

**2008-2009**

**Blue Mountain College**

**Student Handbook**



## **Reaching New Heights Chapel Theme for 2008-2009**

The chapel theme for 2008-2009 is "Reaching New Heights." This theme reflects the basic, yet essential, truth that God is ever calling people to strive to reach new heights in their lives. In Philippians 3:12-14, the Apostle Paul interpreted this upward calling to the Philippian church by writing: "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining forward to what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (NIV).

Reaching new heights begins with an understanding that God is working in our lives as individuals to move us from where we are to a more abundant, fulfilling kind of life. God Himself, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Universe has a purpose for our lives which we can discover and attain. This straining for new heights is not a self-seeking pursuit for personal gratification, but it is rather it is a striving to embrace the kind of life that brings glory to God and good to others. Reaching new heights for the individual may involve an initial awakening to God and His purposes. Reaching new heights may involve discovering our identity or coming to terms with who we are. But reaching new heights also involves dreaming of, planning for, and working toward a higher level of living.

The challenge to reach new heights has been a constant source of inspiration for Blue Mountain College as a Christian educational institution. Since 1873, the leaders of the College have been ever vigilant to move the institution toward what they were convinced was a God-given vision. At times this meant taking bold actions, surviving on limited resources, and overcoming challenging obstacles. Yet, throughout the history of the College, the leaders of the institution followed unfalteringly the heavenward calling of the institution. While the golden days of the past have shaped the College, the call to reach new heights is a challenge to move the College to even greater levels of educational effectiveness, community involvement, and meaningful service.

Today the College continues to pursue its God-given vision by educating and empowering its students for lives of integrity, academic excellence, social awareness and Christian character, by enriching the community with its service and resources, and by working with its denomination in the preparation of servant leaders. In pursuing its upward vision the College will draw upon the leadership of the Board and the administration, the support of the alumnae and alumni, the cooperation of the denomination, the investment of the faculty and staff, the engagement of the students, the partnership of the community, and the encouragement of friends to propel the institution toward its goal.

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## ACCREDITATION

Blue Mountain College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate and masters degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Blue Mountain College.

## NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

*Blue Mountain College adheres to the Equal Opportunities provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Law and regulations applicable to this institution. The College does not illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, disability or military service in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loans programs, and athletic and other college-administrative programs or in employment.*

## **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Blue Mountain College welcomes you students into a challenging yet supportive collegiate environment. This unique learning community encourages the wholesome development of students with the desire that you will develop your God-given potential to prepare you to make a difference.

Since 1873, Blue Mountain College has provided an excellent education that promotes a seriousness of purpose in living and learning, Christian values, and service to others. This quality education is delivered in a caring, supporting environment resulting from meaningful relationships among students, faculty and staff. The College, in its liberal arts tradition, will encourage you to face some of life's most fundamental questions, including: What is the meaning of life? and What is *my* purpose in life? In preparing for meaningful life's work and for living a life of integrity, you will be encouraged to develop skills in analytical reasoning and effective communication, clarify personal values and attitudes, and increase social and cultural understanding.

This is an exciting time for you to be pursuing your education and we welcome you as part of our community of learners. We challenge you to engage in every aspect of collegiate life which will develop your potential. Our goal is to help you succeed in life; therefore, your success is important to us. Join us as we journey together into a challenging and exciting future.

Dr. Bettye Rogers Coward, President

## THE MISSION OF BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

Founded in 1873 as a Christian liberal arts college and affiliated since 1920 with the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Blue Mountain College assists students in developing intellectual integrity, academic excellence, social awareness, and Christian character. To accomplish the mission the College recruits undergraduate and graduate students who are committed to scholarship, servant leadership, and service in church and community. The student-centered campus exhibits a climate of personal attention, respect, inclusion and high expectations. With the leadership of professionals who share the common bond of Christian faith and who are committed to excellence, students are guided to reach their God-given potential.

## EXPANDED STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Blue Mountain College, a private, denominational, coeducational institution, offers academic programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. General Mark Perrin Lowrey founded the institution in 1873 as a Christian college for women. In 1920, the property of the college was conveyed to trustees appointed by the Mississippi Baptist Convention. A coordinate program in ministerial education was added in 1956 at the request of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. In 2005, the Blue Mountain College Board of Trustees approved the college becoming a fully integrated coeducational institution of higher learning. The college is currently governed by a Board of Trustees elected by the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The purpose of Blue Mountain College is to prepare students for graduate school, the job market, and a more fulfilled life. Providing a sound general education foundation, the college offers an undergraduate liberal arts curriculum, pre-professional and professional programs, and opportunities for graduate study in selected fields. The college is committed to offering programs which provide opportunities for service. Students who can benefit from the academic programs and student services at the college are recruited primarily from Mississippi and other southeastern states. Blue Mountain College is committed to excellence and creativity in teaching and learning. With a faculty and staff who share a common bond of Christian faith and with all of the departments functioning in close proximity to each other, continuity exists among the various programs. Each student is encouraged to grow as an individual, to adjust to his/her own uniqueness, and to take advantage of opportunities for service. Blue Mountain College adheres to the state and federal Equal Opportunities provisions of Federal Civil Rights Law and regulations applicable to this institution. The College does not illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, disability, or military service in the administration of its educational programs, admission policies, scholarship and loans programs, and athletic and other college-administrative programs or in employment.

### Blue Mountain College Goal Statements

Academic Excellence (SD02, SD03, SD04, SD05) Blue Mountain College will strive for excellence by employing qualified faculty, staff, and administrators; recruiting students who can benefit from the college experience; providing a productive learning environment that motivates students to excel by stimulating intellectual curiosity and independent thinking; and promoting scholarship, service, and cultural activities that advance knowledge.

Curriculum and Co-curricular Opportunitues (SD03, SD04, SD05) The curriculum will prepare students for a lifetime of learning and instill basic skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary for personal development and reasoned responses to a changing world. These goals will be accomplished through study in a general education, specialized fields of undergraduate and graduate study and related educational experiences.

Image and Target Market (SD01, SD02, SD03, SD05) Blue Mountain College will enhance its image as a Christian liberal arts college for students who wish to reach their God-given potential. The college will target prospective students (particularly those who are actively involved in Baptist churches) who have a commitment to scholarship, servant leadership, and service in church and community.

Faculty and Staff (SD02, SD03, SD04, SD05) Blue Mountain College will employ and retain Christian faculty dedicated to teaching and advising and to improving themselves through professional development opportunities and staff and administrators who support these efforts. Service to the college and the greater community will characterize all those who work at the college. To the extent possible, the college will provide compensation and benefits which compare favorably with regional colleges of similar size and mission and each individual's level of accomplishment. The college will support professional development for all personnel.

Student Development and Services (SD02, SD04, SD05) Blue Mountain College will provide opportunities for personal growth and development of the individual student. The college will offer personal, career, and academic advising; lectures programs, and activities; and student organizations.

Christian Setting (SD02, SD05) Blue Mountain College will manifest Christian principles through its policies for students, faculty, staff, and administrators; through its promotion of a climate embracing personal attention, respect and inclusion; and through the encouragement of the development of Christian relationships among students, faculty, staff, and administrators.

Convention/Church (SD001, SD05) Blue Mountain College will maintain strong ties with the Mississippi Baptist Convention and Baptist churches. Consistent with its mission and resources, the college will provide cultural, spiritual and/or recreational activities for constituents within its service area.

Alumnae/Alumni (SD01, SD05) In order to strengthen ties to their alma mater and to encourage their interest and investment in the institution, Blue Mountain College will communicate effectively with its alumnae/alumni and serve them in meaningful ways.

Fiscal Affairs and Fund Raising (SD05) Blue Mountain College will secure and manage the resources necessary to provide for its academic programs and essential support services. While maintaining a sound financial base, the college will offer an affordable education for the greatest number of its applicants and remain competitive with peer institutions' costs. The college will enhance its fund-raising efforts, expand its endowment, carefully manage its facilities, and follow a master plan for capital improvements.

### **Blue Mountain College Strategic Directions**

- SD01 Optimize and stabilize enrollment to achieve the desired number and mix of students appropriate to the mission of the College.
- SD02 Improve the campus climate for learning and living.
- SD03 Provide a quality curriculum with a solid liberal arts foundation for areas of study which prepare students for productive careers and meaningful lives of service.
- SD04 Engage the College community in meaningful service.
- SD05 Ensure a sound and adequate resource base for the financial viability of the College.

### **Blue Mountain College Vision Statement**

Within the next five to seven years, Blue Mountain College will achieve a residential population of 250 students and an overall enrollment of 600 students. The College will enroll students of character, Christian values, and with a service-orientation who are academically prepared and motivated to reach their potential. These students will be studying at a four-year, Christian liberal arts institution recognized for its quality where an atmosphere of seriousness of academic purpose exists along side that of a caring, supporting environment resulting from synergistic relationships among students, faculty, and staff.

### **Slogan**

Blue Mountain College .....a place for people who want to make a difference.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## **WELCOME TO THE CAMPUS**

Welcome to Blue Mountain College! Our campus is full of activities, opportunities, privileges, demands, challenges, and inviting experiences. No day is free of interesting choices and serious decisions.

We hope you will quickly become a part of all the good things that make this college so outstanding and so unique. We welcome your fresh enthusiasm. We want you to take part in the educational, social, recreational, and religious activities on our campus so your life at Blue Mountain College may be richer and happier.

As you read this handbook, you must realize every aspect of Blue Mountain College cannot be put into a manual. The primary aim of this publication is to act as a means of achieving a better understanding of the regulations, standards, and ideals for which Blue Mountain College stands. Each student should become familiar with the handbook and all information concerning policies, standards, and regulations of the institution.

May our oneness of spirit be so great this session will stand out in the history of the college. Let us inspire each other to become people who want to make a difference!

Mrs. Becky Bennett, Vice President for Enrollment Services and Student Life

## **PREAMBLE TO HONOR CODE**

When you become enrolled as a student at Blue Mountain College, you become an active citizen of our college community and help to carry on our democratic government. This system of government is based on the belief in individual honor and trustworthiness of every student. To make clear just what is expected of each member of the student body, a formal statement of the student's obligation has been set forth in the Honor Code. The object of

every provision of the Honor Code is to promote worthy individual conduct and to maintain a satisfactory system of government.

Besides the obligation of each student to keep the regulations and to report his or her own violations, each individual must use his or her own influence with the other members of the student body for their development as good citizens. Thus, the code is an expression of the Christian spirit.

Each student is expected to accept the responsibility to protect the honor system from actions and attitudes, which may weaken it. The exercise of this responsibility involves a student's reporting his or her own infringements of the policies and regulations and involves an obligation for his or her fellow students' relations to the college life. This latter obligation may take the form of speaking to the student on behalf of the student body or of asking another student to speak to the individual. The unchanging obligation is to prevent the occurrence of detrimental actions and attitudes.

## **HONOR CODE**

Accepting my responsibility as a Christian for my own conduct and for the welfare of my fellow students at Blue Mountain College, I do hereby pledge myself: To keep the rules of Blue Mountain College, to report my own violations, and to use my influence to induce other students to keep the rules of the College, and to report their own violations.

The Principle of Honor: I will at all times develop and uphold high standards of honesty in thought, speech, and behavior.

The Principle of Self-Control: I will at all times control my personal desires in harmony with the social good of all, considering the interest of others to be of equal value with my own.

The Principle of Conformity: I will at all times work in accordance with the conventions of cultured society and the traditions of Blue Mountain College.

The Principle of Good Citizenship: I will at all times cooperate with the rules and policies of the College.

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Signature of Student

## **SOCIAL EXPECTATIONS**

Life at Blue Mountain College is governed by the principles set forth in the Honor Code. As a matter of personal honor, each student is bound to uphold and to encourage others to obey the following regulations guiding life at Blue Mountain College. These rules are not suspended at any time.

When on campus, students are under the jurisdiction of the College. Students representing the College or any organization of the College in any official activity (conference, club trip, etc.) are also under college jurisdiction.

At Blue Mountain College, the student and the College work together to promote both an increasing intellectual maturity and continuous growth in personal responsibility, social maturity, respect for the dignity and rights of others, and a responsible respect for the moral and spiritual values that have characterized Blue Mountain College and its constituency.

As a Christian institution, Blue Mountain College is interested in the wholesome development of the student spiritually and socially as well as academically. Therefore, the College looks with disfavor on anything contributing to the erosion of the character, moral, and spiritual development of the individual student.

Certain activities are undesirable and are not in keeping with the atmosphere of a Christian educational environment. These activities include but are not limited to the following: disorderly conduct, possession and/or use of firearms, possession and/or use of illegal drugs (including alcohol), use of tobacco, gambling, cursing, and other conduct not in keeping with the standards and principles of Blue Mountain College.

The College reserves the right to inspect the living quarters of any student residing on college property at any time that its administrative officials or their agents shall deem such inspection to be in the best interest of the College.

## CAMPUS HOUSING

Blue Mountain College recognizes the experience of residential living as a valuable part of students' education and opportunities abound each day for students to integrate their faith and their behavior as they develop a genuine respect for other students' needs and interests, build lifelong friendships, practice healthy communication/conflict resolution skills, and utilize leadership skills. Therefore, Blue Mountain College requires all unmarried, full-time, students under the age of 21 to live on campus. Students are exempt from this requirement if they meet at least one of the following:

1. They are considered to be an independent person. Proof of this independent status must be on file in the Office of Financial Aid.
2. They are living at home with their parents and are commuting to school.
3. They live with immediate members of the family and are commuting to school.

If a student feels there are extenuating circumstances that deserve consideration for off-campus residency, the appeal to live off-campus must be submitted in writing to the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life. Official approval or denial of the student's appeal to live off-campus will be given to the student in writing no later than two weeks from the date the appeal was received.

### **The following guidelines apply to all residents of the College housing:**

1. Students who live in College housing have paid a room deposit at the time of application. This deposit serves as a damage deposit and is refundable, less any charges for damages, upon written request when the student leaves College housing. The request must be received in the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life within two weeks of vacating housing.
2. If a student wishes to drop below 12 credit hours (full time) and desires to continue living in College owned housing, the student must first present a request in writing to the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life to gain approval to remain in College housing.
3. If a student withdraws from classes through the Office of the Registrar, the student will be expected to vacate her/his room immediately upon withdrawal from the College.
4. If a student stops attending classes without officially withdrawing from the classes in the Office of the Registrar, the student will be asked to vacate College housing.

