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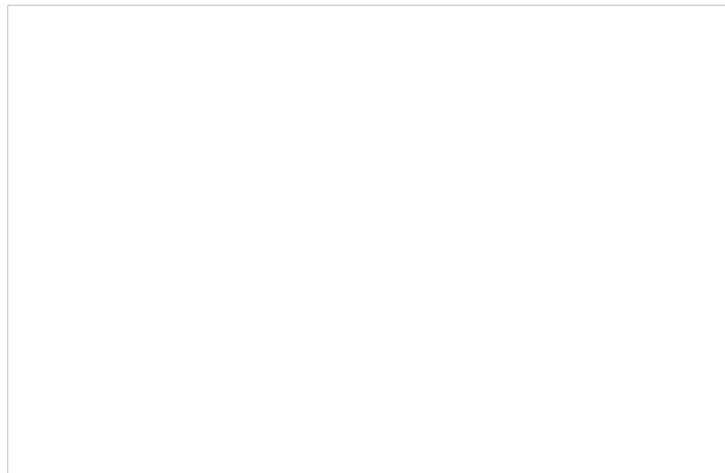
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A love for science, technology, engineering and math is at the core of the student ambassadors' mission for the School of Engineering at The University of Mississippi.

"The School of Engineering ambassadors are a service-oriented group who provide a great service not only to Ole Miss but also to the youth of the state and the region," said Scott Kilpatrick, assistant to the dean of the School of Engineering. "Each year, these ambassadors are charged with several key goals, but, first and foremost, they are encouraged to engage students from all grade levels and provide information regarding the opportunities available through engineering careers," Kilpatrick said. Engineering ambassadors spend most of their time traveling to Mississippi high schools, middle schools and elementary schools to share information on Ole Miss and, specifically, UM's School of Engineering.



But, the ambassadors do more than encourage high school students to attend Ole Miss, said Rebecca Werner, a civil engineering major and student director of the engineering ambassador group.

"A typical weekend for us may include giving tours of our various departments and the campus, but most of the time we share our experiences as students, who just happen to be engineering majors," Werner said.

Kilpatrick said providing prospective students with a glimpse of the Ole Miss experience is perhaps the ambassadors' second most important job.

"When visiting with students, our ambassadors openly share their background and involvement in a variety of activities. This undoubtedly allows prospective students to understand the amazing experiences that are possible here in the School of Engineering," Kilpatrick said.

Spenser Max Smith, a senior civil engineering major, said he became an ambassador to share his love for math and science. "When I was in high school, I figured that my interest would lead me to a career in accounting," Smith said. "Once I came to Ole Miss, I added my other interest in building and construction and came up with civil engineering. It was the best decision I've ever made, and I want to let other students know about the field."

Last year, the Ole Miss engineering ambassadors visited 15 area schools and participated in more than a dozen on-campus visits.

"The ambassadors put a great amount of preparation into developing and organizing classroom and campus visits," Kilpatrick said. "The feedback from teachers and students has been amazing. The engineering ambassadors truly serve as outstanding representatives for Ole Miss and the School of Engineering."

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