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## 9/11 still remembered 22 years later

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It's been more than twenty years since terrorists coordinated simultaneous attacks against the United States, on the morning of September 11, 2001.

After hijacking four airliners, the terrorists crashed two of the planes into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York. A third plane struck the western face of the Pentagon, and the fourth plane crashed in a Pennsylvania field after passengers fought off the hijackers.

More than 3,000 civilians and first responders perished from the terrorist attacks. And as the deadliest assaults on American soil recently marked another anniversary, the Southern Miss and Hattiesburg communities joined the world in recalling the somber day that ultimately led to a full-scale global war on terror.

"9/11 is very personal and important in my life," said Major General (Retired) Jeff Hammond, Director of Veteran and Military Affairs for the Southern Miss Center for Military Veterans, Service Members, and Families. "This morning, I already had about four or five calls from family and friends. I was in the Pentagon that

day. I was a colonel, a personal assistant to a senior general officer. I was in my office on the third floor when we saw on the television of what was happening in New York. And when we walked out of the office, the plane struck the Pentagon and killed my staff. The roof fell in, and it was terrible. The sadness lasts forever because some wonderful human beings, including my staff and others, lost their lives. So on today, all of our flags outside the center are lowered at half-mast to honor those who lost their lives on 9/11 and since then."

Rusty Keyes, Assistant Vice President of Public Safety and Chief of Police at The University of Southern Mississippi was a detective at the Hattiesburg Police Department when the terrorist attacks occurred more than twenty years ago.

"I remember that day so vividly,"



**HARTLEY**



**HAMMOND**

he said. "I was at my desk working on cases when a fellow detective came in and told me a plane had hit the towers. So, we went to another room where the entire detective division watched the events unfold on tv. It was a very sad day for our country. So now, 9/11 is a day of remembrance and heartbreak. It was the day our nation was attacked. And I think everybody needs to remember how precious life is."

Like so many other historical tragedies, 9/11 has become a solemn day that most can never forget.

United States Air Force (USAF) Major Travis Hartley, an Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies at The University of Southern Mississippi was a college student at Charleston Southern University on 9/11, a day he'll always remember.

"I'll never forget that day as long as I live," he said. "And I remember it like it was yesterday. I was a ROTC student at Charleston Southern University. For whatever reason, I skipped my first class that morning. And by the time I got up to go to my other classes, the first plane had already hit the World Trade Center. And just as I started looking at the news, the second plane hit. That

memory was so vivid. There was so much speculation. I didn't know what was going on, but I knew it wasn't good. And when I learned later of what actually happened, it hit me hard. So, as we reflect on the anniversary of 9/11, we'll forever think about those who lost their lives or lost loved ones; civilians and first responders. And I know that places across America won't forget, especially the Southern Miss community."

Just a few short miles from the university, Hattiesburg officials joined residents downtown to pay tribute to the victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks. And they spoke on the importance of such events.

"It's important that we remember," said Peggy Sealy, Chief of Police for the City of Hattiesburg. "Because September 11, twenty-two years ago, changed a lot of people's lives as for as first responders and the military. So, it's an honor for me to be able to continue to give remembrance to the ones who did lose their lives."

Hattiesburg Fire Chief Sherrocko Stewart echoed similar sentiments, saying 9/11 remembrance events, "Shows the support of the community and that people do recognize and understand the sacrifices that first responders make."

## No. 4 Florida State beats Southern Miss 66-13

**By Dima Mixon**  
Editor

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Southern Miss took its first loss of the season to the No. 4 ranked Florida State Seminoles on Saturday night, 66-13.

As heavy underdogs, nothing went right from the jump for the Golden Eagles.

"Our kids played with passion. They played hard. You can't play a game like that, when it turns like that, if you don't believe in your brother and love your brother and university," Southern Miss Head Coach Will Hall said.

Florida State started with the ball to begin the game, drove eight plays for 76 yards, and scored the game's first touchdown. Seminole quarterback Jordan Travis found Darion Williamson for a 10-yard touchdown to go up 7-0 early. Two drives later, the Seminole running back found a seam through the Golden Eagle offensive line and scored from 18 yards out.

Even with the success that Flori-



Photos by JACKSON KENNEDY

da State was able to have on both of those drives, Southern Miss got FSU to a couple of fourth downs. However, the circus plays by Travis kept the drives alive.