Students are responsible for keeping the rooms and all college furnishings contained in the rooms clean and free from damage. Abuse of rooms, grounds, or furnishings will result in required restitution for damages. Fines will be assessed if appropriate. Loss of privileges, suspension, and/or dismissal may be possible.

Blue Mountain College, while endeavoring to provide attractive housing for resident students, retains all the rights of ownership. By choosing to live in the facilities, all who reside in College housing agree to abide by all College regulations applying to residence life.

The College cannot be responsible for loss of personal property of residents due to theft, fire, wind, rain, and flooding. This also includes ordinary wear and tear of facilities such as disruptions to electrical service, plumbing problems and resultant damage, roof leaks, etc. The College recommends that each student carry insurance protection against loss and damage of personal property.

At the time of check-in, each student will be given a checklist/contract. The checklist will contain an assessment of the condition of the room, inventory of the furniture in the room, and note any damage or deficiency in the room. The resident director will sign the checklist/contract as to the condition of the room and the student will sign the document agreeing to the condition of the room. The student will also sign the checklist/contract in commitment to take care of the room and furnishings and to follow the rules and regulations found in the *Blue Mountain College Student Handbook*. The resident director will use the checklist/contract to assess the condition of the room when the student vacates the room. The student should leave the room clean with all personal items removed. Any damages and/or removal of furniture will be charged to the student. The room key should always be turned in to the resident director when the student vacates the room. The key deposit is returned to the student when the key is returned to the resident director. Failure to check out in person with the Resident Director results in immediate forfeiture of the room damage deposit.

The College reserves the right to inspect any room on campus at anytime. College officials may enter a student's room in the course of the performance of their duties to assure proper maintenance, to provide for the health and safety of residents, and/or to assure that College housing regulations or other College, state, or federal regulations are not violated. Every effort will be made, however, to respect the privacy of student residents.

Room checks for cleanliness are held on a weekly basis and are announced in advance. During room check, deficiencies may be noted and students will be notified to take corrective action.

Changes in residence/room assignments can be made only through the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life. Requests to make such changes must be made in writing, and no changes will be made until written

notice to all involved parties has been issued from the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life. The College reserves the right to cancel the housing reservation of any student at any time or to change a student's room or roommate.

Living on campus is a privilege and adds a wonderful dimension to a student's life and education. Blue Mountain College provides a housing atmosphere where students can develop not only scholastically, but socially and spiritually as well. Every effort is made to make living on campus as comfortable and pleasant as it is convenient.

## **HOUSING APPEAL**

Exemptions to the above stated guidelines may be granted by the Housing Appeals Committee composed of representatives of the Vice President for Enrollment Services and Student Life, the Office of Student Affairs and the Office of Business Affairs. Any student who feels the circumstances merit an exemption should make a written appeal to the committee. All appeals may be addressed to: The Housing Appeals Committee, P.O. Box 160, Blue Mountain, MS 38610.

## **REPORTING SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

Blue Mountain College is committed to the policy that no employee or student shall be subjected to sexual harassment. Inherent in this policy is the commitment to maintaining a positive and productive environment in which the dignity and worth of all members are respected. Sexual harassment is damaging to this environment and will not be tolerated. All complaints of sexual harassment should be reported to the Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA).

## **STUDENT COMPLAINTS**

The *Blue Mountain College Student Handbook*, the *Blue Mountain College Catalog*, and the *Blue Mountain College Policies and Procedures Manual* communicate the rights and responsibilities of each student at Blue Mountain College as well as the procedures to appropriately address written grievances within the College community. The student handbook and College catalog provide an overview of the appeals process and how to effectively address grievances associated with Honor Code violations, residence life, disability accommodations, discrimination, sexual harassment, grade disputes, absences, suspension, scholastic dishonesty, financial assessments, and parking.

The Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life coordinates the annual rule review process. During this annual process, students may propose rule changes to the Student Body Association (SBA) Council. The SBA Council proposes rule changes to the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life. The Student Development and Services Committee will review annually issues related to student rules. The Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life incorporates the approved changes into the student rules. These rules are then implemented in the new academic year each August.

The Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life maintains an open door policy for all students. It is not uncommon for the office to receive student complaints. Complaints are received in written form, electronically, by telephone, and in person. The Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life requests the student to schedule a conference time in order to discuss the complaint. For a formal complaint to be lodged, the complaint must be put into written form and signed by the student. If the complaint involves any of the units of the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life, the matter will be resolved by the Vice President of Enrollment Services and Student Life. If the complaint involves an area outside the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life, the student is informed of any applicable student rules and then directed to the appropriate point of contact.

The Office of Financial Aid has its own internal process when the complaint involves financial aid concerns. The student must submit the complaint in writing to the Director of Financial Aid and the Director will then inform the student by written statement of the procedure that will be followed.

Student concerns and complaints referring to academic matters should be directed to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The student must submit the complaint in writing to the VPAA and the VPAA will then inform the student by written statement of the procedure that will be followed.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs of the College (VPAA) accepts all complaints pertaining to discrimination, disability accommodations, and sexual harassment. The student must submit the complaint in writing to the VPAA, and the VPAA will then inform the student of the procedure that will be followed.

Blue Mountain College is committed to the fair treatment of students in all matters. The College endeavors to maintain a positive and productive environment in which the dignity and worth of all members are respected. The fair treatment of students is important to this productive environment.

Student Affairs policies may be accessed at [www.bmc.edu](http://www.bmc.edu).

## STUDENTS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Students possess the privileges, responsibilities, and rights of several citizenships, including those of state, federal, and municipal governments. Membership in the Blue Mountain College community of citizens presents privileges beyond those available to all citizens at the partial expense of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. With these additional privileges come additional responsibilities.

Blue Mountain College seeks three sources of authority, in light of the College mission, for the behavioral expectations it places on students:

1. Scripture (What does the Bible have to say about behavioral expectations?),
2. Legal authority (Local, State, and Federal laws), and
3. Baptist life and Christian heritage (The life-style issues, roots, and values of evangelical Christians who find their authority in God's word and have stressed the need for a personal, redemptive, faith in Jesus Christ.).

The behavioral standards of Blue Mountain College are based on these three sources. As is the case with all communities, reasonable expectations (rules and regulations) are identified which contribute to the common good of the community. Being a contributing member of a community requires that selfish individualism must give way to what is best for a caring, just, and orderly community. As a community, we continue to be committed to the Christian values on which Blue Mountain College was founded.

All students are required to abide by the laws of the local, state, national, and international governments and are subject to disciplinary action at the hands of the College and/or law enforcement agencies if those laws are broken. Discipline is issued from the Student Body Association Council in matters dealing with the Association's constitution and stated penalties. The Residence Hall Councils act as peer accountability group in relationship to matters within individual residence halls. The Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life, issues disciplinary action in matters dealing with College policy, rules, and regulations to all students. Any student has the right to appeal the decision of any disciplinary action if the student believes the treatment was unjust, all the facts in the situation were not taken into consideration, or the action was too severe for the behavior involved.

### DISCIPLINARY APPEALS PROCESS

Blue Mountain College offers an appeals process to all students who feel the facts surrounding their discipline merit an appeal.

1. The student may appeal a decision based on one of the following:
  - The treatment received was unjust.
  - All the facts in the situation were not considered.
  - The disciplinary action taken was too severe for the behavior involved.
2. Disciplinary decisions from the Residence Hall Councils may be appealed to the **Office of Student Affairs**. The appeal must be made in writing within 48 hours after receiving notice of the disciplinary action. The Assistant Dean of Students will hear the appeal. The student will be provided a written notification detailing the decision to accept or deny the appeal.
3. Disciplinary decisions from the Assistant Dean of Students may be appealed to the **Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life**. The appeal must be made in writing within 48 hours after receiving notice of the disciplinary action. The Vice President for Enrollment Services and Student Life will hear the appeal. The student will be notified in writing of the decision of the Vice President for Enrollment Services and Student Life.
4. Disciplinary decisions from the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life may be appealed to the **Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee**. The appeal must be made in writing 48 hours after receiving notice of disciplinary action. The appeal must be delivered to the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life. The Vice President for Enrollment Services and Student Life will convene the Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee to hear the appeal. The student will be notified in writing of the decision of the Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee.
5. The Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee will decide to uphold the disciplinary action or rule in favor of the student. The student will be notified in writing of the decision of the Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee. If the disciplinary action is upheld, the student may appeal to the **Vice President for Academic Affairs**. The decision of the VPAA is final.

### SEEKING TO CHANGE DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOR

Each student should be aware of her/his own behavior and the positive or negative effects that behavior can have on the College community. If a student knows their behavior is outside the limits established by the College and sincerely wishes to get assistance in order to change that behavior, they may take the initiative to discuss this with the Assistant Dean of Students without the threat of disciplinary action. This kind of problem is defined as a

“personal problem” and the Assistant Dean of Students will seek to work with the student toward the goal of restoration. Exceptions to this approach may be where behavior is repetitive, self-destructive, hazardous to others and/or self, or involves a significant legal issue.

## **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Blue Mountain College services for students with disability are designed to meet the unique educational needs for regularly enrolled students with documented disability. The philosophy and mission of the program is to encourage independence, assist students in realizing their academic potential, and to facilitate the elimination of physical, programmatic, and attitudinal barriers. The College will assist students in meeting their educational challenges. Students with disabilities should contact the Vice President for Academic Affairs, who serves as the Disabilities Coordinator for Blue Mountain College, to discuss the appropriate procedures for accommodating documented disabilities.

## **STUDENT RIGHT TO KNOW AND CAMPUS SECURITY**

The following is published in accordance with the Federal Crime Awareness and Security Act of 1990. Any questions or comments regarding the following should be directed to the Office of the Student Affairs.

### **REPORTING VIOLATIONS OF COLLEGE POLICY AND CIVIL LAW**

All known or suspected violations of College policy or state and/or federal crime should be reported to either the Security Officer (662.512.8059), the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life (Ext. 144), the Office of Business Affairs (Ext. 133), or the Tippah County Sheriff's Office (662.837.9336).

Accurate and prompt reporting of all crimes to the above personnel are necessary to insure the safety and protection of students and employees of Blue Mountain College. Crimes committed off campus should be reported immediately to the law enforcement agency where the crime occurred.

Once a report has been made, the Security Officer will follow standard operating procedures in responding and processing the report. This response will include appropriate notification and documentation.

### **SECURITY AND ACCESS TO CAMPUS FACILITIES**

Buildings are secured on campus during non-operating hours by the Security Officer. Once a building is secured, access may be gained only by authorized personnel with Blue Mountain College.

All campus buildings, facilities, and grounds belonging to the institution are regularly patrolled by both vehicle and foot patrol by the security officer.

Within all residence halls, outside entrance doors, other than the front door, are locked in the late afternoon. All lobbies are monitored by the student workers and/or resident director from 4:00 p.m. to midnight, seven days per week. All non-residents must be acknowledged by the student worker and/or the resident director. All residence halls are supervised by a Resident Director. All residence halls entrances are closed at midnight with access gained only by Blue Mountain College authorized personnel.

Vehicle registration decals are issued to students and employees in order that unauthorized vehicles might be more easily recognized. Upon request, the security officer will provide escort services from vehicles to buildings or from building to building should individuals feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Individuals may receive assistance by contacting the Office of Business Affairs (Ext. 133) or the Security Officer (662.512.8059).

With safety concerns in mind, the College maintains appropriately manicured trees and shrubbery around buildings and on campus grounds. Appropriate campus lighting is also a priority in an effort to reduce the opportunity for criminal activity.

### **CAMPUS LAW ENFORCEMENT**

The role of the Security Officer is to work toward ensuring the safety of all individuals while on campus and provide for the security of all properties of the College. In doing so, it is recognized that security at Blue Mountain College is everybody's business. Although no community can be totally risk-free in today's society, the Officer works toward securing partnerships with students, faculty, staff, administration, and guests in creating an atmosphere that is safe and conducive to learning. The Officer is also responsible for the control, regulation, and flow of traffic on Blue Mountain College property.

The Security Officer establishes and maintains communications with the officially recognized civil and criminal law enforcement authorities of the City of Blue Mountain and Tippah County. The Officer is authorized and directed to make citizen's arrests of individuals creating disturbances against the general peace. Arrests may consist of interfering with the security of the physical plant, facilities, or grounds, or interfering with or disturbing the safety and the general welfare of members of the Blue Mountain College community. When such a citizen's arrest is necessary,

the Officer, as promptly as possible, and beforehand if reasonable, requests civil or criminal law enforcement authorities to respond and assist.

## SECURITY AWARENESS

Blue Mountain College provides informative programs to students and employees on the following topics:

1. Campus Security Procedures and Practice
2. Crime Prevention and Awareness

These programs are offered annually at events such as New Faculty and Staff Orientation, residence hall meetings, faculty/staff meetings, and chapels. etc.

Additional programs specifically designed for students include:

1. Drug and Alcohol Abuse Education
2. Sexual Assault and the Prevention of Sex Offenses. (This program includes the promotion of awareness of rape, acquaintance rape, and other sex offenses as well as information regarding the prevention and awareness of reporting procedures of sex offenses.)

## STATISTICS

Federal law provides that students and employees be informed during the most recent calendar year and during the two preceding calendar years of the reported number of on-campus occurrences of the following criminal offenses: aggravated assault; arson; arrests for liquor violations; burglary; drug abuse violation, hate crime; motor vehicle theft; murder; negligent manslaughter offenses; rape; other sex offenses; robbery; and weapons possessions. These statistics are provided in the *Blue Mountain College Student Handbook*. The same information is provided to employees annually through campus mailers. Copies are also located in the Office of Business Affairs, Admissions Office, and the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life.

Statistics concerning the occurrence on campus of the following criminal offenses reported to Campus Security personnel, or when known to local police agencies are as follows:

| Classification of Offense  | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|------|------|------|
| Aggravated assault   | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Arson  | 2    | 0    | 0    |
| Arrests for liquor violation   | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Burglary   | 2    | 0    | 1    |
| Hate crime (race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or disability) | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Motor vehicle theft  | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Murder   | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Negligent manslaughter offenses  | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Rape   | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Other sex offenses   | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Robbery  | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Weapons possession   | 0    | 0    | 0    |

This information is provided to all current students and employees and upon request to any applicant for enrollment or employment.

