



## **MADE Conference An Energizing Success!**

WOW - What an experience! The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual MADE conference has now entered the history books. From the beginning, the foremost goal for this conference was that members left feeling renewed, energized, and with a sense of pride and accomplishment in what we do. After looking over the conference evaluations I would have to say this goal was met. From the beginning, this conference was intended to be fun and from the opening key-note speaker through the business meeting it was just that.

This could not have been done without the help and assistance from the executive board and various other committee chairs. Many hours of planning and footwork by many people went into making this conference a success. While there were no attendance records set this year, our numbers are still quiet impressive. At last count - 105 persons registered for at least one day of the conference; and 89 persons attended the brunch and business meeting on Friday morning. I think this is one of the best ideas Joyce has ever had.

There was one new addition to this conference that caught on like wildfire - The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mississippi Mile. We had roughly 31 members participate in some way in this event and we raised an additional \$475 for the scholarship fund. This would not have happened without Lisa Davis and I am happy to say she has volunteered to take in on again next year. I think we can look for even greater participation.

Hopefully, we are all looking forward to the next NADE conference is Boston Massachusetts - mark your calendars for February 27 - March 1, 2008. We had a rather large delegation at last year's conference and hope to have as many if not more Mississippi participants this year. I encourage you to visit the website at [www.nade2008.net](http://www.nade2008.net) and check out all the offerings. It promises to be another wonderful conference.

Welcome and congratulations to our two newest executive board members. Be sure to read their bios elsewhere in the newsletter. Look for more new and exciting things for MADE in the coming months.

Gail W. Muse, President

**President Gail W. Muse** is currently the District Special Populations/Disabilities Coordinator for the Holmes Community College District. She has been with Holmes since the fall 2004 as the Special Populations and Disabilities Support Services Coordinator and study skills and beginning algebra instructor. Prior to moving to Holmes, she was a Reading Instructor and Special Populations Coordinator for twelve years at Hinds Community College. She has been a member of MADE for 16 years with 3 years on the executive board as a Member-At-Large, Recorder, and President-Elect. Her A.A. degree is from Hinds, B.S. in Education from Mississippi College, and M.Ed. from Mississippi State University. She is currently residing in Byram, MS with her two children: Lindsey, 15; and Trae, 12 and her newly adopted gray tabby cat, Abbie.

**Mrs. Linda M. Wheeler, MADE's new President Elect**, has been a part of MADE since fall of 2000. She was born in Akron, OH and her family moved to Mississippi at a very early age. She is currently an Instructor of English and Coordinator of the English Unit of University College, Division of Undergraduate Studies, at Jackson State University. She has been a member of a number of different organizations. Some of the organizations she has been a member of include: *National Association of Teachers of English, Modern Foreign Language Association, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, National Association of Educators, Alpha Epsilon Lambda National Honor Society and the National Black Writers Organization.*

She has been nominated and inducted into *Marquis Who's Who, Marquis Who's Who Among American Women, Marquis Who's Who Among Emerging Leaders, Cambridge Who's Who and most recently, Madison Who's Who.*

She loves to take long walks in the park with her family, to read and sing, to write poetry and short stories and to play piano by ear. One of her favorite female writers is Zora Neale Hurston, whose prize novel is *Their Eyes Were Watching God* and one of her favorite short stories is *The Story of An Hour* by Kate Chopin. Some of her publications include *Heart and Soul I/II/III: Student Recipes for*

*Special Occasions* and the customized edition of *English Skills with Readings* with additional material from the English Unit at Jackson State University.

*Most importantly, she is devoted to the Christian faith and her family. She is married with four children. Even though she is very busy, she loves to organize and coordinate events. Her motto comes from Biblical scripture: He who is greatest among you must be your servant.*

**Member-At-Large/Political Liaison Dean C. Lamb** is instructor of developmental composition at Hinds Community College on the Jackson Campus. A former journalist, Dean has worked with MADE and other educational organizations as a legislative liaison in the past. He also served as NADE Political Liaison Committee Chair from 2003-06 and continues to work with the committee as a co-chair. Dean is enthusiastic about each MADE member taking an active role in helping enhance community and government relations. A favorite quote of his is by Benjamin Franklin: "We must hang together or we shall, most assuredly, hang separately."

