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Recipients honored for their exceptional service to students

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Lindsey Bartlett Mosvick

OXFORD, Miss. – Each day, University of Mississippi students are affected by the words and actions of faculty and staff members who extend their work beyond classrooms, labs and office space.

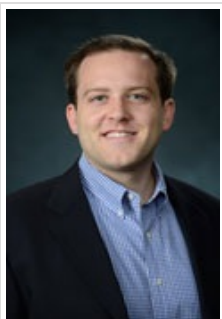
Two of them – Brett Cantrell, assistant professor of accountancy in the **Patterson School of Accountancy**; and Lindsey Bartlett Mosvick, assistant director of the **Office of Violence Prevention in the Counseling Center** – have been selected as this year's Frist Student Service Award honorees in recognition of their exceptional service to students.

They were chosen from among dozens of nominees, submitted by students, alumni, faculty and staff. A chancellor's committee weighed all the nominations and made the picks.

"Of all the awards we bestow on faculty and staff each year, the Frist Awards are extra-special because they recognize unwavering commitment to serving our students and making sure they are successful," Chancellor Jeffrey S. Vitter said. "Students are the central reason we are here, and service is part of our core mission. I am grateful for the work of Ms. Mosvick and Dr. Cantrell, and on behalf of the entire university, thank both of them for their dedication and remarkable example."

The awards, one for faculty and one for staff, were established with a gift from Dr. Thomas F. Frist Sr. of Nashville, a 1930 UM graduate. This is the 22nd year for the awards.

Cantrell and Mosvick each receive \$1,000 and a plaque, and are to be recognized May 14 at the university's main Commencement ceremony. Both recipients expressed surprise upon learning that they had been chosen for the recognition.



Brett Cantrell

"My first thought was, 'I wonder if this is really correct?'" Cantrell said. "There are just so many professors at the University of Mississippi that go above and beyond in student service, and who have been doing so for so much longer than I have. I certainly see that here in the accounting school."

Mosvick was equally astonished to receive the award.

"The work I do in the violence prevention office frequently involves confidential information, so I never expected something like this to happen," she said. "I also thought I have not worked here long enough to deserve the honor. I am starting a master's program in higher education through the university and I will put this (her stipend) toward those costs."

Cantrell, who joined the Ole Miss faculty in 2013, received his doctorate in accounting from the University of Texas. His bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting are from UM.

His research examines the quality and usefulness of bank accounting estimates such as the allowance for loan losses. Cantrell's work has been published in *The Accounting Review*, and he is a certified public accountant in the state of Mississippi. Before his doctoral studies, he served in the audit practice of KPMG's Birmingham, Alabama, office.

"This is really the first award I've won," said Cantrell, faculty adviser for the UM chapter of the **National**

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OXFORD, Miss. – Eleven University of Mississippi students spent their winter break learning about the people who work behind the scenes of the American government in Washington, D.C. Lead by Jonathan Klingler, assistant professor of political science, the students of Pol 391: Applied Politics met not with candidates, but with the people who make candidates'

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Young Alumna Gives Back to School of Accountancy

OXFORD, Miss. – Stephanie Jennings Teague, of Chicago, sees her commitment of \$100,000 to the Patterson School of Accountancy's new building at the University of Mississippi as a means of saying "thank you." "It is a way to show a small token of my appreciation to Ole Miss, the faculty and staff, and the accounting

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U.S. inflation roller coaster prompts fresh look at long-ignored money supply By Michael S. Derby NEW YORK – The amount of money sloshing around the U.S. economy shrank last year for the first time on record, a development that some economists believe bolsters the case for U.S. inflation pressures continuing to abate. The Federal Reserve's

Association of Black Accountants. "I am certainly honored to get to serve in that position, and I imagine it had something to do with me winning this award."

"Our chapter works to foster a sense of community for African-American students in the accounting school as well as developing the professional skills of our members."

One nomination for Cantrell, from a graduate student, stated in part: "Dr. Cantrell not only does his duties as NABA adviser . . . but he goes above and beyond. He has generously opened his home to all of NABA on numerous occasions and is always willing to help us when needed. He has even donated money to start the Patterson School Minority Summer Scholarship."

In another nomination, a former student wrote: "Dr. Cantrell has worked diligently to always keep our best interest at heart. He has been a voice for our community."

Mosvick, who earned her J.D. from the University of Virginia law school, has also been employed at the university since 2013. Formerly project coordinator in the Office of Violence Prevention, she also works as adviser of **Rebels Against Sexual Assault**, the campus student organization that assists in raising awareness about sexual assault and implementing peer education programs.

She previously received the Students First award at the first annual Women's Empowerment Awards in March 2015.

"That award was also an honor, but this award obviously leaves a greater legacy," Mosvick said.

"Learning about how my name will be on display in Martindale Hall and seeing this list of names I am joining is just as great an honor, as it includes many folks who I admire greatly like, Valeria Ross and Thelma Curry."

One nomination for Mosvick, from a staff member, stated: "Lindsey is always putting the needs of her students above her own. She works weekends, nights and early mornings to ensure the survivors are getting the care and attention that they deserve. She never complains about the intense workload because she truly cares about the lives of Ole Miss students."

A student wrote, "The professional support she provides is important, but the emotional support that she is willing to give is what sets her apart from the rest. I am convinced that, if financially able, Lindsey would do this work for free. That's how much she cares about our students."

Cantrell and his wife, Stacey, have a 1-year-old daughter, Bronwynn.

"She's a delight," he said. "Since having Bronwynn, the concept of leisure time seems pretty foreign to us, but I used to read and play sports."

Mosvick is married to Nicholas Mosvick, a doctoral candidate in the university's **Arch Dalrymple Department of History**.

"If not for him, I would have never joined the university in the first place," she said. "Outside of the office, I enjoy reading, cheering on my favorite sports teams and spending time with my family, especially my 1-year-old nephew."

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