## SEXUAL ASSAULT

Blue Mountain College provides annual educational programs to promote awareness of rape, acquaintance rape and other sex offenses. The following procedure should be followed in the event a person has been sexually assaulted:

### For the victim:

1. Go to a safe place.
2. Call the appropriate institution officials (Security Officer at 512.8059, the Office of Business Affairs at Ext. 133, or the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life at Ext. 144) and/or local law enforcement officials for assistance and to report the assault.
3. Do not bathe, wash hands, or clean fingernails. It is important that victims preserve evidence that may be necessary to prove criminal sexual assault.
4. Do not remove clothing worn during or following the assault, as these frequently contain valuable fiber, hair, and fluid evidence.
5. Do not apply or take medication.

6. If officials have not been contacted, call someone you can trust to take you to the hospital.
7. If this attack occurred on campus, you should notify the Security Officer at 512.8059, the Office of Business Affairs at Ext. 133, or the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life at Ext. 144.
8. When you get to the hospital, tell the triage staff you have been sexually assaulted. By law, emergency room staff must contact the police when they treat sexual assault victims. The police will ask you to file a report, but you do not have to talk to them or file a report if you don't want to.
9. If the assault happened some time ago, you should explore the following options:
  - Seek counseling.
  - Seek medical attention for treatment of injuries or symptoms related to the assault.
  - Consider reporting the incident to the police.
  - If this attack occurred on campus, you should notify the Security Officer at 512.8059, the Office of Business Affairs at Ext. 133, or the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life at Ext. 144.

**For Someone Assisting the Victim:**

1. Provide support.
2. Advise the victim of the procedures listed above.
3. Call the Security Officer at 512.8059, the Office of Business Affairs at Ext. 133, or the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life at Ext. 144.

Institutional sanctions may be imposed following the final determination of an on-campus disciplinary procedure regarding rape, acquaintance rape, or other sex offenses, forcible or non-forcible, in addition to civil or criminal action. Sanctions for students will be administered by the Dean of Students.

Students who believe they have been victims of sexual assault may contact both on-campus security as well as local police. If preferred, students have the option of having the Security Officer notify the proper local law enforcement authorities.

Counseling service resources are available for students subjected to sexual or non-sexual assault of any kind or nature. The confidentiality of all persons will be respected and no information or names will be released without the consent of the victim.

**SECURITY AND SAFETY TIPS**

Students are expected to contribute to their own safety by being prepared and alert to their surroundings. In addition students are expected to:

- Lock the doors to their residence hall rooms.
- Never loan residence hall keys or ID cards to others.
- Never prop open the doors or entrances to residence halls.
- Never allow strangers to enter residence halls.
- Report incidents which violate the rules of the College or criminal activity immediately to the Security Officer, residence hall staff, or local police.
- Secure personal property such as cars, bicycles, motorcycles, jewelry, electronic equipment, computers, etc.
- Walk in lighted areas, preferably with others at night.
- Ask for an escort by the Security Officer (512.8059) if warranted.
- Respect the privacy and personal dignity of others.
- Read and abide by the rules and regulations of the College and residence halls.

**BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE  
COMMITTED TO DRUG FREE ENVIRONMENT**

The Congress of the United States has enacted and the President of the United States has signed into law THE DRUG FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ACT OF 1989.

It is the purpose of this Act to encourage the establishment of a DRUG FREE community of all educational settings, for the benefit of all students. Blue Mountain College is committed to the principles of the Act and publishes this notice to all students. It is assumed that every student enrolling in Blue Mountain College agrees to conduct

himself or herself in a manner conducive to the highest sort of mental and moral development in keeping with the ideals and the traditions of the College.

In addition to the standards and regulations published in the *Blue Mountain College Student Handbook*, Blue Mountain College is committed to the establishment of a completely drug free environment in the lives of each student enrolled for any and all study at the College, or involved in any way in any of her programs.

The use, possession, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students at Blue Mountain College is expressly forbidden and the same shall not be tolerated on any property owned or controlled by Blue Mountain College, nor shall the same be tolerated at or as a part of any activity undertaken at or under the direction or supervision of Blue Mountain College.

Illicit drugs shall be defined to include any drug, the use, possession or distribution of which is proscribed by the laws of the State of Mississippi or by the United States of America.

Any violation of the provisions of this notice, or of any statements of a similar nature published by Blue Mountain College, relative to illicit drugs, will result in disciplinary action, which may include expulsion, suspension, mandatory successful completion of approved rehabilitation programs, and/or probation, any of which may be a part of the permanent record of the person violating or breaching any expression of this statement or similar published College rules and/or regulations.

Additionally, the College expressly reserves the right to refer any person violating this or similar regulations to the appropriate Law Enforcement Officials for prosecution for violation of Civil and/or Criminal Laws, as authorized by The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989.

The Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life has an available list of approved rehabilitation centers. The criminal penalties for drug possession, abuse, use and/or distribution in the State of Mississippi, as expressed in the Mississippi Uniform Controlled Substances Law, Miss Code Section 4129-139, range from six months imprisonment and \$500 fine for the sale of paraphernalia to 30-years and \$1 million in fines for second offenders. Illicit drugs are listed in schedules and penalties vary.

It is the desire of Blue Mountain College to have a totally DRUG FREE environment, where the body, as the temple of God, is allowed to remain healthy and grow in stature and where the mind is allowed to grow in wisdom.

## FEDERAL TRAFFICKING PENALTIES

| DRUG/SCHEDULE                  | QUANTITY                                  | PENALTIES   | QUANTITY                                       | PENALTIES   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Cocaine (Schedule II)          | 500 - 4999 gms mixture                    | <b>First Offense:</b><br>Not less than 5 yrs, and not more than 40 yrs. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 or more than life. Fine of not more than \$2 million if an individual, \$5 million if not an individual.<br><br><b>Second Offense: Not less than 10 yrs, and not more than life. If death or serious injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$4 million if an individual, \$10 million if not an individual.</b> | 5 kgs or more mixture                          | <b>First Offense:</b><br>Not less than 10 yrs, and not more than life. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 or more than life. Fine of not more than \$4 million if an individual, \$10 million if not an individual.<br><br><b>Second Offense: Not less than 20 yrs, and not more than life. If death or serious injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$8 million if an individual, \$20 million if not an individual.</b><br><br><b>2 or More Prior Offenses: Life imprisonment</b> |
| Cocaine Base (Schedule II)     | 5-49 gms mixture                          |   | 50 gms or more mixture                         |   |
| Fentanyl (Schedule II)         | 40 - 399 gms mixture                      |   | 400 gms or more mixture                        |   |
| Fentanyl Analogue (Schedule I) | 10 - 99 gms mixture                       |   | 100 gms or more mixture                        |   |
| Heroin (Schedule I)            | 100 - 999 gms mixture                     |   | 1 kg or more mixture                           |   |
| LSD (Schedule I)               | 1 - 9 gms mixture                         |   | 10 gms or more mixture                         |   |
| Methamphetamine (Schedule II)  | 5 - 49 gms pure or 50 - 499 gms mixture   |   | 50 gms or more pure or 500 gms or more mixture |   |
| PCP (Schedule II)              | 10 - 99 gms pure or 100 - 999 gms mixture | 100 gm or more pure or 1 kg or more mixture   |  |   |

## PENALTIES

|   |                  |  |
|---|------------------|--|
| Other Schedule I & II drugs (and any drug product containing Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid) | Any amount       | First Offense: Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 yrs, or more than Life. Fine \$1 million if an individual, \$5 million if not an individual.   |
| Flunitrazepam(Schedule IV)  | 1 gm or more     | Second Offense: Not more than 30 yrs. If death or serious injury, not less than life. Fine \$2 million if an individual, \$10 million if not an individual.  |
| Other Schedule III drugs  | Any amount       | First Offense: Not more than 5 years. Fine not more than \$250,000 if an individual, \$1 million if not an individual.   |
| Flunitrazepam (Schedule IV)   | 30 to 999 mgs    | Second Offense: Not more 10 yrs. Fine not more than \$500,000 if an individual, \$2 million if not an individual.  |
| All other Schedule IV drugs   | Any amount       | First Offense: Not more than 3 years. Fine not more than \$250,000 if an individual, \$1 million if not an individual.   |
| Flunitrazepam (Schedule IV)   | Less than 30 mgs | Second Offense: Not more than 6 yrs. Fine not more than \$500,000 if an individual, \$2 million if not an individual.  |
| All Schedule V drugs  | Any amount       | First Offense: Not more than 1 yr. Fine not more than \$100,000 if an individual, \$250,000 if not an individual.<br><br>Second Offense: Not more than 2 yrs. Fine not more than \$200,000 if an individual, \$500,000 if not an individual. |

## FEDERAL TRAFFICKING PENALTIES - MARIJUANA

| DRUG        | QUANTITY  | 1 <sup>st</sup> OFFENSE  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> OFFENSE  |
|-------------|---|--|--|
| Marijuana   | 1,000 kg or more mixture; or 1,000 or more plants   | Not less than 10 years, not more than life.<br>If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life.<br>Fine not more than \$4 million if an individual, \$10 million if other than an individual.   | Not less than 20 years, not more than life.<br>If death or serious injury, mandatory life.<br>Fine not more than \$8 million if an individual, \$20 million if other than an individual. |
| Marijuana   | 100 kg to 999 kg mixture; or 100 to 999 plants  | Not less than 5 years, not more than 40 years.<br>If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life.<br>Fine not more than \$2 million if an individual, \$5 million if other than an individual. | Not less than 10 years, not more than life.<br>If death or serious injury, mandatory life.<br>Fine not more than \$4 million if an individual, \$10 million if other than an individual. |
| Marijuana   | More than 10 kgs hashish; 50 to 99 kg mixture<br><br>More than 1 kg of hashish oil; 50 to 99 plants | Not more than 20 years.<br>If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life.<br>Fine \$1 million if an individual, \$5 million if other than an individual.                                      | Not more than 30 years.<br>If death or serious injury, mandatory life.<br>Fine \$2 million if an individual, \$10 million if other than individual.                                      |
| Marijuana   | 1 to 49 plants; less than 50 kg mixture   | Not more than 5 years.   | Not more than 10 years.  |
| Hashish     | 10 kg or less   | Fine not more than \$250,000, \$1 million other than individual.   | Fine \$500,000 if an individual, \$2 million if other than individual.   |
| Hashish Oil | 1 kg or less  |  |  |

## CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES-USSES & EFFECTS

|                    | POSSIBLE EFFECTS   | EFFECTS OF OVERDOSE   | WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME  |
|--------------------|--|---|--|
| <b>Narcotics</b>   | Euphoria, drowsiness, respiratory depression, constricted pupils, nausea                                       | Slow and shallow breathing, clammy skin, convulsions, coma, possible death                            | Watery eyes, runny nose, yawning, loss of appetite, irritability, tremors, panic, chills and sweating, ramps, nausea |
| <b>Depressants</b> | Slurred speech, disorientation, drunken behavior without odor of alcohol                                       | Shallow respiration, cold and clammy skin, dilated pupils, weak and rapid pulse, coma, possible death | Anxiety, insomnia, tremors, delirium, convulsions, possible death  |
| Stimulants         | Increased alertness, excitation, euphoria, increased pulse rate and blood pressure, insomnia, loss of appetite | Agitation, increase in body temperature, hallucinations, convulsions, possible death                  | Apathy, long periods of sleep, irritability, depression, disorientation  |
| Hallucinogens      | Illusions and hallucinations, poor perception of time and distance   | Longer, more intense "trip" episodes, psychosis, possible death                                       | Withdrawal syndrome not reported   |
| <b>Cannabis</b>    | Euphoria, relaxed inhibitions, increased appetite, disoriented behavior  | Fatigue, paranoia, possible psychosis   | Insomnia, hyperactivity, and decreased appetite occasionally reported  |

## CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES-USES & EFFECTS

|                      | DRUG & CSA SCHEDULE               | TRADE OR OTHER NAMES  | DURATION OF EFFECTS (in hours) | USUAL METHODS ADMINISTRATION    |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Narcotics</b>     | Opium II, III, V                  | Dover's Powder, Paregoric, Parepectolin   | 3 to 6                         | Oral, smoked                    |
|                      | Morphine II, III                  | Morphine, Pectoral Syrup  | 3 to 6                         | Oral, injected, smoked          |
|                      | Codeine II, III, V                | Codeine, Empirin Compound with Codeine, Robitussin A-C  | 3 to 6                         | Oral, injected                  |
|                      | Heroin I                          | Diacetylmorphine, Horse, Smack  | 3 to 6                         | Injected, sniffed, smoked       |
|                      | Hydromorphone II                  | Dilaudid  | 3 to 6                         | Oral, injected                  |
|                      | Meperidine (Pethidine) II         | Demerol, Pethadol   | 3 to 6                         | Oral, injected                  |
|                      | Methadone II                      | Dolophine, Methadone, Methadose   | 12 to 24                       | Oral, injected                  |
|                      | Other Narcotics I, II, III, IV, V | LAAM, Leritine, Levo-Dromoran, Percodan, Tussionex, Fentanyl, Sufentanil, Alfentanil            | Variable                       | Oral, injected                  |
| <b>Depressants</b>   | Chloral Hydrate IV                | Noctec, Somnos  | 5 to 8                         | Oral                            |
|                      | Barbiturates II, III, IV          | Amobarbital, Phenobarbital, Butisol, Phenoxbarbital, Secobarbital, Tuinal                       | 1 to 16                        | Oral, injected                  |
|                      | Glutethimide III                  | Doriden   | 4 to 8                         | Oral, injected                  |
|                      | Methaqualone II                   | Optimil, Parest, Quaalude, Somnafac, Sopor  | 4 to 8                         | Oral, injected                  |
|                      | Benzodiazepines IV                | Ativan, Azene, Clonopin, Dalmane, Diazepam, Librium, Serax, Valium                              | 4 to 8                         | Oral, injected                  |
|                      | Other Depressants III, IV         | Equanil, Miltown, Noludar, Placidyl, Valmid   | 4 to 8                         | Oral, injected                  |
| <b>Stimulants</b>    | Cocaine II                        | Coke, Flake, Snow   | 1 to 2                         | Sniffed, injected               |
|                      | Amphetamines II, III              | Biphetamine, Delcobese, Desoxy, Dexedrine, Mediatric  | 2 to 4                         | Oral, injected                  |
|                      | Phenmetrazine II                  | Preludin  | 2 to 4                         | Oral, injected                  |
|                      | Methylphenidate II                | Ritalin   | 2 to 4                         | Oral, injected                  |
|                      | Other Stimulants III, IV          | Adipex, Bacarate, Cylert, Didrex, Ionamin, Plegine, Presate, Sanorex, Tenuate, Tepanil, Voranil | 2 to 4                         | Oral                            |
| <b>Hallucinogens</b> | LSD I                             | Acid, Microdot  | 8 to 12                        | Oral                            |
|                      | Mescaline and Peyote I            | Mesc, Buttons, Cactus   | 8 to 12                        | Oral, injected                  |
|                      | Amphetamine Variants I            | 2.5-DMA, PMA, STP, MDA, MDMA, TMA, DOM, DOB   | Days                           | Oral, injected                  |
|                      | Phencyclidine II                  | PCP, Angel Dust, Hog  | Variable                       | Smoked, oral, injected          |
|                      | Phencyclidine Analogs I           | PCE, PCPy, TCP  | Variable                       | Smoked, oral, injected          |
|                      | Other Hallucinogens I             | Bufotenine, Ibogaine, DMT, DET, Psilocybin, Psilocyn  | Variable                       | Oral, injected, smoked, sniffed |
| <b>Cannabis</b>      | Marijuana I                       | Pot, Acapulco Gold, Grass, Reefer, Sinsemilla, Thai Sticks                                      | 2 to 4                         | Smoked, oral                    |

## EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

Alcohol consumption causes a number of marked changes in behavior. Even low doses significantly impair the judgment and coordination required to drive a car safely, increasing the likelihood that the driver will be involved in an accident. Low to moderate doses of alcohol also increase the incidence of a variety of aggressive acts, including spousal and child abuse. Moderate to high doses of alcohol cause marked impairments in higher mental functions, severely altering a person's ability to learn and remember information. Very high doses cause respiratory depression and death. If combined with other depressants of the central nervous system, much lower doses of alcohol will produce the effects just described.

Repeated use of alcohol can lead to dependence. Sudden cessation of alcohol intake may lead to hallucinations, and convulsions. Alcohol withdrawal can be life-threatening. Long-term consumption of large quantities of alcohol, particularly when combined with poor nutrition, can also lead to permanent damage to vital organs such as the brain and the liver.

Mothers who drink alcohol during pregnancy may give birth to infants with fetal alcohol syndrome. In addition, research has indicated that children of alcoholic parents are at greater risk than other youngsters of becoming alcoholics.

## FEDERAL PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

### **21 U.S.C. 844(A)**

First conviction: Up to one year imprisonment and fined at least \$1,000 but not more than \$100,000, or both.

After one prior drug conviction: At least 15-days in prison, but not to exceed 2-years and fined \$2,500 but not more than \$250,000, or both.

After two or more prior drug convictions: At least 90-days in prison, not to exceed 3-years and fined up to \$250,000, or both, if:

- A. 1<sup>st</sup> conviction and the amount of crack possessed exceeds 5 grams.
- B. 2<sup>nd</sup> crack conviction and the amount of crack possessed exceeds 3 grams.
- C. 3<sup>rd</sup> or subsequent crack conviction and the amount of crack possessed exceeds 1 gram.

### **21 U.S.C. 853(a)(2) and 881 (a)(7)**

Forfeiture of personal real property used to possess or to facilitate possession of a controlled substance if that offense is punishable by more than 1-year imprisonment. (See special sentencing provision regarding crack).

### **21 U.S.C. 881a**

Forfeiture of vehicles, boats, aircraft or any other conveyance used to transport or conceal a controlled substance.

### **21 U.S.C. 884a**

Civil fine of up to \$10,000 (pending adoption of final regulations).

### **21 U.S.C. 853a**

Denial of Federal benefits, such as student loans, grants, contracts, and professional and commercial licenses, up to 1-year for first offense, up to 5-years for second and subsequent offenses.

### **18 U.S.C.922(g)**

Ineligible to receive or purchase a firearm.

### **Miscellaneous**

Revocation of certain Federal licenses and benefits, e.g. pilot licenses, public housing tenancy, etc., are vested within the authorities of individual Federal agencies.

Note: These are only Federal penalties and sanctions. Additional State and Local penalties and sanctions may apply.

## STATE OF MISSISSIPPI SANCTIONS

### DRUG TRAFFICKING PENALTIES (EXCEPT MARIJUANA)

#### Schedules I and II

First Offense: Maximum jail term of 30 years or maximum fine of \$1,000,000 or both.

Second Offense: Twice the penalty for a first offense (see notes 1 and 2).

#### Schedules III and IV

First Offense: Maximum jail term of 20 years or maximum fine of \$250,000 or both.

Second Offense: Twice the penalty for a first offense (see notes 1 and 2).

#### Schedules V

First Offense: Maximum jail term of 10 years or maximum fine of \$50,000 or both.

Second Offense: Twice the penalty for a first offense (see notes 1 and 2).

**Note 1:** Sale or transfer of certain amounts of marijuana and other controlled substances within a 12-month period carries a sentence of life imprisonment with no possibility of parole or suspension.

**Note 2:** Anyone over 21-years old convicted of sale or manufacturing of Schedule I-V drugs to a person under 21-years of age may be fined as set out above and may be imprisoned for twice the stated time.

### POSSESSION PENALTIES (EXCEPT FOR MARIJUANA)

#### Schedules I and II

First Offense: Maximum jail term of 3 years or maximum fine of \$30,000, or both.

Second Offense: Twice the penalty for a first offense.

#### Schedules III, IV, and IV

First Offense: Maximum jail term of 1 year or maximum fine of \$5,000, or both.

Second Offense: Twice the penalty for a first offense.

### MARIJUANA PENALTIES

#### 1. Trafficking

- a) First offense—one ounce or less: Maximum jail term of 3 years, or maximum fine of \$3,000, or both.
- b) First offense—less than one kilogram but more than one ounce: Maximum jail term of 20 years, or maximum fine of \$30,000, or both.
- c) First offense—one kilogram or more: Maximum jail term of 30 years, or maximum fine of \$1,000,000, or both.
- d) Subsequent offenses—twice the above-stated penalties.
- e) See Notes 1 and 2 above.

#### 2. Possession

- a) One ounce or less
  - First offense—fine of \$100 to \$250.
  - Second offense within 2 years—fine of \$250 and 5 to 60-days in jail and mandatory participation in drug education program.
  - Third offense within 2 years—fine of \$250 to \$500 and 5-days to 6-months in jail.
- b) More than one ounce but less than one kilogram
  - Maximum jail term of 1 year or maximum fine of \$1,000, or both or
  - Maximum jail term of 3-years or maximum fine of \$3,000, or both.
- c) One kilogram or more
  - Maximum jail term of 20-years, or maximum fine of \$1,000,000, or both.
- d) Possession in a motor vehicle of more than one gram but less than one ounce
  - Maximum jail term of 90-days and maximum fine of \$1,000.

**PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL ALCOHOL SALES,  
POSSESSION, AND DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE**

Sale or transfer of alcoholic beverages to a person under 21-years of age

1. First offense—fine of \$500 to \$1,000.
2. Subsequent offenses—fine of \$1,000 to \$2,000, or maximum jail term of 1-year, or both.
3. Possession or purchase of alcoholic beverages by a person under the age of 21-years—fine of \$100.
4. Misrepresentation of age to purchase alcoholic beverages—fine of \$25 to \$500, or 30-days of community service, or both.
5. Driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages or other impairing substances—
  - a) First offense—fine of \$250 to \$1000, or jail term of 24-hours, or both, and driver's license suspended for 90 days.
  - b) Second offense within 5 years—fine of \$600 to \$1,000 and jail term of 48 hours to 1 year and driver's license suspended for 2-years.
  - c) Third offense within 5 years—fine of \$800 to \$1,000 and jail term of 30 days to 1 year and driver's license suspended for 5-years.
  - d) Fourth and subsequent offenses within 5 years—fine of \$2,000 to \$5,000 and jail term of 90 days to 5 years and driver's license suspended for 5 years.

Note:

In addition to the previously stated penalties, an individual driving a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and negligently causing death or injury to another faces a maximum jail term of 10 years.

**TIPPDAH COUNTY SANCTIONS**

Tippah County has not held an election in which the majority of the qualified electors voting in the election voted to come out from under the prohibition laws, therefore, those sanctions applicable to the prohibition laws in the State of Mississippi are in effect in Tippah County.

**ACADEMIC  
INFORMATION**

## **WELCOME FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OF THE COLLEGE**

What a joy to welcome you and encourage you in your walk down the path God has chosen for you. You have been given a wonderful opportunity to learn and study at Blue Mountain College! As you enter the gates of the campus, you will be reminded to “enter to grow in wisdom.” Your years at Blue Mountain College will provide many opportunities for you to grow spiritually, intellectually and socially. Take advantage of these opportunities.

The faculty, staff, and administration are prepared to invest their lives in yours and to enable you to become all that God plans for you to be. As you begin your studies, let me remind you that the best example of a student is found in Christ. In Luke 2: 46 we read that “After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.” Make wise use of the opportunities to learn from the faculty at Blue Mountain College and recognize that God will bring you success as you yield yourself to him.

Dr. Sharon Ball Enzor, Vice President for Academic Affairs

# ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS

## Late Registration

A student who enters the college two weeks after the beginning of the semester will not be permitted to carry a full academic load. Furthermore, a student will not be permitted to add any course three weeks after the semester has begun.

## Class Attendance

Class attendance is an essential part of college education, and students are expected to attend regularly and punctually classes and laboratories for which they are registered. Cumulative absences may result in a lowered grade or loss of credit for the course. **Tardiness** is also subject to penalty, as is any failure to complete required course work on time. Although some specific requirements may vary according to the nature and structure of the course, the following guidelines summarize institutional policy:

## Attendance Required

Class attendance is required, and accurate records are kept.

## Number of Absences

A student receives a grade of F in any course immediately upon accumulating the following number of absences, whether excused or unexcused in that class:

- 12 in semester classes meeting 3 times per week
  - 8 in semester classes meeting 2 times per week
  - 4 in semester classes meeting 1 time per week
  - 4 in summer day classes
- Proportionate numbers in classes on other schedules.

Any exception to this rule, granted only in extraordinary circumstances, must be approved by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

## Grades and Absences

For lesser numbers of absences, the student should expect a lowered grade in the course, with the maximum penalty of one letter grade for each week of absences (in a semester) or the equivalent. The calculation of the semester grade, including any penalty for absences, is the responsibility of the professor and may vary according to the nature of the course and the grading scale used. In some classes points will be deducted from the semester grade for unexcused absences; in others, the penalty may be built into the grading scale by means of frequent pop quizzes, grades for class participation and the like.

## Excused Absences

The faculty member will excuse a limited number of absences for serious illness, and for other emergency reasons which the faculty member finds justifiable. The Vice President for Academic Affairs will excuse absences for college sponsored field trips and denominational events. Sponsors of field trips, choir trips, athletics events, etc. must provide the Office of Academic Affairs with an alphabetical list of participating students one week prior to departure.

## Making Up Coursework Due to Absences

Whether an absence is excused or not, the student who is absent misses some learning that takes place in the class. Naturally, the faculty member is more inclined to assist the student in making up the work if the absence was excused. However, the responsibility for work missed rests entirely with the student.

## Absences Due to Late Registration

A student registering late will be charged for all absences occurring prior to his/her reporting to class, although these may be treated as excused absences.

## ACADEMIC STANDARDS

**The following minimum requirements for satisfactory academic standing apply to all degree seeking students.** In order to receive a bachelor's degree, a student must complete a minimum of 120 semester hours with a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.00 on all hours attempted (less repeats). To make satisfactory progress toward this goal, a student should normally maintain a minimum CGPA of 2.00 each semester. A student will be placed on academic probation if his/her CGPA does not meet the following standards at the end of any given semester:

- 1.50 for students who have *earned* less than 30 semester hours (including transfer work)
- 2.00 for students who have *earned* 30 hours or more (including transfer work)

### Academic Probation

Any student who fails to meet the minimum academic requirements outlined above will be placed on academic probation for the following semester. A student will be removed from probation by attaining the applicable required quality point ratio as noted above.

### Continuing Probation

Any student who has been on academic probation for a semester and has shown progress required toward achieving the appropriate GPA may be placed on continuing probation.

### Academic Suspension

After one semester of probation, a student is placed on academic suspension for one semester when she/he has not achieved the minimum requirements for satisfactory academic standing as delineated above. Upon serving one semester of academic suspension, however, a student may apply for readmission. A student placed on academic suspension may appeal this decision to the Academic Standards Committee.

Any student who is enrolled in twelve (12) or more hours for the fall or spring semester or in nine (9) or more hours for a summer session and who earns a 0.00 grade point average for any one semester or summer session may be suspended regardless of his/her cumulative grade point average. A student who is suspended for academic reasons at the end of a spring semester may enroll in the BMC summer session and earn eligibility for readmission the following fall semester. To qualify for readmission, the student either must earn at least a "C" in each course of at least a twelve semester-hour load, or he/she must earn the required quality point ratio to be placed in good standing.

### Academic Dismissal

Students are permanently dismissed from Blue Mountain College upon being placed on academic suspension for the third time.

## WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COLLEGE

### Requirements for Withdrawing from the College

Any student who desires to withdraw from Blue Mountain College should complete a withdrawal form obtained from the Office of the Registrar. Before the withdrawal can be processed, the student must secure a signature of clearance from a staff member in the Office of Business Affairs, the Office of Financial Aid, and if a resident student, the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life.

Should extenuating circumstances prevent the student who is withdrawing from returning to campus, a telephone withdrawal to the Office of the Registrar may be accepted provided clearance can be secured from the Office of Business Affairs, the Office of Financial Aid, and the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life. A student must, however, return any college properties on loan to the student such as library books, reference materials, chorale folders, etc.

### **Grades Associated with Withdrawal**

The College established and publishes withdrawal dates on each academic calendar for semesters and terms. Students may not withdraw beyond the published dates. Grades of W, WP or WF are determined by the date of withdrawal as published on the current academic calendar. Dropping classes and /or withdrawing from all classes may have an immediate and/or future affect on financial aid eligibility.