"He made plays. He's a great play-

er. He's an experienced player," Hall said.

The Golden Eagles were able to put a drive together late in the first quarter, spilling into the second quarter. Quarterback Billy Wiles led the

offense down the field in nine plays, covering 57 yards. Wiles almost found Avery White for what would have been a walk-in touchdown, but pressure by the Seminole's defense caused an inerrant throw, and USM had to settle for 3. Andrew Stein put USM on the board with a 30-yard field goal in the beginning stages of the second quarter.

"We came over here and laid it on the line. We just didn't play well, but we played hard. To be in the arena with a team like this you have got to play really well and really hard," Hall said.

There are some positives to take away from tonight's game, even with the lopsided score. In the first half, the cornerbacks were playing toe-to-toe with the five- and four-star receivers of Florida State. There were several pass breakups, and they held star receiver Keon Coleman to zero catches until late in the second half.

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# The Student Printz

## **THE STUDENT PRINTZ**

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*These rules and regulations are enacted by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, State of Mississippi, and effective from and after August 1, 2023. Find the full text of such rules and regulations at [usm.edu/parking-transit-services](http://usm.edu/parking-transit-services) or by hard copy at the Department of Parking and Transit Services in McLemore Hall on the Hattiesburg campus, University Police and Parking on the Gulf Park campus, and at the Oceanography Building and Cedar Point locations at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory.*

## **Department of Parking and Transit Services FOOTBALL GAME DAY PARKING NOTICE RESERVED AREAS**

The following changes to parking access will take effect in preparation for the Southern Miss vs. Tulane game on Saturday, Sept. 16. USM Athletics has reserved parking lots for this event and vehicles must be relocated based on the following:

Friday, Sept. 15 — Entrance to the Century Park North and Payne Center lots will close at NOON. Towing will take place in these parking lots beginning at 5 p.m. These lots will remain closed until 10 a.m. Sunday morning.

Saturday, Sept. 16 — Towing will take effect in the following parking lots at 8 a.m.: McCarty Hall, Wilbur Hall, Hillcrest, Bolton Hall, Eagle Walk Lot, Ray Guy Way, and Eagle Walk Numbered Spaces. Vehicles parked in ALL other Eagle Club reserved areas must be moved by 8 a.m. on game day Saturday.

Student Open Parking is available at the following locations:

- 34th and 35th Avenue Lots
- Scholarship Hall Lot
- Sports Field Lot
- Theatre & Dance Lot – north side close to Asbury Hall with USM ID
- Hillcrest Lot
- Fraternity Drive
- Arthell Kelley Lot
- Montague Blvd Open Zones
- Hillcrest Gravel Lot
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If a vehicle is towed for football, an \$100 towing fee must be paid to Parking and Transit Services before release. For more information, please contact Parking and Transit Services at 601-266-4948 or email [parking@usm.edu](mailto:parking@usm.edu).

**Football Game Day Parking Map:** [tinyurl.com/smgameday](http://tinyurl.com/smgameday)

## Faculty Artist Series hosts evening of classical music

**By Simeon Gates**  
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Music professors Dr. Meredith Johnson, on vocals, and Dr. John Brumeloe, on piano, enchanted the crowd with an evening of classical music on Thursday, September 7.

The event was part of the Faculty Artist Series, in which members of Southern Miss' arts faculty stage performances that are open to students, faculty, and staff.

The events provide the professors an outlet for their skills, and students can learn from their example.

In the first half of the show, Johnson and Brumeloe performed four arias, or solo songs that are usually part of an opera.

The four pieces came from four different eras of classical music: Baroque, Classical, Early Romantic, and Late Romantic.

And in the second half, or art song, the professors performed works from composers Clara Schumann, Creighton Allen and Milton Babbitt with an encore at the end.

The Faculty Artists Series provides a space for faculty to be creative and a learning experience for students.

"We enjoy having the outlet," Brumeloe said. "I normally am a classroom teacher, and so it's sort of a rarity that I get to get on stage and perform like this. So it's especially

a treat for me. But it's also for the students so they can see us sort of modeling behavior."

The works by Allen and Babbitt were special additions. Allen was a composer and pianist born and raised in Mississippi.

He lived from 1900 to 1969. Allen composed over 300 songs, a handful of which were performed that night. Some of his papers are located in USM's Special Collections.

