

*Dear usmnews.net*

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A few days ago [The Hattiesburg American](#) ran puff piece titled "Up and Coming: Jennifer Payne". What are Ms. Payne's qualifications [to be associate director for external affairs for the Southern Miss Alumni Association]? What has she accomplished during her employment other than drawing a salary?

Name withheld

Dear Name Withheld,

I don't know the answers to your questions, nor does *THA* article enlighten us. However, Ms. Payne's name rang a bell. I searched usmnews.net's archives and found [a report](#) "No Payne, No Gain – Hiring of New Alumni Affairs ADEA Looks Sketchy ... Again". [Ms. Payne's](#) husband no longer sits on the Foundation. He does, however, sit on the [Advisory Board](#) for the College of Nursing.