If a student drops out of a course without completing the official withdrawal form in the Office of the Registrar, a grade of F is recorded for each course at the end of the semester on the student's permanent record.

In rare circumstances, exceptions to the above deadlines and/or grading policies may be made by the Vice President for Academic Affairs. [Cross reference with Policy 2.13: Change of Class Schedule.]

### **Tuition Refund at Withdrawal**

The date that a student withdraws in writing in the Office of the Registrar is the date used for calculating any tuition refund. The institutional refund policy is distributed to students during registration and is printed in the "Finances" section of this Catalog.

## **ACADEMIC HONESTY AND INTEGRITY**

The Mission of Blue Mountain College makes it clear that the College exists to contribute to the growth and development of human beings who understand their lives in terms of Christian responsibility and service. In keeping with the high ideals reflected in its mission, BMC expects its students to be scrupulously honest. The College's commitment to honesty and fairness in academics is given expression in the Academic Honesty Policy below.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

#### **Cheating**

- A. Cheating on examinations shall include (but not be limited to): (a) taking answers from another student's paper or allowing answers to be taken from one's own paper during an examination or quiz; (b) the use of notes or any other aid not specifically allowed or approved by the instructor; (c) unauthorized access to an un-administered examination or quiz; (d) collaboration on take-home examinations unless specifically approved by the instructor.
- B. Cheating on course assignments shall include (but not be limited to); (a) receiving editorial assistance beyond that expressly allowed by the instructor; (b) collaborating with another person in the preparation of any assignment offered for credit when such collaboration is prohibited by the instructor; (c) submitting the same work for credit in more than one course, regardless of whether or not such submission occurs within the same term. An exception may be granted if the student receives written permission in advance from his/her instructor(s).

#### **Plagiarism**

No student shall submit as his or her own work any term paper, research paper, or other academic assignment of original work that in any part is not in fact his/her own work. Knowingly using the ideas of another person and offering them as one's own original ideas is prohibited by this policy to the same extent as knowingly using the words of another writer and offering them as one's own original writing.

Numerous opportunities exist for inappropriate copying and use of copyrighted material from cyberspace including materials that extend into other media such as audio, video, graphic files, etc. Therefore, the College expects the use of these materials in a way that is consistent with academic integrity in documenting sources and in obtaining permission to use such materials.

#### **Other Academic Misconduct**

Other academic misconduct shall include, (but not be limited to): (a) unauthorized access to and/or the alteration of school records, including but not limited to, transcripts, grade books, class rolls, and grade reports. This prohibition extends to all such records of the College, including those which are stored and maintained electronically; (b) submitting any assignment for credit which is based in part or in total on data which is either fabricated or manufactured; (c) misrepresenting one's self for the purpose of taking an examination for another student or allowing such misrepresentation to occur; (d) the forgery, alteration, and/or misuse of college documents, including student identification cards with intent to defraud, deceive, or mislead; (e) providing false or

misleading information to avoid penalties for unexcused or excessive absences in any class or to obtain permission to drop a course without penalty after the established drop date.

A student must not cooperate with, aid, or encourage another student to violate the above rules, even though he or she receives no direct benefit to his/her grade. Each professor must take precautions to protect the honest student by making every effort to assure conditions of honesty for all course requirements, including examinations and outsider assignments. This does not, however, diminish in any way the students' ultimate responsibility for observing the principles of academic integrity in all aspects of their conduct.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY

1. Faculty will inform students of behavior appropriate for maintenance of the Blue Mountain College Honesty and Integrity Policy as it pertains to their particular courses and disciplines.
2. Any faculty member who suspects a violation of the Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy with respect to their particular courses shall assume the responsibility for confronting the violator(s) immediately about the violation. The faculty member must notify the student in writing, including sufficient details to allow the student to respond in his/her own defense. The faculty member assigns a grade of "0" for the assignment in question, and reports the matter as specified below. Additional penalties may be assigned depending upon the severity of the violation as determined by the Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA).

**If a student who is alleged to have cheated, plagiarized, or been involved with other academic misconduct admits to the charge**, the faculty member involved shall apply the appropriate penalty and prepare a report on the incident which the student will be asked to read and sign. The faculty member will send the report to his/her department chair who then transmits the report to the VPAA. The VPAA will determine if additional reporting is needed. In the case of other college personnel suspecting a student of academic misconduct, reporting should be made directly to the VPAA who then reports to the appropriate individuals.

## ACADEMIC APPEALS PROCEDURE

1. Students accused of violating the Blue Mountain College Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy or who claim the final grade that they received in a course was determined unfairly may appeal. *Students may withdraw their appeal at anytime.*
  - A. *Appeal of an Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy Violation*  
A *written* appeal must be initiated within six class days of the professor's written accusation and must follow the procedure described in Section 2 below.
  - B. *Appeal of a Course Grade*  
A *written* notice of intent to appeal a final grade in a course must be sent by the student to the professor awarding the grade no later than 30 days from the end of the semester or summer term. The grade appeal process then must be initiated within the first twelve class days of the following semester or summer term and follow the procedure described in Section 2 below
2. The appeal process must follow the procedure outlined below. At each step in the process, the decision-making body or person must respond within six class days.
  - A. The student must discuss the matter privately with the professor.
  - B. If no satisfactory resolution is reached, the student should appeal *in writing* to the Vice President for Academic Affairs of the College (VPAA).
  - C. If the VPAA determines that the appeal is not frivolous, he/she may resolve the problem unilaterally or call a meeting of the Academic Appeals Committee. This group will advise the VPAA after determining the merits of the appeal.

**IF THE APPEAL IS DENIED, THEN THERE CAN BE NO FURTHER APPEALS.** If the appeal is upheld, the VPAA with possible advice from the Academic Appeals Committee will appoint, in the case of the appeal of a course grade, an *ad hoc* review committee from within the discipline in which the course is offered. This review committee will evaluate the student's work and determine a grade that will be submitted to the VPAA. This grade will be reported to the professor and the Office of the Registrar in a timely fashion.

If the professor against whom the appeal is upheld feels strongly that the newly determined grade is unjustified, he/she may appeal the decision to the *ad hoc* committee *in writing* to the VPAA, who will present the written appeal and brief the President of the College on the situation for his/her final resolution. After a decision is rendered by the President, there are no further appeals.

The Academic Appeals Committee is responsible for recommending, by majority decision, either to uphold or deny the student's appeal. The student and professor must present evidence in writing supporting their positions. In the case of grade appeal, the professor must present the written grading procedure for the course under appeal.

## **Grade Appeal Procedures**

The Office of Academic Affairs complies with the following standards and procedures for handling grade appeals:

1. The student shall first present, in writing, the matter of grievance to the instructor of the course. This must be done within thirty days after the close of the semester in which the grade was earned.
2. If the student feels the matter is not satisfactorily resolved at the student-faculty level, then the grievance is submitted to the chair of the department in which the course is taught. This appeal must be made in writing within two weeks after the faculty member has acted on the grievance, otherwise the grievance will be considered withdrawn. The chair of the department will review all facts and evidence in the case and mediate a decision within a reasonable period of time. If the grievance is not further appealed, it will be considered resolved.
3. If the student believes there is further need for mediation, a written request for a grade appeal must be submitted to the vice president for academic affairs within two weeks after the department chair has rendered an opinion. If the vice president for academic affairs finds substantial grounds for a formal appeal, he/she will convene an appeal committee to review the grade appeal. Both the student and instructor will be invited to speak to the appeal committee separately, but will not be required to do so. Deliberations of the committee will take place in a closed session and the committee's decision will be final. If the vice president for academic affairs finds insufficient grounds for a formal hearing, the original grade will stand.
4. Failure to submit grievances within the required period of time will negate the student's complaint. No grievances will be considered after one full term has passed after the student has received the grade in question.
5. Grades resulting from excessive absences must be appealed directly to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

## **ACADEMIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

All student educational records are housed in the Office of the Registrar for a period of time. Blue Mountain College complies with all provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974, as amended. In accordance with this law, students have the right to inspect and review their educational records, the right to obtain copies of these records, and the right to challenge the accuracy of the information on record. Any student wishing to review educational records should contact the registrar to set up an appointment at the appropriate time.

Blue Mountain College will not release any information from the student's educational records without the written consent of the student involved except to personnel within the institution, to accrediting agencies carrying out their accreditation function, to persons in compliance with judicial order, and to persons in an emergency situation in order to protect the health or safety of students or other persons. Within the Blue Mountain College family, only those members acting in the student's educational interests are allowed access to educational records.

Directory information may be released without the student's written consent. The following categories of information have been designated by Blue Mountain College as directory information: name, mailing address, full-time or part-time status, listed telephone number, e-mail address, date and place of birth, major and minor fields of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the names of previous educational institutions attended by the

student, campus box number, campus residence hall and room number, society of which the student is a member, and other similar information.

See BMC Policy 4.02 (Confidentiality of Student Records and Information) for other information that may be released. Any student wishing to deny the release of directory information must do so in writing in the Office of the Registrar by the end of the second week of a regular semester or the end of the first week of a summer term.

Official transcripts of student records are issued by the Office of the Registrar upon receipt of the written request from the student and the \$5 transcript fee. Transcripts will not be released for any student until all of the student's accounts are paid in full.

## **CHAPEL ATTENDANCE**

### **Chapel Requirements**

Chapel programs at Blue Mountain College are considered to be an essential part of the Blue Mountain College experience. As a part of implementing its Christian mission, the College designs chapel programs to enhance a student's spiritual growth and development. Because of its significance in the Christian learning environment, chapel attendance is carefully monitored with high expectations for behavior conducive to worship.

### **Attendance Requirements for Chapel**

Chapel is held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:00 am; all degree-seeking students who enroll for twelve or more semester hours of credit are required to attend chapel.

### **Chapel Attendance Requirements for Seniors**

Students classified as seniors are allowed six optional chapel absences which must be reported in advance to the Office of the Registrar. Seniors are not, however, allowed to miss any of the following special chapel programs: Founder's Day, Ministerial Alumni Day, SGA installation, Field Day presentations, Awards Day, and any special lecture series. The dates of these special chapels are posted on the college calendar. These six allowed absences for seniors will *not* be used in determining the chapel grade.

### **Chapel Attendance Requirements for Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors**

Students classified officially as freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are allowed three optional chapel absences each semester which must be declared to the Office of the Registrar. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are not, however, allowed to miss any of the following special chapel programs: Founder's Day, Ministerial Alumni Day, SBA installation, Awards Day, and any special lecture series. The dates of these special chapels are posted on the calendar. These three allowed absences will not be used in determining the chapel grade.

### **Chapel Attendance Exceptions**

Exceptions to chapel attendance requirements are made for those students who: have classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays only; present a letter from an employer who requires that the student be excused in order to work; or who do not have any classes before noon on the Monday-Wednesday-Friday sequence.

A Blue Mountain College graduate who returns as a student is excused from chapel attendance. Students who have legitimate and documented reasons for missing a chapel may have their absence cleared in the Office of the Registrar.

### **Credit for Chapel**

Attendance is checked at each chapel and a satisfactory (S) or unsatisfactory (U) grade that reflects a student's attendance is recorded on the student's transcript at the end of each semester. Chapel grades, although appearing on the student's transcript, will not carry any credit nor will they affect the student's grade point average. Based on attendance, grades are assigned for chapel according to the criteria below.

- Students who miss none of the scheduled chapels during a semester will receive a satisfactory grade, S.
- Students who have an *unexcused*\* chapel absence during a semester will receive an unsatisfactory, U.

\* *An unexcused chapel absence is one for which a student cannot provide a legitimate and documented reason.*

For *each* unexcused chapel absence, the student must make up the absence. The means of removal of the unexcused absences in chapel are listed in the procedures for the chapel policy. If the student remains enrolled at the College, the student may remove the chapel unsatisfactory (U) during the current semester in which the unsatisfactory grade is earned. However, the student must complete the work for the removal of the U from his/her transcript by the end of the following semester, or the U will not be removed.

Students who earn an unsatisfactory, U, in chapel attendance will be considered *not* to have met graduation requirements at Blue Mountain College, and they will *not* be awarded a diploma until the unsatisfactory (U) grade is removed.

A student who earns an unsatisfactory, U, in chapel attendance and does not continue to be enrolled at the college, must remove the U during the first semester after readmission.

### **Expectations for Behavior at Chapel**

No books (other than Bibles), letters, notes or other such articles are permitted in chapel. Cell phones, pagers and other communication devices must be turned off upon entering the auditorium for chapel. Caps and hats are always removed before entering the auditorium for chapel. Activities such as chewing gum, eating food, drinking, text-messaging, talking or sleeping are not allowed.

**STUDENT  
BODY  
ASSOCIATION**

## **WELCOME TO THE BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE EXPERIENCE**

On behalf of the Student Body Association council, I would like to welcome you to the campus of Blue Mountain College. As students of Blue Mountain College, you are part of the Student Body Association. This association is made up of the students of BMC, and serves as your voice on campus. The Student Body Association Council is designed to serve as a representative body whose primary objective is to act on the behalf of the student body of Blue Mountain College to ensure a positive campus atmosphere. Serving on the council of the Student Body Association are students who serve as representatives of every major organization on campus. This ensures that students' interests are voiced.

As you begin to get acclimated to life as a student at Blue Mountain College, keep in mind that the Student Body Association Council is here to serve you as the student body. If you have any questions concerning student life or if we can help you in any way, please feel free to ask. We are here to serve you.

As a member of the student body of Blue Mountain College it is also your duty to do your part to help us to have a successful year at BMC. You as a member of the Student Body Association have a part in determining the outcome of this school year. I hope each of you has a wonderful school year at Blue Mountain College that is both fun and beneficial for you.

Jesse Huggins  
President, Student Body Association

**CONSTITUTION OF THE  
STUDENT BODY ASSOCIATION  
OF  
BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE**

**PREAMBLE**

By and with the consent of the faculty, we the students of Blue Mountain College, in order to promote worthy student activities and to advance the general welfare of the College, do ordain and establish this constitution for the Student Body Association.

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

This organization shall be called the Student Body Association (SBA) of Blue Mountain College.