Babbitt was a renowned composer and music theorist born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania but raised in Jackson. This show featured his lesser known theatrical songs.

The theater was packed with students from USM's music department. Johnson's singing combined with Brumeloe's piano drew enthusiastic applause and cheering from the crowd.

Johnson spoke highly of the creative output at USM. "I think USM is an incredible place with abundant amounts of creative output," she said. "I look around sometimes at my colleagues and the things that they're producing and I'm like, 'Wow, this is - I'm honored to be a part of that.'"

The night ended with a cover of Flanders & Swann's "A Word on My Ear." Johnson and Brumeloe took their final bows and were met with a standing ovation.



## Hattiesburg regarded as one of the best small towns in US

**By Ja'Terrica Wilson**  
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The City of Hattiesburg recently received a #5 ranking for best small cities and towns in the United States. All Star Homes, a roofing, siding, and gutter company, ranked small-town cities such as Hattiesburg, based on community, safety, affordable living and education.

"While big cities like New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago might appeal to some, that small-town charm can be a pretty big draw for others," stated Make It real estate reporter Celia Fernandez.

As a USM student, you might have the belief that Hattiesburg is not necessarily small because of the heavy traffic and the great number of cars and people that you see daily.

Even statistics show that Hattiesburg is the fifth-largest city in the U.S. state of Mississippi.

However, if you compare the city of Hattiesburg to other cities like Los Angeles, you will be able to see the drastic difference between the two.

While Hattiesburg has a 2023 population of 46,657, Los Angeles, on the other hand, has a 2023 population of 3.86 million (about twice the population of New Mexico). That is the reason why Hattiesburg is considered to be a small town, even if it does not seem so small to you at times.

Not only does the city of Hattiesburg provide affordable living, safety, education and community, but it also offers a plethora of entertainment and restaurants. With this small town gaining such popularity, it is important to also recognize the attributes of it that make it so great.

There are places such as the Up-

Down Trampoline Park, Alley Cats Axe Throwing Company, the Hattiesburg Zoo, the Lucky Rabbit, the Pocket Museum and things inside of Turtle Creek Mall for people of all ages to enjoy while living in or just visiting Hattiesburg.

Aside from these iconic locations, Hattiesburg is also known for having over 100 local dining establishments. In this town, you can get food at places like Art of Roux, Crescent City Grill, the Porter, Mario's Italian Restaurant, El Rayo, along with so many other original restaurants only featured here in Hattiesburg.

The "small town charm" that Fernandez mentioned is what makes Hattiesburg a great city to have a well-known university in it.

USM is full of students from many different backgrounds. There are people from across the globe who come to USM to receive their education. Some of those students are originally from big cities with taxi cabs and subways, while other students are from small towns that have only a corner store and one red light.

With different students coming from different towns to which they are accustomed to, there is a great chance that going to college in a city like Hattiesburg is comforting to them.

For example, for the students who come from an extremely large city, they may have the desire for a change of scenery and would like to experience that Southern, homestyle environment.

The other students who are originally from a small city may desire to continue to live in an environment that reminds them of home when they are away at college.



For these students, Hattiesburg has become a warm and welcoming city. One of the most major attractions to these students is the nightlife. With places for students like Brewsky's, the Tavern, the Thirsty Hippo, and other clubs in the city, students have found Hattiesburg as a good way to ease themselves out of the stress from school. There is something in Hattiesburg for everyone to enjoy. With a town as open, warm and welcoming

**Photo by Charlie Luttrell**

as Hattiesburg, one can see why it would be regarded as one of the best small towns in America.

If you are a USM student, it is beneficial to go off campus and experience the fifth-best small-town city in the United States.

If you are curious about what Hattiesburg has to offer, go to [www.visithattiesburg.org](http://www.visithattiesburg.org) for more information.

# East Hardy Street to become River Avenue

By Ariana Sanders  
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Hattiesburg City Council is keeping the history alive in a vote to unanimously revert the infamous roadway, East Hardy Street back to its original name “River Avenue.” The road currently connects William Street and the Leaf River which extends into the Leaf River Bridge to Petal.