**Membership/Treasurer Bobby Thrash** is currently in his fifteenth year teaching in the Mississippi Community College system. Mr. Thrash has taught a variety of courses in mathematics and computer science at the remedial, freshman, and sophomore levels. Along with classroom teaching experience, he also teaches online classes through the Mississippi Virtual Community College. Prior to teaching, he worked for thirteen years in industry developing computer software. He earned his A.S. from East Central Community College, B.A. and M.S. in mathematics from the University of Southern Mississippi, and M.S. in computer science from Johns Hopkins University. Mr. Thrash has also completed other academic work at University of North Texas and University of West Florida. He is active in various state, national, and international professional organizations. He currently teaches at Pearl River Community College in Poplarville.

**Terry Parrish, Recorder**, is in her ninth year as a reading and education instructor at Hinds Community College. In addition to the teaching responsibilities, she serves as a faculty advisor and student mentor. Terry formed and sponsors Future Educators of Hinds Community College on the Raymond Campus. Prior to affiliating with Hinds Community College, she was a principal for a K-12 unit school, as well as a curriculum coordinator. Terry has also taught special education, remedial reading, and English on the high school and junior high levels.

Terry is a licensed and practicing psychometrist and donates time to work with underprivileged inner city children and youth. Terry volunteers with the Craft House, which is a medical ministry for homeless and families without insurance and with the Alta Woods Thrift Shop. She serves as an officer of the Board of Trustees for Alta Woods United Methodist Church, as well as a member of the Administrative Board.

**Newsletter Editor Angie Barber** is a developmental reading and study skills instructor at Pearl River Community College on the Poplarville Campus. She has been a member of MADE and NADE for 2 years. Angie has taught at PRCC for four years and in the public school system for seven years. Her A.S. is from Copiah-Lincoln Community College, B.S. from University of Southern Mississippi, and M.Ed. in reading from University of Southern Mississippi. She is certified in K-12 special education, K-12 Reading, and K-8 all subjects. Her husband, Glenn, is a high school coach/history teacher. They have three children: Dalton, 17; Kaitlyn, 9; and Peyton, 4. They have a horse farm in Pearl River County.

**Member-At-Large/Historian, Rita McReynolds** teaches college reading and study skills, speed reading and freshman seminar at Mississippi State University. She has taught developmental reading and effective reading as well as writing for thinking. She worked with the 10-week summer developmental program at MSU. She served MADE as recorder/secretary for 2005-2006. She received undergraduate and graduate degrees from Mississippi State (both of her parents' alma mater). Her husband, David, and children, Connie and Davey, are all MSU alums. Rita is in her seventeenth year at Mississippi State in the Learning Center.

## ***MADE's 1<sup>st</sup> MISSISSIPPI MILE is a SUCCESS!***

I would like to thank each of the 31 participants from the FIRST MADE MISSISSIPPI MILE. I will include a list so that you know who these history makers are. If you participated and I left your name off the list, PLEASE let me know! I want to make sure that everyone who participated in the event gets on the CHARTER MS MILE list. I would like to give a special THANK YOU to Dessie Williams, of LADE (Louisiana Association for Developmental Education). Dessie was gracious enough to come to our conference AND participate in our scholarship fundraiser.

I want to give you a little history on the "how and why" we got started with the MADE Mississippi Mile. There were a few MADE members (Gail Muse, Lisa Anglin, and Jamie Rone from Holmes CC and Lisa Davis and Linda Smith from Hinds CC, and Angie Barber from Pearl River CC) who decided to participate in the NADE 2007 scholarship "fun run". We got up and met before 6:00 a.m. with other developmental educators from around the country and walked 2 miles around the parking lot and mall just outside of Opryland Hotel. It was lots of fun. We all thought it would be a great idea to try something like that in Mississippi.

