

University of Mississippi

eGrove

University of Mississippi News

11-9-2017

UM to Debut Flagship Constellations Nov. 17 at Ford Center

Christina Steube

Follow this and additional works at: <https://egrove.olemiss.edu/umnews>

Recommended Citation

Steube, Christina, "UM to Debut Flagship Constellations Nov. 17 at Ford Center" (2017). *University of Mississippi News*. 5553.

<https://egrove.olemiss.edu/umnews/5553>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by eGrove. It has been accepted for inclusion in University of Mississippi News by an authorized administrator of eGrove. For more information, please contact egrove@olemiss.edu.

UM to Debut Flagship Constellations Nov. 17 at Ford Center

Community invited to learn about research initiatives seeking to solve pressing issues

NOVEMBER 9, 2017 BY CHRISTINA STEUBE



OXFORD, Miss. – The **University of Mississippi** will unveil a new initiative, Flagship Constellations, at 4 p.m. Nov. 17 at the **Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts**.

Multidisciplinary teams, consisting of faculty, staff and students, are being created to search for meaningful solutions to complicated issues through collaborative thinking in four areas: big

data, brain wellness, community wellbeing and disaster resilience.

The idea for the Flagship Constellations was first announced during Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter's investiture in November 2016.

"This initiative brings creative people and ideas together in fresh and unique ways to tackle grand challenges," Vitter said. "The atmosphere of innovation at UM is exceptional and aligns perfectly with the Flagship Constellations' focus on high-impact multidisciplinary research and creative achievement.

"We recognize that our goals are lofty, but as a great public international research university and the state's flagship, we have a duty and leadership responsibility to tackle the pressing issues of our time. I am eager to see the innovations and societal contributions that will result from the success of our Flagship Constellations."

Provost Noel Wilkin will introduce representatives from each constellation, who will discuss details about their teams and goals.

In each of the four constellations, researchers and creative-minded faculty, staff, students, alumni and university partners will focus on a specific area to develop different points of view and practical responses.

"Many of our current challenges are very complex and require a multidisciplinary approach that draws on a broad range of expertise," said Richard Summers, associate vice chancellor for research and professor of medicine at the **University of Mississippi Medical Center**.

"The Flagship Constellations provide a natural gravitational platform for the collaboration of a diverse group of experts across the entirety of our academic enterprise that can focus on solving a central salient problem."

These Flagship Constellations will energize the research collaborations that will be occurring across all UM campuses, Wilkin predicted.

"This will take our institution and the research that we do to new levels and bring our intellectual creativity to bear in solving some of the world's greatest challenges," Wilkin said. "Our researchers have been creating knowledge and making discoveries that have benefitted society for a long time.

"This initiative will focus those efforts on solving some of the most pressing issues of today."

The event is free and open to all staff, students, faculty and alumni, as well as the general public. For those interested in attending the event, register at <http://flagshipconstellations.olemiss.edu>.

FILED UNDER: [FEATURED NEWS](#), [NEWS RELEASES](#)

Follow us on social



Campus Briefs

Students Learn 'Real Politics' in Washington, D.C., Winter Session

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'

[Read the story ...](#)

More Posts from this Category

Thank You To Our Donors

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

[Read the story ...](#)

More Posts from this Category

Ole Miss In the News

Reuters: Keep an Eye on the Money Supply

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

[Read the story ...](#)

More Posts from this Category

[Return to top of page](#)

Copyright © 2023 · [The University of Mississippi](#)