The Mayor of Hattiesburg, Toby Barker, added, “Last night’s unanimous vote from the City Council to return East Hardy Street to its original “River Avenue” demonstrates the role our residents, business owners, and supporters can play in the process of policy change.” Working alongside other renowned business owners of the town, they were able to receive support from stakeholders and work with other commissioners to push forward the name change. Local Hattiesburg attorney and

businessman, Erik Lowery, went on to commend that this project was what was needed to show the residents that history will continuously be restored as some residents still referred to the road as “River Road.” He played a major role in taking the project to the finish line.

The name was changed almost fifty years ago in 1966 when a local business owner, Kaiser Runnels, petitioned the change along with 20-odd other property owners because they felt that the name would be a “drag” on progress and an overpass would connect to the original Hardy Street.

The history behind the name changing plan is to provide a community-driven blueprint for East Hardy Street and Hall Avenue and the overall improvements of the corridor where multiple infrastructure projects are underway. This project includes a new bridge, street improvements, and the construction of two new over-

passes on Hall Avenue where traffic entering Hattiesburg from the Leaf River Bridge can bypass the active train lines in downtown areas. Areas affected will include zoning recommendations for the East Hardy, Hall Avenue, and Edwards Street corridors. Mixed-use zoning is currently being considered for portions of these areas and the City Council will present details of the plan in the next few months.

Local Pastor of Victory Church, Janette Furry stated in an interview with WDAM, “We’re looking forward to getting it changed back to River Avenue mainly because we really like the name and secondly because it will be a whole lot easier for people to find us.” Two new overpasses are under construction that are not connected to Hardy Street, leaving the notion that GPS programming will accumulate more issues over the years for local businesses. A petition

was put in place and received no objections from locals.

In addition, Barker stated, “When added to the street’s nearly complete overlay study, the Hall Avenue East Overpass and the Hattiesburg-Petal bridge over the Leaf River, this change adds continued momentum to this area, ensuring that a neighborhood with a proud history will have an equally bright future.”

The new name “River Avenue” will be in full effect after Sept. 22. In the meantime, Forrest County Emergency Management District will begin to adjust the 911 systems, addresses, and notify businesses and other residents that occupy the road. Different structures affected by the change will include a church, Hattiesburg Fire Department Station #5, one residence, and approximately 10 commercial business buildings. Street signs along the road will be updated once the change takes place.

# Remaining safe and vigilant on campus

By Zion Cochran  
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Class is back in session. And as the semester gets underway, Golden Eagles are encouraged to prioritize their safety on campus and throughout the City of Hattiesburg. Thankfully, the University Police Department offers a variety of crime prevention and safety programs to help. And options include drug and alcohol awareness, workplace safety, increasing security awareness by reducing personal vulnerability, self-defense, and bicycle safety.

“There are a plethora of ways and methods to enforce safety around campus and the Hattiesburg community,” said Rusty Keyes, Assistant Vice President of Public Safety and Chief of Police at The University of Southern Mississippi Police Department. “The University Police Department (UPD) has many tools and people in place to keep everyone safe. Whether it’s something as small as where to park, how to handle a police interaction, or what to do in an evacuation procedure, the UPD has everything

covered.”

And with a simple click of the mouse, members of the Southern Miss community can log onto UPD’s website for personal safety tips that discourage walking and jogging alone and entering isolated areas. The site, however, encourages use of methods such as the department’s escort services and being aware of surroundings. And when in doubt on what UPD can assist with, just ask.

“If a student or staff does not know information concerning safety or who to ask, one can visit UPD’s website,” Keyes said. “There are pamphlets and brochures around campus. And if all else fails, one could call UPD, respectfully approach an officer, or even go to the UPD’s building to ask a question and be welcomed. The students and administration know we have their back. We are the community for the community.”

UPD is always prepared for any emergency. If you need to contact UPD, you can call them at 601.266.4986, or visit the department behind the Luckyday dorms.



# On-campus resources provide career advice

By Simeon Gates  
SM2 Content Creator

It’s the question many college students dread the most: “What do you want to do after you graduate?” Many enter college without much of an idea of what they want to do, and go through it without doing anything to figure it out. It is okay if some people struggle deciding on a career path, but it is a mistake not to take advantage of the various resources universities offer to their students for career readiness. At USM, the TRIO-SSS program and the Career Services office are two such places.

The Career Services office provides USM students with information on career readiness and job seeking.

They have resources for every step of the job search, from deciding on a major to networking to job interviews. Alumni can access free career coaching, job seeking assistance, and more.