This year the MADE conference was to be held in Jackson. After talking with several people about the possibility of the fundraiser, we decided it was worth a try. This year we had a number of participants at the conference that stayed at home and commuted to the conference. This made it a little more "tricky" to have an early morning "run" and still come showered and dressed for Friday morning meetings. In addition, the statewide campaign "Let's Go Walking Mississippi" had started. They were giving away pedometers and walking logs in an effort to get Mississippians out and walking. I contacted them to see if we could get pedometers for our conference participants. We could. Now, we had to decide on a distance. "Mississippi Mile" seemed to have a certain ring. The thought.... *"I'd walk a Mississippi Mile.... To help a Mississippi Student.... get a Mississippi Education"....* Came to mind. The number of steps it takes for a person to cover a mile varies greatly from one person to the next. (Some steps are little and others big.) No matter what, 3000 steps should more than cover it. That is how the 3000 steps came to be. Each participant registered on Thursday and we set the pedometer. On Friday morning, pedometers were checked and MEDALS and Certificates were awarded. Now I know that pedometers do not always work properly, but.... That was not the MAIN purpose here. Raising money for our MADE Student Scholarship is what it is all about. We did that.

In addition, I hope that the pedometers will help you get out there and start counting your steps. Begin now, where you are. Then try to add a few steps each week. Every little bit extra helps.

If you did not get your medal and certificate or I left your name off of the list; please forgive me, AND let me know.

Thank you again to the participants and to those who donated money.

FIRST Name	LAST Name	School
Donna	Alredge	Holmes CC
Lisa	Anglin	Holmes CC
Margaret	Bailey	Holmes CC
Rachel	Bickerstaff	Holmes CC
Joyce	Brasfield-Adams	Hinds CC
Carol	Cooper	Jackson State Univ
Lisa	Davis	Hinds CC
Nancy	Finklea	Hinds CC
Carol	Fletcher	Hinds CC
Wendy	Grace	Holmes CC
Gwen	Graham	Holmes CC
Milishay	Hart	Jackson State Univ
Demonia	Hodge	Hinds CC
Judy	Isonhood	Hinds CC
Mari	Kuhnle	Univ of Miss
Dean	Lamb	Hinds CC
Sherry	Lusk	Northwest MS CC
Ashley	Mallett	Holmes CC
Clay	McClendon	MS Gulf CCC
Natalie	McLellan	Holmes CC
Beth	Mitchell	Univ of Miss
Ella	Moore	Jackson State Univ
Gail	Muse	Holmes CC
Terry	Parrish	Hinds CC
Beverly	Price	Hinds CC
Jamie	Rone	Holmes CC
Linda	Smith	Hinds CC
Marjory	Thrash	PRCC
Patricia	Trealore	Univ of Miss
Dessie	Williams	LADE * * * :)
Pearl	Wilson	Alcorn State Univ

Lisa Davis  
Hinds Community College

## ***Political Liaison, Member of Advisory Committee***

MADE Political Liaison Dean C. Lamb of Hinds Community College—Jackson Campus/ATC will be serving on the Education Advisory Subcommittee of Lieutenant Governor-Elect Phil Bryant's Transition Committee. This non-partisan group has been invited to bring informed concerns about public policy to the attention of the lieutenant governor, who serves as the presiding officer over the Mississippi Senate and sets committee assignments and agendas. Lamb will help provide information and input on college and developmental education's growing role in promoting economic and social development in Mississippi.

Letter from the editor:

Welcome to all of our new members and thank you for your hard work. Our next MADE newsletter will be on the MADE website in April after NADE. Please feel free to email, or call me about an article or picture that you would like put in our spring newsletter. My email address is [abarber@prcc.edu](mailto:abarber@prcc.edu) my phone is 601-403-1229 at Pearl River Community College. We welcome your input.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed Year To You and Your family.

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