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization shall be to maintain the best ideals of the college, to maintain the highest standards of honor in every phase of college life, and to promote the principles of servant leadership in all student activities.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

Upon being enrolled in the College each student automatically becomes a member of the Student Body Association and a participant in the obligations, benefits, and privileges conferred thereby.

**ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS**

**Section 1. NAMING OF THE OFFICERS**

The president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer of the SBA shall be designated executive officers. The SBA Council shall include the executive officers and a representative from the Ministerial Association, a representative from the Baptist Student Union, a representative from Koinonia, a representative from each society, a representative from the Commuter Club, and two *ex-officio* faculty/staff advisors.

**Section 2. QUALIFICATIONS OF THE OFFICERS**

The candidate for president shall be a member of the junior class at the time of election, shall have attended Blue Mountain College for four semesters, shall have at least a 2.5 grade point average, shall have previously held a position of leadership as an executive officer (president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer) of an organization on campus, shall live in a residence hall during the term of office, and shall not serve as executive officer of any other organization during the term of office.

The vice-president shall be a sophomore or junior at the time of election, shall have attended Blue Mountain College two semesters, shall have a 2.5 grade point average, and shall live in the residence hall during the term of office.

The secretary/treasurer shall have a 2.5 grade point average.

The organizational representatives shall be full-time students, shall have a 2.5 grade point average, and shall be active, dependable participants of the organization, which they represent.

Fifth-year senior students are not eligible to hold any SBA office.

**Section 3. ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS**

Students who wish to become executive officers must meet the aforementioned qualifications and may choose to run for election. They must file an application to run for office with the election committee of the Student Body Association by the date determined by the committee. Candidates may begin campaigning on the date determined by the election committee. Each candidate will have the opportunity to be heard during a Wednesday chapel period before the day of election. The election committee shall decide upon the process for election. If no qualified candidates for executive officer choose to run for election, the Student Body Association Council shall nominate a qualified candidate.

All representatives meeting the aforementioned qualifications must be chosen by the individual organizations they will represent before the first day of April. The President of the College will appoint the faculty/staff advisors.

#### **Section 4. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

The officers of the association shall be installed during the second week in April.

Officers shall take the following Oath administered by the President of Blue Mountain College: "Do you solemnly pledge on your word of honor to execute to the best of your ability and judgment the office to which you have been elected, as defined in the Student Body Association Constitution, to work impartially and unselfishly on behalf of your fellow students, and to maintain the high ideals and traditions of Blue Mountain College? Do you so pledge? If so, respond, 'I do.'"

#### **Section 5. VACANCIES**

In the event of a vacancy in the office of president, the SBA Vice President will assume the office of president. Vacancies occurring in the other executive offices of the association shall be filled by vote of the SBA Council. Vacancies occurring in the office of any organizational representative shall be filled by the organization they represent.

#### **Section 6. ORDER OF ELECTION**

The Student Body Association Executive Officers shall be elected no later than the last day of February. All other clubs and organizations shall elect officers during the month of March.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **Section 1. MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION**

As soon as possible after the beginning of the college year, a meeting shall be held at which the president of the association shall explain the purpose, organization, and plans of the association to the student body.

The Student Body Association shall meet at the call of the president.

#### **Section 2. MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

There shall be a meeting of the council once a week during the fall and spring semesters. The council will not meet during exam week. The president may call special meetings of the council as needed.

The executive members of the newly elected council shall meet with the outgoing council during the last four regular meetings of the year. The entire newly elected council shall meet with the outgoing council at the last regular meeting of the year.

### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **Section 1. BY-LAWS**

The association shall enact by-laws of the Student Body Association at large. Changes of the by-laws must first be introduced to the council. If such change receives the vote of the majority of the council, it shall be submitted to the Student Body Association at large. A majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient for the enactment of a change in the by-laws.

#### **Section 2. AMENDMENTS**

Any amendment to the constitution must be proposed in writing at least one week before action is taken on it and at a meeting held for that purpose. A two-thirds vote of all members of the association and the approval of the Dean of Students shall be required for its adoption.

### **BY-LAWS**

#### **Section 1. DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL IN GENERAL**

1. The **president** shall preside at all meetings of the council and the association, may call meetings at any time he or she deems wise, shall represent the association on all public occasions, shall appoint committees as needed, and shall delegate responsibility as needed.
2. The **vice-president** shall assist the president as needed and shall assume all duties of the president in the absence of the latter.
3. The **secretary/treasurer** is responsible for keeping a record of all meetings of the council, having charge of the finances of the association, keeping specific records available at all times, disbursing funds when authorized to do so by the council, and for training the new treasurer.
4. It shall be the duty of the **organizational representatives** to seek out and represent the opinions of the members of the organization they represent.
5. All SBA council members are expected to attend regular and special meetings of the council.

## **Section 2. ELECTION COMMITTEE**

Five members of the SBA will be selected by the executive officers to serve on the election committee. No person seeking office shall be on the committee. If necessary, members from outside the council may be chosen at the discretion of the executive officers. The members of the committee shall:

1. Handle the applications filed to run for office.
2. Determine who is eligible to run for office.
3. Determine the dates for campaigning for office and the election of officers.
4. Determine the process for election.
5. Determine the guidelines to be followed by those campaigning.
6. Investigate any violation of the guidelines determined by the election committee.

## **Section 3. RULES AND APPEALS**

The SBA supports and upholds all college policies and regulations as printed in, but not limited to, the *Blue Mountain College Policies and Procedures Manual*, the *Blue Mountain College Student Handbook*, and the *Blue Mountain College Undergraduate Catalog*.

Students who violate the rules or commit misconduct are subject to disciplinary sanctions. A list of these rules and regulations is found in *Policy 4.13: Student Conduct and Judiciary*. The list found in Policy 4.13 is not all-inclusive and should not be inadvertently perceived as a contract, which addresses only the misconduct listed.

An appeals process is available to students who feel the facts surrounding their discipline merits an appeal. The appeals process is outlined in detail in *Policy 4.13: Student Conduct and Judiciary*.

## **COLLEGE LIFE FOR RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS**

**Quiet Hours:** Quiet hours will be 10:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. Sunday night through Friday morning. On weekends, quiet hours will be 12:00 midnight - 9:00 a.m. Friday night through Sunday morning.

**Exam Week Rules:** Exam quiet hours begin the day before the first exam and extend through the beginning of the last exam.

### **Exam Quiet Hours:**

10:00 p.m. *Sunday* - 5:00 a.m. *Monday*

5:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; 7:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m. *Monday through Thursday*

5:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. *Friday*

**Residence Hall Access:** For security reasons, all doors except the front door of each residence hall will be locked in the late afternoon. After the doors are locked, only the front doors may be used to gain entrance.

**Students on campus after midnight must be inside his or her residence hall or in Gal-ry. (Gal-ry is locked at 2:00 a.m.)**

**Campus Security:** Students are required to obey and to cooperate with the Campus Security Guard at all times. The Security Guard may be reached at 662.512.8059.

**Room Inspection:** Rooms may be inspected at any time of the week. The time will be determined by the Resident Director and will be posted. Rooms will not be inspected during the first week of each semester or during exam week. Beds should be made and rooms kept in order. Food must be kept in closed containers. Halls and baths are expected to be free of used dishes, soiled laundry, bottles, and clutter. All trash should be taken to garbage cans located in the stairwells.

**Kitchens:** Kitchen facilities are to be kept free of clutter. All dishes and utensils are to be washed and stored after use. Personal items stored in the refrigerator should be labeled with the student's name. The Housekeeping Staff will remove all items and clean the refrigerators regularly. The cleaning time will be posted in advance.

**Guests:** Guests are welcome on the Blue Mountain College campus. Room guests of student residents are permitted when suitable facilities are available without disturbing other residents and when there is not distraction

from established routine. Guests are expected to respect residence hall regulations. The Resident Director must be notified when students have overnight guests.

Students may meet their guests in the residence hall lobbies and should introduce all first-time visitors to the Resident Director. Students are responsible for the behavior and actions of their guests.

Guest rooms are available in Whitfield and Stevens and must be reserved in the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life (ext. 247).

**Male Guests in Female Residence Halls:** Male guests are not allowed to visit the second and third floors of the female residence halls except during the hours of Open House following formal dinners. The residence halls for female students are not open to male visitors until 9:00 a.m. All male guests should leave female residence halls by midnight.

**Female Guests in Male Residence Hall:** Female guests are allowed to visit the living quarters of the male residence hall only during the hours of Open House following formal dinners. At all other times, the male residence hall is off-limits to women students unless visiting hours are posted.

**Open House:** All residence halls will be open for guests immediately following formal dinner activities until 9:30 p.m. Doors must remain open in rooms where guests are visiting. Resident Directors/Assistants will be at the entrance of each residence hall to greet guests, and each student is encouraged to introduce guests to the Resident Director.

**Sickness or Injury:** If you or another student is sick or has been injured, you should contact your Resident Director and/or the Health Care Coordinator (Renita Gossett, ext 304). The Health Care Coordinator may be able to provide minor medical assistance or will direct or transport you to a professional medical facility.

Students are responsible for their own major medical health insurance. The student should have a copy of their insurance card and keep it with them at all times.

The student and or the students family is responsible for all medical expenses including expenses related to mental health.

**Spending the Night in Another Residence Hall:** A female student may spend the night in another residence hall on campus by:

1. Filling out the forms at the sign-out desk.
2. Leaving one of the forms at the desk and taking the second form and the destination card to the cardholder of the residence hall where the student is visiting.

**Telephones:** The telephones in individual rooms in Stevens and Whitfield are extensions of the College telephone system.

**Pets:** College policy, as well as health codes, forbids the presence of any live animals in the residence halls. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action.

**College Property:** Students who deface or damage College property will pay for any and all repairs.

#### **DESTINATION PROCEDURES**

The dorms will continue to be locked at midnight due to security issues. Students desiring to stay out until 2 a.m. as well as students who will be away from the residence hall overnight must sign up before hand on a form that will be found at the front desk. After midnight, you cannot put your name on the special permission list. If you return before midnight, it is your responsibility to tell the security guard to take your name off of the list.

#### **DRESS CODE**

Blue Mountain College students are expected to maintain a standard of dress that ensures neatness, cleanliness, and appropriateness of attire. In their dress, as in their behavior, they are expected to reflect the marks of educated and mature Christian persons.

Time, place, and occasion determine appropriateness of attire. While certain types of dress or apparel may be appropriate for one occasion, they may not be appropriate for regular wear around the College. Excesses, which tend toward immodesty, indiscretion, or indecency are unacceptable. Slogans, pictures, and advertisements displayed on hats and clothing shall be in keeping with the College's philosophy. No suggestive or derogatory

phrases or pictures are permitted, and no alcoholic beverage advertisements are to be worn.

Footwear is required on the campus grounds with the exception of residence living areas. Caps and hats are always removed before entering buildings (including the auditoriums and the dining hall) and are never worn in chapel or in classes.

### **FIRE DRILLS AND ALARMS**

Fire drills help prevent injuries and loss of life. Therefore, it is mandatory for all to cooperate and to participate in a serious manner. The BMC Safety Committee holds fire drills periodically. Procedure is as follows:

1. Each Resident Director keeps a list of students living in the residence hall. The Resident Assistants during a fire drill or fire emergency assist the Resident Director.
2. When the smoke alarm sounds, put on shoes. Take a towel, which can be dampened to put around the mouth and nose in case of heavy smoke. **Do not take time to collect valuables or to dress!**
3. Feel your door for heat. If there is no fire immediately outside the door, move to the nearest exit, closing the door as you leave.
4. Walk rapidly—do not run, talk, or push!
5. Proceed to the area designated and wait for a roll call.
6. Resident hall personnel are responsible for inspecting rooms, halls, and baths to be sure everyone on the floor has left and for checking roll in the designated area.
7. No one leaves the group until the group is dismissed.
8. In case of actual fire, it is vitally important that all students follow the above procedure and observe these precautions:
  - Do not jump unless it is absolutely necessary. Wait for a ladder to be placed at your window or at a nearby porch or make a rope by tying sheets together.
  - Never return to a burning building.
9. A prolonged smoke alarm must be considered an alarm for fire.

***Because of potential fire hazards, the burning of candles and incense is not allowed in the residence halls.***

### **TORNADO OR BAD WEATHER ALERT**

Although the college has not experienced a tornado, drills may be conducted periodically to ensure the safety of the resident students.

The alert will be announced, at which time the following procedures should be followed:

1. Students in Stevens and Whitfield are to proceed in an orderly fashion to the basement of the building. Cockroft residents should proceed to the first floor hallway.
2. Students should face the wall and crouch on the floor.
3. Students should bend over with their hands on their head.
4. Students should keep away from windows, doors, glass, and large rooms.

***During threatening weather, a prolonged blast from the siren in the town of Blue Mountain must be considered an alarm for which action must be taken. The Town of Blue Mountain performs testing of the tornado siren periodically.***

**ORGANIZATIONS  
AND  
PUBLICATIONS**

## ASSISTANT DEAN OF STUDENTS

The Assistant Dean of Students should be contacted to schedule events for student organizations, societies, academic clubs, and other student planned events. The date, time, and place of all student activities and events, including regularly scheduled meetings, should be cleared through the Assistant Dean of Students who will place the event(s) on the master calendar. The Calendar Committee is the arbiter for conflicts. The Assistant Dean of Students may be contacted at 662.685.4771 Ext. 159.

## STUDENT BODY ASSOCIATION

The purpose of the Student Body Association of Blue Mountain College shall be to maintain the best ideals of the college, to maintain the highest standards of honor in every phase of college life, and to promote the principles of servant leadership in all student activities.

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| President.....                  | Jesse Huggins     |
| Vice-President .....            | Christina Teel    |
| Secretary / Treasurer .....     | Logan Strachan    |
| Bearable Representative .....   | Damian Cantu      |
| BSU Representative .....        | Karen Easley      |
| Commuter Representative .....   | Michelle Miller   |
| Ekklesian Representative .....  | Blake Richardson  |
| Eunomian Representative.....    | Sarah Hall        |
| Euzelian Representative .....   | Allison Walton    |
| Koinonia Representative.....    | Venchenza Settles |
| Ministerial Representative..... | John Mark Jarrett |
| Modenian Representative .....   | Lindsey King      |
| Staff Advisor .....             | Miss Amy Moore    |
| Faculty Advisor .....           | Dr. Betty Hearn   |

## BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

The Baptist Student Union is an organization which strives to coordinate the various religious activities on campus and to stimulate spiritual growth. A balanced program of Christian fellowship, service, small group Bible study, worship, and witness is provided. A full-time director is in charge of the center and its activities.