Dr. Mary Beard, the Manager of Career Counseling, talked about the biggest mistake students make when it comes to the job search.

“The biggest mistake students make when thinking about careers or jobs is just waiting too late to start,” she said. “They think that... ‘Oh, I’m a freshman, I can wait until I’m a senior’ or ‘Oh, I’m a senior, I can wait until the second semester,’ and then they just start too late and they regret doing that.”

However, not all students start

off on the same level. For many students, simply getting into college was enough of a feat. Deciding how to make the most of their time there is another challenge.

That is why programs like TRIO-Student Support Services exist. TRIO-SSS is a federally-funded program supporting college students who are first-generation, income-eligible, and/or disabled. TRIO-SSS provides a variety of programs and services for qualifying students. This includes tutoring and peer mentorship, a computer lab, help with financial aid, professional development, and more. Their resources allow them to serve about 200 scholars every year.

Applications for the 2023-24

school year are due November 3, 2023.

Dr. Adina Green, Director of TRIO-SSS, highlighted the importance of students being engaged. “I think it’s important for students to engage in any and every activity that’s gonna help them to be successful in college. And so TRIO is just one of those wonderful resources that Southern Miss has that helps students...to achieve their goals.”

So if you’re a USM student, at any year, remember that it’s ok to still be figuring things out. When you’re ready, there are plenty of people around that are willing to help.

For more information on these and other resources for students, visit [usm.edu/help](http://usm.edu/help).

# Sigma Alpha Lambda hosts canned dog food drive

By Huey Turlich  
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Sigma Alpha Lambda and The Association of Office Professionals are helping some furry little friends from North Star Rescue, a 24/7 family-owned rescue center in Columbia. The USM organizations from USM recently held a dog food donation drive on Sept. 6 at the Luckyday Breezeway to support the center.

While students cuddled with cute puppies during the donation drive, North Star Rescue's director and volunteers raised awareness about their organization and mission. Their aim is to rescue any dog needing help. And they help support these animals in their journey to finding their 'fur-ever' homes."

"We take in unwanted, abused, and neglected dogs from all over Mississippi," said Mande McClean, the center's director. "And we are feeding them up to 1,000 pounds of



food each week."

As the center takes in more rescues, it hopes to keep working with organizations and local communities to keep the animals fed. And their efforts will continue to focus on acquir-

ing food and supplies. Sigma Alpha Lambda will have bins for ongoing donations in the lobbies of Cook Library, Asbury Hall, Scianna Hall, the Payne Center, and the Liberal Arts Building. The organization also

accepts donations through various payment platforms.

For more information on North Star Rescue, visit their website at [northstarrescue1.org](http://northstarrescue1.org). Or give them a call at (815) 710-0800.

# USM ROTC Pays Tribute to Fallen First Responders on 22nd Anniversary of 9/11



By Huey Turlich  
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USM ROTC Honors Fallen First Responders From 9/11 The University of Southern Mississippi Army and Airforce ROTC ran the bleachers at the Rock on September 11, 2023. The two branches ran from 6am to 7am in honor of the 22nd anniversary of the event that America will never forget, 9/11. This remembrance was held to honor the fallen first responders that lost their life saving others.

The participants put themselves in the firemen's shoes and got to experience only a small portion of the work these brave responders had to go through.

9/11 is the day that has been remembered as one of the worst terrorist attacks in the United States. With the twin towers standing at 417m tall, firefighters were tasked with search and rescue on all 110 floors of the building after the two planes collided into the building. They had to fight

their way through debris and danger in hopes of saving as many citizens as possible. The branches of the army here at USM dedicated one hour of their morning to paying tribute to the sacrifice these brave individuals made. Specialist Gavin Wells was among one of many that took on the task of running the bleachers in the honored event. After this act of remembrance, he said he realized even further the difficulties these brave men and women faced.

"The stairs made us realize even further of how difficult the challenge those firefighters and police officers went through, and I greatly appreciate and respect them," Specialist Wells said.

The day was filled with remembrance and honor for all the lives lost. The appreciation for their sacrifice will always be remembered. For information regarding USM ROTC programs, you can view their website



# Southern Miss falls to No. 12 Alabama

By Mya Evans  
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The Golden Eagles hosted the No. 12 Alabama Crimson Tide on Thursday and lost 2-0.

