

DOWN THE PIPE
COMING UP ON CAMPUS

- SWEET AND SOUR SPACE STUDY: UM astrophysicist's published study on space-formed sugar acid provides insight into the origins of life's building blocks.
- PROFESSOR'S PROTEST PHOTOS: The International Center of Photography selected a UM media and communication professor's photos taken in the wake of George Floyd's death for its upcoming exhibition in New York City.
- COMPETITIVE ARTIST FELLOWSHIP: UM theatre and film professor awarded competitive fellowship grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission, allowing her to pursue several national performing arts projects.
- DONATION FOR STUDENT AND FACULTY SUCCESS: A Corinth couple's \$250,000 gift establishes new endowments supporting business students and faculty.

YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED

Toyota Partnership to Advance STEM Education in Area Schools

Toyota Mississippi is providing \$5.8 million for area schools through its Driving Possibilities initiative, the first of its kind in the state.

The five-year investment creates funding for the Center for Mathematics and Science Education at Ole Miss to share customized STEM education training and resources with Pontotoc City and Lee County school districts.

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Why Debate Skills May Counteract AI Learning Concerns

The impact of AI on higher education remains unclear, but recent studies show that using AI tools to assist with writing reduces the writer's accuracy and reading comprehension.

New research from a speech communications professor indicates that sharpening debate skills may help.

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Professor Named to Phi Kappa Phi Board of Directors

Ole Miss journalism professor Debora Wenger has been appointed to the board of directors for Phi Kappa Phi, one of the nation's oldest and most selective multidisciplinary honor societies.

As one of 12 board members, Wenger will help develop performance indicators for the organization's new strategic plan.

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UMMC Launches Office of Operational Excellence

The University of Mississippi Medical Center's Office of Operational Excellence aims to instill a culture of continuous improvement throughout the organization.

The OOE will, among other things, include new programs that teach department-level staff problem-solving techniques to help them independently drive improvements in their own areas.

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Building Leaders: UM Project to Integrate Character into Classroom

Mississippi's flagship is one of 29 universities nationwide to receive the Institutional Impact Grant through the Educating Character Initiative, a part of the Program for Leadership and Character at Wake Forest University.

Grant funds will help incorporate moral, civic and intellectual virtues into classrooms across the Ole Miss campus.

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Author and Economist Power Couple Set to Host Campus Talks

The University of Mississippi will host Natasha Lance Rogoff and Kenneth Rogoff for two events on September 25 and 26, respectively, offering expert discussions on culture and economics.

Lance Rogoff will discuss her award-winning book, "Muppets in Moscow," and Rogoff will present his economic insights on government debt.

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EXPERTS OF THE WEEK

- CHARLES WALTER: Charles Walter, assistant professor of computer and information science, covers data privacy in both his courses and research. With the Federal Trade Commission's new [report](#) finding several social media sites collected more data than users realized, Walter can provide insight on data privacy, data collection risks, personal information security and general cyber security. He can be reached at cwwalter@olemiss.edu.
- KEN CYREE: Ken Cyree, dean of the business school and Mississippi Bankers Association Chair of Banking, can offer insight on the recent Federal Reserve key interest rate cut, including how it affects borrowers and why some view the half-point slash as a bold move. He can be reached at kcyree@bus.olemiss.edu

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