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| President.....                           | Ashley Waldrep              |
| Vice-President / Missions Education..... | Taryn Wenzel                |
| Secretary .....                          | Aimee Fortner               |
| Special Events .....                     | Brian Blair                 |
| Worship.....                             | Mindy Morton                |
| Community Missions.....                  | Charlie Cisco, Adam Preston |
| Discipleship Men.....                    | Jamie Holmes                |
| Discipleship Women .....                 | Amie Clark                  |
| Prayer .....                             | Aaron White                 |
| Social .....                             | Audrey Cook                 |
| Worship.....                             | Joy Pierce                  |
| Missions Fundraising .....               | Amy Rhodes                  |
| SBA Representative .....                 | Karen Easley                |
| Faculty Advisor .....                    | Dr. Kay Matkins             |

## INTRAMURAL ASSOCIATION

The objective of the Intramural Association shall be the promotion of participation in intramural sports by the students, the development not only of the body but also of the mind in fair play and good sportsmanship, stimulation of health consciousness, and the encouragement of activities which promote health, recreational, and spiritual values. The association is served by a twelve-member council elected by the students.

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| President .....                   | Taryn Wenzel           |
| Vice-President .....              | Casey Hammons          |
| Secretary .....                   | Michal Roberson        |
| Treasurer .....                   | Stacy Vick             |
| Euzelian Athletic Director .....  | Kathleen Hobbs         |
| Eunomian Athletic Director .....  | Chelsea Funderburk     |
| Modenian Athletic Director .....  | Amy Rhodes             |
| Bearean Athletic Director .....   | Brian Blair            |
| Ekklesian Athletic Director ..... | Andrew Bailey          |
| Softball/Table Tennis .....       | Sierra Lambert         |
| Tennis .....                      | Kara Beth Collums      |
| Swimming/Track .....              | Emily Miller           |
| Volleyball/Basketball .....       | Katelynn Wright        |
| Publicity Photographer .....      | Becky Stenger          |
| Advisor .....                     | Miss Johnnie Armstrong |

## SOCIETIES

Societies provide students an opportunity to belong to a small social group. The societies at Blue Mountain College differ from sororities and fraternities at big universities in a special way. At Blue Mountain College, the student has the option of deciding which of the societies to join. It is not the society which decides whether or not it wants her.

## EUNOMIAN SOCIETY

The Eunomian Society was organized as a literary society in 1879 by Mrs. Janie Lowrey Stanford Graves. The motto is "Quality." The colors are gold and white, and the flower is the daisy.

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|------------------------------|---|
| President .....              | Brittany Cloyd  |
| Vice-President .....         | Amie Clark  |
| Secretary/Treasurer .....    | Venchenza Settles   |
| Social Chairpersons .....    | Emma Anderson, Crystal Harris, Jessica O'Neal, Beth A. Roby |
| Publicity Chairpersons ..... | Emily Miller, Courtney Napier                               |
| Photographers .....          | Aimee Fortner, Jacqui Ray                                   |
| Athletic Director .....      | Chelsea Funderburk  |
| Chaplain .....               | Heather Welch   |
| SBA Representative .....     | Sarah Hall  |
| Advisor .....                | Ms. Michelle Wiesing  |

## EUZELIAN SOCIETY

The Euzelian Society was organized in 1882 by Miss Emily Rutherford. The motto is "Culture, Poise, and Power." The colors are blue and white, and the flower is the gardenia.

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|--------------------------|---|
| President .....          | Ashley Reeder   |
| Vice-President .....     | Christina Teel  |
| Secretary .....          | Casey Hammons   |
| Treasurer .....          | C. J. Hopper  |
| Athletic Director .....  | Kathleen Hobbs  |
| Chaplain .....           | Karen Easley  |
| Social Chairs .....      | Kristen Coleman, Ashley Hale, Carissa McElyea, Brittany Raley |
| Queen Euzelia .....      | Amber Dixon   |
| SBA Representative ..... | Allison Walton  |
| Advisor .....            | Dr. Janice Nicholson, Mrs. Lea Bennett                        |

## MODENIAN SOCIETY

The Modenian Society was organized in 1907 by the Blue Mountain faculty. The motto is "Originality." The colors are red and white, and the flower is the rose.

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| President .....               | Taryn Wenzel                |
| Vice-President .....          | Becky Stenger               |
| Secretary .....               | Michelle Miller             |
| Treasurer .....               | Jeniffer Sheriff Smith      |
| Social Chairperson .....      | Lauren Scott                |
| Program Chairperson .....     | Danielle King               |
| Photographers .....           | Laura Hardin, Beth Madewell |
| Athletic Director .....       | Amy Rhodes                  |
| Chaplain .....                | JoAnna Faulkner             |
| Commuter Representative ..... | Michelle Miller             |
| SBA Representative .....      | Lindsey King                |
| Advisor .....                 | Mrs. Renita Gossett         |

## BEREAN SOCIETY

As a result of BMC becoming a co-educational institution, the Berean Society was established during the 2006-2007 school year. Motto: "Possessing the Right Heart". Colors: "Navy Blue and Orange". Symbol: Grail Cross. Mascot: Garfield. Scripture: Acts 17:10-11.

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| President .....           | Cliff Moore     |
| Vice-President .....      |                 |
| Secretary/Treasurer ..... | Charlie Cisco   |
| King .....                | Jonathan Kirk   |
| Athletic Director .....   | Brian Blair     |
| Chaplain .....            | Larry Dickerson |
| SBA Representative .....  | Damian Cantu    |
| Faculty Advisor .....     | Mr. Jack Moser  |

## EKKLESIAN SOCIETY

As a result of BMC becoming a co-educational institution, the Ekklesian Society was established during the 2006-2007 school year. Motto: "Authentic". Colors: "Red and Black". Symbol: TBD. Mascot: "Bugs Bunny and the Looney Tunes Gang." Scripture: I Peter 2:9

President ..... Jonathon Hobson  
Vice-President ..... Jamie Holmes  
Secretary/Treasurer ..... Adam Preston  
Chaplain ..... Jordan Norris  
Athletic Director ..... Andrew Bailey  
Public Relations ..... Chris Ferguson  
SBA Representative ..... Blake Richardson  
Faculty Advisor ..... Dr. Jeremy Owens

## SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

President ..... Christina Teel  
Vice-President ..... Becky Stenger  
Secretary ..... Melonie Stewart  
Treasurer ..... Ashley Reeder  
Chaplain ..... Chris Ferguson  
Advisor ..... Mrs. Sherrell Settlemires

## JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

President ..... Clark Whitten  
Vice-President ..... Aaron White  
Secretary ..... Caleb McLean  
Treasurer ..... Sarah Hall  
Chaplain ..... Aimee Fortner  
Advisor ..... Dr. Betty Hearn

## SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

President ..... Logan Strachan  
Vice-President ..... Chelsea Funderburk  
Secretary ..... Audrey Cook  
Treasurer ..... Sarah Dooley  
Chaplain ..... Jamie Holmes  
Advisor ..... Mr. Jack Moser

## OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS

**Alpha Psi Omega:** Alpha Psi Omega is a national honorary theater society. The Blue Mountain College chapter was established in 1948. Membership is extended to students who have demonstrated a high standard of work in theater.

**BMC Ambassadors:** The purpose of this organization is to promote active engagement and closer fellowship between the alumnae of the College and current students of the College; work with the Alumni Association in perpetuating the traditions, spirit, and ideals of Blue Mountain College as exemplified by the Founders; to advance the interest of the College through every reasonable means; to serve with the Alumni Association and the College in mutual areas of involvement and interest; and to act as a channel of information and encouragement between the alumni of the College and the current students.

**Baptist Student Union:** The Baptist Student Union is an organization which strives to coordinate the various religious activities on campus and to stimulate spiritual growth. A balanced program of Christian fellowship, service, small-group Bible study, worship, and witness is provided. A full-time director is in charge of Broach Hall, the BSU building, and all of the activities of the organization.

**Beta Beta Beta, Pi Tau Chapter:** Beta Beta Beta is a Society for students, particularly undergraduates, dedicated to improving the understanding and appreciation of biological study and extending boundaries of human knowledge through scientific research.

**Campus Kappa Kappa Iota:** The Campus Kappa Kappa Iota offers opportunities to the woman college student of good reputation and character who has been admitted into the teacher education program. All members must maintain at least a 2.50 grade point average. The organization offers personal, career, and leadership development; service to education and the community; and lasting friendships.

**Cap and Gown Honor Society:** The Cap and Gown Honor Society is an honor society for junior and senior students with scholastic standing in the upper one-fourth of the class. The purpose of the organization is to advance a spirit of scholarship, recognize and encourage leadership, and provide opportunities for community service.

**Centerstage:** Centerstage is the Blue Mountain College theater club. Membership is open to anyone interested in theater. Members of Centerstage, along with Alpha Psi Omega, plan several trips each year to see theater performances.

**Commuter Club:** Membership is open to all commuting students. The purpose of the club is to provide an opportunity for extracurricular activities and to encourage participation of commuting students in a variety of student activities. A Commuter representative is elected to serve on the SBA Council.

**English Club:** Membership is open to English majors and minors. Projects include guest speakers, visits to drama productions, and a spring poetry reading.

**Fellowship of Ministers' Wives:** Membership is open to any student whose husband is a minister. The organization meets monthly to provide members a time to fellowship, to share information and ideas, and to give and receive encouragement.

**Koinonia:** Membership is open to women interested in pursuing full-time Christian vocations. The purpose of the organization is twofold: to promote and encourage Christian growth through fellowship with like-minded women and to inform women of the many opportunities open to them for Christian service. Attendance at the meeting is required of all women students receiving aid from the Board of Ministerial Education and/or receiving CRV Scholarships.

**Ministerial Association:** The purpose of this organization is to strengthen the relationship between the college and ministerial students who are called into church-related vocations, to provide fellowship, to provide a peer support system, to provide practical insights into a variety of ministry experiences and to maintain the highest standards of honor in every phase of college life. Attendance at the weekly meeting is required of all students receiving aid from the Board of Ministerial Education and/or receiving CRV scholarships.

**Mississippi Association of Educators-Student Program (MAE-SP):** Membership is open to students enrolled in or preparing to enter an education program. The purposes of the organization are to increase interest in the field of education, to aid prospective teachers in understanding the role of the professional educator in society, and to encourage personal professional growth through participation in the work of the local, state, and national organization.

**Modern Foreign Language Club:** Membership is open to any student currently enrolled in Spanish classes or who has an interest in Hispanic life and culture. Meetings are monthly, with occasional evening film presentations or dinners at local Hispanic restaurants.

**Peers Exploring Around Kampus (P.E.A.K.)** The purpose of this club allows students to deepen their awareness of their environment; to further their spiritual walk with Christ; to challenge them to think more critically; to encourage physical activity; and to create opportunities for service. "Road scholars" is a group of students, faculty, and staff who run/walk around campus on a regular basis.

**Phi Beta Lambda:** The purpose of this chapter is to provide as an integral part of the instructional program additional opportunities for students in business and/or business-related fields to develop career supportive competencies and to promote civic and personal responsibilities. Members are also given opportunities to compete in events testing their business knowledge and skills.

**Physical Education Majors Club (P.E.M. Club):** The purpose of the club is to provide useful and informative programs, discussions, and demonstrations in the varied areas of physical education for members who major in physical education.

**Phi Beta Lambda:** The purpose of this chapter is to provide as an integral part of the instructional program additional opportunities for students in business and/or business-related fields to develop career supportive competencies and to promote civic and personal responsibilities. Members are also given opportunities to compete in events testing their business knowledge and skills.

**Pi Gamma Mu:** The mission of Pi Gamma Mu is to encourage and promote excellence in the social sciences and to uphold the ideals of scholarship and service.

**Psychology Club:** Membership is open to students majoring or minoring in psychology. The purpose of the club is to provide field trips, information, fellowship, and an enhanced awareness of the growing field of psychology.

**Scribblers:** The purpose of the organization is to promote creative writing activities of students. Students interested in writing creatively are encouraged to join. The Scribblers organization publishes the *Mountain Breeze*, an annual of journal of essays, poetry, and short stories written by students and faculty of the College. Membership in the organization is competitive. Bids are extended twice yearly to students who demonstrate exceptional writing ability.

**Sigma Sigma Gamma:** Sponsored by the Social Science Department, Sigma Sigma Gamma promotes a camaraderie among students working toward a major or minor in social science and provides opportunities for students to participate in programs of both historical and current interests.

**Sigma Tau Delta, Alpha Omicron Delta Chapter:** The central purpose of the International English Honor Society and this chapter is to confer distinction upon outstanding students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies.

**Societies:** Societies provide students an opportunity to belong to a small social group. The societies at Blue Mountain College differ from sororities at big universities in a special way. At Blue Mountain College, the student has the option of deciding which of the three societies he/she will join-the society does not decide whether or not to accept the student.

**Society of Mathematicians and Scientists:** Membership is open to students who are majoring either in mathematics or one of the sciences. The purpose is to provide a wider background through varied programs and field trips.

**Student Body Association:** This organization is the official representative of all students. The purpose of

the SBA is to encourage participation in a wide variety of campus activities, to maintain the best ideals of Blue Mountain College, and to maintain the highest standards of honor in every phase of college life.

**Theta Alpha Kappa:** Theta Alpha Kappa exists to encourage, recognize, and maintain excellence in Religious and or/theological Studies within baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate degree programs, and also within the academic profession of these studies more broadly understood.

**Vivace Club:** The club is the organization for music majors and minors. Membership is open to all students interested in music. Vivace strives to stimulate interest in music throughout the campus. The club presents informative programs on special phases of music each semester. Vivace furnishes ushers for music recitals/programs and coordinates receptions for guest artists, music faculty, and senior student recitals.

