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**Journey to Commencement: Ole Miss First provides Jacob Ferguson path to pursue writing career**

MAY 9, 2019 BY MARY STANTON KNIGHT



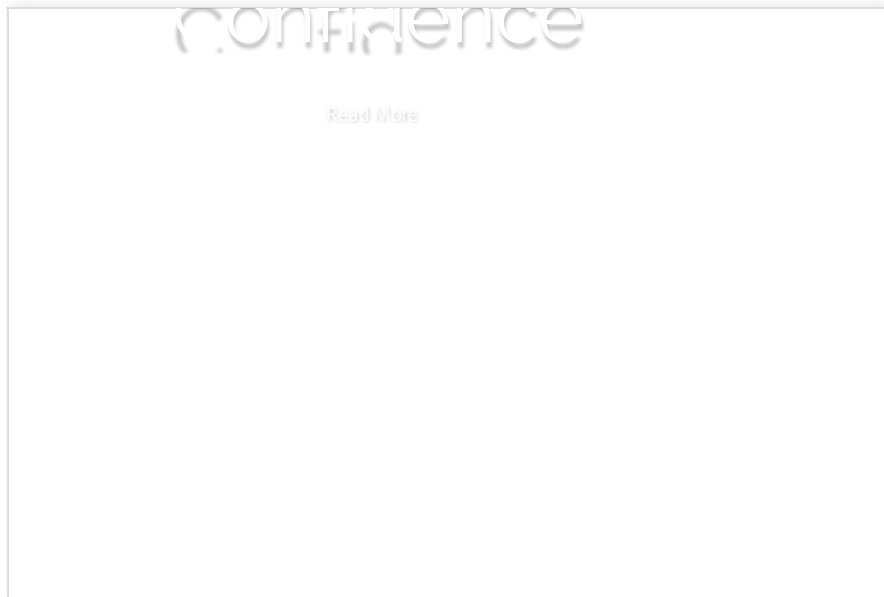
Pontotoc native Jacob Ferguson best describes his four years at the University of Mississippi in a single word: incredible.

"I have found a better understanding of myself because I've been able to pursue things I am passionate about in a supportive environment," said Ferguson, who graduates May 11. "The people around me have been so influential and instrumental in helping me grow and allowed me to discover a completely different definition of confidence for myself and how that applies to my life."

Coming from a small high school and community, Ferguson said he gained his new confidence in part thanks to the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, where he served as an ambassador.



Click the image below to read Ferguson's story, which is part of the "Journey to Commencement" series that highlights University of Mississippi students and their academic and personal journeys from college student to college graduate.



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