## Dear usmnews.net

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I read <u>your article</u> about <u>Southern Miss, MGCCC Enter Concurrent Enrollment Agreement</u>. I'm not sure why they [USM and MGCCC] need a concurrent enrollment agreement, unless they are, as you suggest, up to something.

When I started at JCJC [Jones Junior College], one of the first things we heard about was making sure our classes would transfer to whatever senior college we decided to attend. If my advisor didn't know whether a course would transfer she would contact the senior colleges I was considering and make sure.

Just so your readers have no doubt, I went to <u>JCJC's webpage</u> on "making the jump to a four-year university." One of the things on the webpage, that my advisor also told me is "If you complete all your core curriculum classes at JCJC, this core curriculum will substitute for the core curriculum at any public college or university in Mississippi. That means you don't have to take it twice!" Nobody wants to pay to take the same class twice.

One more thought that your student readers may want to consider. When they are freshmen at a junior college, they probably don't know where they want to go to school or what degree they want for their future. Don't let a meaningless agreement that doesn't look like much more than an photo op for a couple of college presidents, get them locked into having to finish their degree at Southern Miss. Every student should make sure his or her classes will transfer to other schools where they may later decide they want to attend.

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