In the first half, Alabama started with a robust, intense defense that kept the Golden Eagles from scoring. The Crimson Tide jumped out in front 1-0 with a goal by defender Marianna Annett, and at 21:51, forward Gianna Paul scored, boosting Alabama to a 2-0 lead, which they took into halftime.

In the second half, both teams were going back and forth. Southern Miss had great looks but did not connect to the score.

The Golden Eagles defense made the second period much more challenging for the Crimson Tide to score.

Alex Helbling had a total of two saves in this game.

“Goalkeeper Alex is a leader for us. She is a key part of our program. In the second half, she rallies us by keeping us in the game. Also in half-time, she steps up a leader and in adversity. So, she brushes it off and moved on,” El-Zare said.

The Golden Eagles pushed to score in the second half. Alabama’s defense took control of the game. The Crimson Tide had eight shot attempts in contrast to the Golden Eagles’ two.

“We have a lot of different options. We are playing against a team that won the SEC Conference and made

it to the college Final Four last year. We are in the experience season, and I thought we asked a question and we got behind. We got closer to their goal and sat back to create opportunities for us,” El-Zare said.

This was a fast-paced game for the Golden Eagles, but nothing stopped them from the challenge.

“We like playing those fast-paced games, it helps us get better, and ready for our season, I am really pleased with how we have come as a team. We will continue to grow as a team. This was the best performance at Southern Miss,” El-Zare said.

El-Zare had some players stepping up this game despite the loss.

Forward Ishpreen Marwa, which was her first start. Midfielder Chloe Taylor and many others. Midfielder Hinano Nakagawa has some big minutes as well.

The Golden Eagles are eager to get better from Thursday’s loss and prepare for the upcoming game.

“We already left this game behind us and are looking forward to Sunday’s game against Nicholls. We are really excited by winning our individual battles in the second half and really playing positive soccer. We would’ve liked creating more chances, but we already moved on and are ready to go,” El-Zare said.

The next game will be at home, Sunday at 1 p.m. vs. Nicholls State.



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Photo by Mya Evans

## Southern Miss Lady Eagles Impress at Home in Golden Eagle Classic

**By Amarie Anderson & Zion Cochran, SM2 Content Creators**

### *Day One:*

The Lady Eagles are finally back in Hattiesburg after several away games. The Lady Eagles opened up at home with the annual Golden Eagle Classic. Despite their record of 1-5, the Lady Eagles brought in an electric crowd, and their performance did not let them down.

The Lady Eagles won the first set against Nicholls 25-19 giving them great attitudes going into the second set of the evening. In the first set, Southern Miss had 20 kills, eight errors, 49 total attacks.

The Lady Eagles opened up the second set with a score on the first serve. The Lady Eagles continued with the same energy from the first set throughout the second set as they began to dominate Nicholls.

Heading into the first timeout of the second set, the Lady Eagles were up 10-4. Several Lady Eagles have contributed to the great turnout so far, but Mia Wesley and Reagan Leinen have been complete powerhouses for the Lady Eagles in the first two sets.

The Lady Eagles went into the half 2-0, after winning the second set 25-18.

After the half, the Lady Eagles came out even more intense as they led the entire third set. Going into the first timeout of the third set, the Lady Eagles were up 15-10. Nicholls called another timeout as the Eagles started to dominate in the third set, with the

Lady Eagles up 19-10.

The Lady Eagles closed out the game in the third set with a score of 25-11.

Reagan Leinen had a career night versus Nicholls with three strikes, fourteen kills, zero errors, 20 total attacks, and a .700 hitting percentage.

"It feels awesome and I am looking forward to topping that throughout the season," Leinen said.

### *Day Two:*

On day two of the Annual Golden Eagle Classic, the Southern Miss Golden Eagles (3-5, 0-0 Sun Belt) swept the Mississippi Valley State Devillettes to conclude the Golden Eagle Classic with two wins.

The Golden Eagles outperformed its best-hitting performance of the season on Friday night against the Nicholls State Colonels with another season-high .381 clip versus the Devillettes to finish out an undefeated weekend.

The Golden Eagles won the first set 25-7 in dominating fashion.

Golden Eagle Head Coach Jenny Hazelwood experimented with a new lineup, which included starting two freshmen, Torrey Tkach, and Sadie McAda, in their first collegiate career starts.

