *Orlando Magazine* Realtor of Distinction Award each year since 2005 and has been named to *Orlando Magazine's* "Hot 100 Realtors of Central Florida" each year since 2006.

Lazenby has two children, Stacey and John Jr., and three grandchildren, Madison and Brandon Malaret, and Alexandria Lazenby.

- **Billy Walker '80**

A Southern Miss education is a family affair for Billy Walker, who earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from the university in 1980. His wife graduated from Southern Miss in 1978, and both sets of parents finished in the 1950s from then Mississippi Southern College. All four parents received education degrees leading to careers in teaching, coaching and school administration in Mississippi.

Baylee, Walker's daughter, attended Southern Miss and hopes to return for her degree soon, while son Brett has taken classes at the Gulf Park Campus. Two nieces from Alabama are also currently sophomores.

Walker has been involved with Southern Miss through the Alumni Association and the Athletic department for nearly 20 years. He is past president of the Gulf Coast Metro Chapter of the Alumni Association and has served on the Association's Board of Directors as well as the Traditions Committee. Walker's previous Alumni Association awards include the Outstanding Service Award, Continuous Service Award and the Meritorious Service Award. Billy and Brenda are Life Members of the Association.

While Walker has served the Alumni Association faithfully through the years, he also has a passion for Southern Miss Athletics. He is a past president of the Gulf Coast Eagle Club, and through his leadership alongside many volunteers has helped raise scholarship money for student-athletes with benefit golf tournaments, football game-watching parties, bus trips and drawdown fundraisers.

He has served on the board of directors for the Athletic Foundation and continues to support the Department of Athletics through memberships in the Circle of Champions, Eagle Club, Attack Club, Hardwood Club, Dugout Club, Wings Club and Golden Tee Club.

Walker is self-employed and operates several successful businesses in Biloxi and Houston, Texas which provide services to clients throughout the South, and he counts Southern Miss as one of his many valued customers. He is a member of numerous business and trade organizations and supports many local charities in south Mississippi.

Billy and Brenda, his wife of 28 years, reside in Biloxi with their children, Brett and Baylee, and their family dog of 15 years, Biscuit.

### **Alvin Williams '74**

Dr. Alvin Williams' distinguished record of service to The University of Southern Mississippi spans three decades and continues today. While the majority of his efforts on behalf of Southern Miss have been as a professor and administrator, **Williams currently serves as co-chair of the University's Centennial Celebration Steering Committee and Vice President of the Alumni Association.**

**As co-chair of the Centennial Committee, Williams and co-chair Rex Kelly, along with honorary chair Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas, are responsible for guiding a group of 50 volunteers as they make plans to ensure that the 100th anniversary of the institution's founding captures both the University's treasured past and its golden future. In his role as Vice President of the Alumni Association, Williams is part of an executive committee that provides guidance for the Association's operations.**

He earned a bachelor's degree from Southern Miss in 1974, a master's degree from the University of Alabama and his Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas. He was interim dean of the College of Business and professor of marketing at Southern Miss, where he worked from 1980 to 2008. Williams also served as chairman of the Department of Marketing from 1988 to 2005. He is past president of the Society for Marketing Advances and past editor of the *Journal of Supply Chain Management*.

Williams has conducted more than 350 presentations and seminars for supply management and marketing professionals in the U.S., Europe, South Africa and China. He has published in various academic and professional journals in marketing and supply management, including *Industrial Marketing Management*, the *Journal of Supply Chain Management*, *Supply Chain Management Review* and the *Journal of Personal Selling and Sales Management*. He is currently a distinguished professor of marketing at the University of South Alabama's Mitchell College of Business.

His civic and community activities have included the Boy Scouts of America, which honored him with the Silver Beaver Award; Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club board; United Way of Southeast Mississippi; the Area Development Partnership board; and the USM Foundation board. He and his wife Lourinda Williams '75, '77, are Life Members of the Alumni Association and have two daughters, Adria and Aprille.

Former Interim Dean Alvin Williams left behind many unexploded bombs for current Dean Lance Nail to find and try to diffuse. With that said, especially compared to current CoB chairs and deans, Williams is doing more for Southern Miss as an employee of South Alabama than the CoB chairs and deans are doing for Southern Miss. Is Williams that superior to the current crop of CoB administrators?