Both Tkach and McAda registered a career-high eight kills. McAda registered a match-best 16 digs, while Tkach earned four blocks and posted an efficient .889 clip on nine attempts.

"I really liked how our freshmen stepped up today. They all just did a great job and it was really good to see us focus on certain things in practice

and see that come out in the matches," Hazelwood said.

The first set of stats includes ten kills, two errors, and 21 total attacks for the Golden Eagles. The Golden Eagles continued their dominant performance entering the 2nd set. The Golden Eagle freshmen setters Franky Panunzio and Hayden Riddle divided setter duties again, joined by sophomore Ella Voorhees, who helped create scoring opportunities for the Southern Miss attack.

"I am satisfied with the results and improvement at the position from this week's practices. We had our freshman and sophomore setters step up today and accept the challenges today," Hazelwood said.

The Golden Eagles won the set 25-8, including a 12-1 run. The Golden Eagles had 12 kills, two errors, and 21 total attacks. To begin the third set, The Mississippi Valley State Devillettes fought with the Golden Eagles to begin the third set.

However, the Golden Eagles did not let their foot off the gas pedal for long. Kallie Siebrasse hit two straight service aces to propel Southern Miss back forward for the remainder of the match.

The Golden Eagles gained its second straight sweep of the weekend with a 25-13 victory in the third set. The Golden Eagles had 17 kills, three errors, and 42 total attacks.

Hazelwood commented on the team's attitude entering the Golden Eagles Classic and preparation for their two matches.

"The biggest thing we have been

focusing on is just getting better every day. There were specific areas in practice this week that we focused on. We wanted to set our middle a lot more and clean up many of the little things, and we did that. Each weekend is building on the other, and I feel like we did a really good job this weekend on focusing on the things that we knew we had to get better at," Hazelwood said.

The Golden Eagles' next challenge lies ahead at the Beale Street Challenge in Memphis, Tennessee, on September 15-16.

The Golden Eagles will face off against Little Rock, Memphis and Arizona State.

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get tested last week, but they did tonight. And man, did they show up. They made some plays tonight where they got the ball out, all four of them plus Markel,” Hall said. “I thought all four of them competed their tails off and did a great job of getting the ball out versus two dudes out there for them.”

It was 14-3 in the middle of the second quarter before FSU blew the doors open with 38 straight points. Among those points came a Wiles pick-six for the Seminole’s defense. That was the second interception by Wiles this season.

“I probably let it go a little too early, the guy jumped inside and made a good play. Probably should have moved on. That was on me. I just have to watch the tape and get better,” Wiles said when asked about the interception.

The bottom line is that the speed and the depth that FSU has is too much for Southern Miss to manage. This is also a Florida State team trying to compete and win National Championships and a talented roster.

The offense showed its bright moments, especially in the third quarter. Wiles led the offense on a 13-play, 89-yard drive in 05:40. The drive ended with Rodrigues Clark rushing for a 12-yard touchdown, his first as a Golden Eagle after transferring from Memphis.

“When 0 gets called, 0 is going to show up,” Clark said.

There are positives from tonight, but mainly a game USM will need to forget and move on to another tough matchup vs. Tulane.

Clark said they would erase what happened tonight “today.”

“We will come back on Monday to work on the corrections, and Tuesday we are back at practice to get all of this fixed before Tulane,” Clark said.



Tonight was no indication of how good Southern Miss is in the sun belt, but rather a glaring implication of the talent gap between teams competing for National Championships and

teams not on that elite level in college football.

Hall still believes his message and has never wavered from it.

“I think we have a good football

team. We were not that team tonight,” Hall said.

They get a chance to turn this around next Saturday as they take on Tulane at the Rock at 3 p.m.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**USM RHA:  
RESIDENT ASSISTANT  
APPLICATIONS WILL OPEN  
SEPTEMBER 15TH.**

**USM LSI PRESENTS:  
SHATTERPROOF STUDENT ASSOCIATION'S  
ADDICTION AS A DISEASE PANEL**

**JOE PAUL THEATER, SEPT. 20TH  
6 PM-8PM**

**USM IME PRESENTS:  
MOVIE NIGHT FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

**EAGLE DINING:  
DINNER EXPERIENCE INSIDE THE FRESH  
THAD COCHRAN CENTER, SEPT. 19TH**

**JOE PAUL THEATER, SEPT. 28TH  
6-8:30PM**