## **BMC PUBLICATIONS**

### **STUDENT HANDBOOK**

The *Blue Mountain College Student Handbook* is published by the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life. It contains the rules and regulations with which all students should be familiar. The student handbook also contains information regarding campus organizations and activities. The student handbook may be accessed at [www.bmc.edu](http://www.bmc.edu)

### **MOUNTAIN BREEZE**

The *Mountain Breeze*—the student literary journal—contains stories, poetry, essays, and criticisms. Contributions are solicited from the entire student body as well as from the faculty and staff. The *Mountain Breeze* staff is selected at the end of each academic year.

Editor: ..... Brittany Cloyd  
1<sup>st</sup> Associate Editor: ..... Christina Teel  
News Editor: ..... Kim Tutor  
Sports Editor: ..... Curt Huffstatler  
Business Manager: ..... Taryn Wenzel  
Chaplain/Publicity: ..... Andrew Best  
Secretary: ..... Kim Phillips  
Advisor: ..... Dr. Barbara Holland

### **MOUNTAINEER**

The *Mountaineer*, the student yearbook, is published by a student staff working on a volunteer basis. The staff members serve as section editors for the yearbook. The *Mountaineer* is a pictorial view of campus life and the environment which makes Blue Mountain College so special. The staff is selected at the end of each academic year.

Advertising Editor: ..... Michelle Miller  
Features Editor: ..... Kathryn Calabro  
Faculty Editor: ..... Sierra Lambert  
Clubs/Organizations Editor & Business Manager: ..... Danielle King  
Special Activities & Events Co-Editors: ..... Rachael Edwards, Becky Stenger  
Athletics Editor & Photographer: ..... Beth Madewell  
Photographers ..... Kathryn Calabro, Jamie Coleman, Katie Foley  
Photographers ..... Lindsey King, Beth Ann Roby  
Publicity Coordinator & Photographer: ..... Sarah Dooley  
Classes Co-Editors: ..... Maria Bradford, JoAnna Faulkner  
Advisor: ..... Mrs. Sue Owens

*The campus publications are edited and managed by students under the supervision and direction of a faculty/staff advisor.*

**CAMPUS  
SERVICES**

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES AND HOURS

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| Office of Admissions .....                          | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. |
| Office of Alumnae/Alumni Affairs .....              | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. |
| Office of Academic Affairs.....                     | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. |
| Office of Business Affairs.....                     | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. |
| Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life..... | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. |
| Office of Financial Aid .....                       | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. |
| Office of the President .....                       | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. |
| Office of Public Relations.....                     | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. |
| Office of the Registrar .....                       | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. |
| Office of Student Affairs.....                      | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. |

## DINING HALL

All resident students are required to pay room and board which entitles the student access to meals in Ray Dining Hall. If a student must have a special diet, the physician's prescribed diet must be provided. Meals are served in Ray Dining Hall at the following hours:

### Monday-Friday

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|---|------------------------|
| Breakfast .....                               | 7:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  |
| Dinner.....                                   | 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. |
| Supper (Friday - 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.) ..... | 5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.  |

### Saturday

|                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Breakfast ..... | 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  |
| Dinner.....     | 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m. |
| Supper.....     | 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.  |

### Sunday

|                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Breakfast ..... | 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  |
| Buffet.....     | 11:30 noon - 1:15 p.m. |
| Supper.....     | 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.  |

If it is necessary for a student to eat at other than the scheduled hours, a special permit must be obtained from the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life and presented to the manager of the dining hall.

Reservations for guests must be made at least one meal in advance unless there is some emergency. It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements with the dining hall manager to pay for the meals of her/his guests.

All activities involving the dining hall must be cleared with the manager before placing them on the master calendar. Students must plan with the dining hall manager two weeks in advance for menus for formal dinners, banquets, and other special occasions.

Dress in the dining hall should be the same as for class. Caps and hats are never worn in the dining hall or at meals.

## GUYTON LIBRARY

Guyton Library provides a favorable environment for reading, research, and study by BMC students, faculty, and staff. To maintain that environment, patrons should enter quietly and turn electronic devices to vibrate or off. Patrons need to receive or place calls prior to entering the library. The collection includes books, periodicals and newspapers, audiovisual materials, and electronic resources. While the collection primarily contains resources for study and research, some current fiction and leisure materials are included in the collection. Library patrons may access electronic resources through the computer lab in Guyton Library and/or through the Guyton Library mini-website [http://www.bmc.edu/library\\_minisite.asp](http://www.bmc.edu/library_minisite.asp). If a book or article is not available, the library can often get it through interlibrary loan from another library. Reproduction services including a self-service copier and computer printer are available near the main desk of the library. A computer scanner located in the computer lab allows patrons to scan and save materials to a USB memory storage device. The May Gardner Black collection, Mo Kwong Room, and Mary Dean Hollis Historical Doll collection offer patrons an opportunity to revisit the history and heritage of the college.

**FINES:** The administration requires students to settle all library accounts before taking examinations. Fines on overdue materials, or for replacement of lost materials are to be paid promptly. There is a five-cent per day fine for overdue three-week materials and twenty-five cents per day charge for overdue reserved, manipulatives, and audiovisual materials.

**DRESS:** Dress in the library should be the same as for class attendance.

**HOURS:** Monday-Thursday ..... 7:45 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Friday ..... 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday ..... 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
(Guyton Library is closed on Sunday and during Chapel.)

## THE CURRICULUM LIBRARY

**HOURS:** 7:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m..... Monday through Thursday  
7:45 a.m. -12:00 noon..... Friday  
The Curriculum Library is closed during chapel.

## CAMPUS STORE AND GIFT SHOP

The campus store, located on the lower level of the Paschal Student Center, offers course support materials, school and office supplies, trade books, gifts, and collegiate memorabilia. The store is open to the public and the campus community from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## VENDING

A wide variety of snacks, desserts, breakfast and lunch foods, soft drinks and water are available in the vending machines in the Paschal Student Union Building (SUB). The SUB is open until midnight during the fall and spring semesters. Snack and drink machines are available in Fisher-Washburn Hall. Drink machines are available in Whitfield, Stevens, and Cockroft residence halls.

## HEALTH SERVICES

The goal of Blue Mountain College Health Services is to improve wellness through an atmosphere of helpfulness and caring. Health care services are provided in the following ways:

1. Any resident student who is sick enough to miss a meal, classes, or chapel is asked to report to the Resident Director. No food is to be brought to a student in the resident hall room from the dining hall without special permission from the Resident Director.
2. If a resident student becomes ill during the night, the Resident Director must be notified. If medical treatment is necessary, the Health Care Coordinator should be notified and will make arrangements to take the student for medical attention.
3. Any student needing medical attention while attending classes should report to the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life or the Office of Business Affairs. The Health Care Coordinator will be contacted to provide the necessary service.
4. Students are responsible for their own major medical health insurance. The student should have a copy of their insurance card and keep it with them at all times. The student and/or the student's family is responsible for all medical expenses including expenses related to mental health.
5. Parents may be notified of any serious health problem that requires hospitalization.

There is a family medical clinic in the Town of Blue Mountain with a full time nurse practitioner. Hospitals are located in New Albany and Ripley. If students need medical assistance and/or first aid, the Health Care Coordinator should be contacted. Students may reach the Health Care Coordinator at Ext. 304 or 837-6144.

## POST OFFICE

Personal mailboxes (PMBs) are located on the lower level of the Paschal Student Union Building (SUB). Full time students and faculty and staff members are assigned a postal box. A list of assigned PMBs is posted on a bulletin board outside the post office door. Combinations for mailboxes are available from the mail supervisor.

Incoming mail is distributed to PMB's by 10:00 a.m. Monday-Friday. Mail received during extended holiday periods will be forwarded to your current address on record. Stamped outgoing mail should be placed in the slot on the post office door or deposited in the mail drop located in the campus store by 2:00 p.m. Stamps are available for sale in the campus store.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION FACILITIES

The physical education facilities include the Wilfred C. Tyler Physical Education Center (gym), the Johnnie Armstrong Gal-ry, the swimming pool, the tennis courts, and the golf course.

**GYM:** Sports that may be played in the gym are badminton, volleyball, basketball, and tennis. Only tennis shoes are allowed on the playing floor of the gym and on the tennis courts. The gym is open during specific hours for recreation and is not to be used when classes are in session. The person on duty during these hours is responsible for checking out equipment and for lights. Hours will be posted.

**SWIMMING POOL:** The swimming pool is to be used *only* when a lifeguard is on duty. No glass containers are allowed inside the fenced swimming area. Hours will be posted.

**JOHNNIE ARMSTRONG GAL-RY:** Gal-ry is a recreational facility designed to serve the needs of the Blue Mountain College family as part of the philosophy of the College to nurture mind, body, and soul. There is space for socializing, reflection, study, and physical workouts.

The following guidelines for use of Gal-ry must be followed:

#### **Exercise Facility**

1. Modest apparel must be worn at all times
2. Showers are available.
3. Bring and remove all linens and toiletries, including towels, bath cloths, and soap—pack a gym bag.
4. At least two people must be present at all times when exercise equipment is being used.

#### **Lounge Area**

1. Treat the furniture with respect.
2. Have respect for others in the use of the entertainment center.
3. You are personally accountable for your conduct. Random checks of the facility will be made by faculty/staff.

#### **Kitchen Area**

1. If you mess it up, please clean it up. Except for general routine cleaning, you are responsible for cleaning up as you use the facility.
2. Please do not leave food or drink. Items left in the refrigerator after 1:00 p.m. on Friday afternoons, will be thrown away.
3. Do not eat other people's food nor use other people's dishes or utensils.
4. If used for a private party or planned event, the kitchen must be scheduled through the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life. The Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life will post an announcement of planned events.
5. The facility cannot accommodate meetings by societies, clubs or classes. Do not schedule these events for the Gal-ry.

The Johnnie Armstrong Gal-ry will be available primarily for use by Blue Mountain College students, faculty, and staff. Guests are permitted as followed:

1. Any official guest of the College;
2. Any guest in the company of a currently enrolled BMC student; and/or
3. Any immediate family member of faculty/staff.

Gal-ry is open at 6 a.m. and closes at 2:00 a.m. Please note the requirements for at least two people to be present to use the exercise equipment.

## **LAUNDRY**

Cockroft, Stevens, and Whitfield Residence Halls have laundry rooms equipped with washers and dryers for students who reside in that residence hall.

## **MASTER CALENDAR**

The Assistant Dean of Students should be contacted to schedule events for student organizations, societies, academic clubs, and other student planned events. The date, time, and place of all student activities and events, including regularly scheduled meetings, should be cleared through the Assistant Dean of Students who will place the event(s) on the master calendar. The Calendar Committee is the arbiter for conflicts. You may contact the Assistant Dean of Students at 662.685.4771 Ext. 159.

## **CAMPUS TELEPHONE SYSTEM**

When using a campus phone extension, enter only the three-digit extension you wish to call. To call an off campus number, enter 9 and, after the second dial tone, enter the complete number you wish to call. Long distance calls must be made at your own expense. Use of the campus telephone system in a manner which is deemed unacceptable, may result in service being removed and/or disciplinary action.

Telephones in Stevens and Whitfield Halls are a part of the campus telephone system. Individual student rooms in Cockcroft Hall are not connected to the campus system and telephone service is the responsibility of the individual student.

Any Internet connection by means of the campus telephone system is at the expense of the student. Due to a large number of Internet modems that may be connected in Whitfield Hall, students who live in Whitfield Hall are asked to use a maximum connection time of 30 minutes per dial-up.

## **CAMPUS COMPUTING SYSTEM**

Students are encouraged to make use of the campus computing system. Acceptable use begins with individual responsibility in adhering to all local, state, and national laws. Furthermore, in keeping with the mission and goals of the College, all computing use should promote the academic, social, spiritual, and moral development of the campus. The fully stated College policy regarding acceptable computer use is posted in all computer labs and may be accessed at [www.bmc.edu](http://www.bmc.edu) in the Academics section. Computer labs for student use are located in each residence hall, Guyton Library, Fisher/Washburn, and the Lowrey Administration Building. Residence hall computer labs are restricted to the students who reside in that residence hall.

**CAMPUS SAFETY**  
**INFORMATION**

## **CAMPUS TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

1. We request the cooperation of students and employees of the College in the effort to make campus driveways and parking areas safe and convenient.
2. Loading zones must be left free for the designated purpose. Included are the areas at the Guyton Library and at the Paschal Student Union Building (SUB).
3. Students are not to park in the faculty parking lot or other faculty/staff designated spaces. Park only in marked spaces. Do not park in any reserved spaces. Parking violation tickets will be issued and will be charged \$25.00 per violation.
4. Campus streets must be left free for traffic. The driveway between Broach and Fisher-Washburn has been designated as one-way. Do not block campus driveways. Do not park in undesignated places because traffic must not be hindered or blocked.
5. College personnel spend time and money to beautify the campus. Cooperate with the effort—use designated areas for traffic. Do not drive or park on the grass anywhere on campus.
6. The north entrance to the Paschal Student Union Building (SUB) was designated for pedestrian use. Please do not park or turn around on the brick and gravel/concrete area. The surface is damaged by improper use.
7. Campus streets require a moderate rate of speed. Please drive carefully and at a reasonable rate of speed; use lower beam lights at night.
8. Parking decals are required for students as well as for College employees.

## **GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR SAFETY**

This guide has been prepared to help ensure the safety of the entire college population. By taking time to read and become familiar with the suggested procedures to follow in the event of emergencies, you will take a step in assuring your own safety as well as the safety of those around you.

### **BOMB THREATS**

1. In case of bomb threat warnings, immediately:
  - Call the Office of Business Affairs (Ext. 133), the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life (Ext. 144), or the Resident Director, or
  - Notify the Security Officer (512.8059), or
  - Call 911.
2. If evacuation is made:
  - Do not touch any suspicious objects. Report anything out of the ordinary to college personnel.
  - Evacuation of a building should be at least 300 feet away from the building.
3. Investigator's Report
  - If you received the call, make yourself available to investigating officers.
  - Do not discuss the call with others.

### **EARTHQUAKE**

#### **Things to keep in mind:**

1. Earthquakes happen with little or no direct warnings. Predictions—even if accurate—are general, not specific.
2. You cannot prevent an earthquake, and you definitely cannot avoid one. You can, however, make some preparations that will lessen the danger to you.
3. Movement of the ground is seldom the actual cause of death or injury. Most casualties result from partial collapse of buildings, from falling objects, and sometimes from human panic.

**Things to do in advance:**

1. Have a flashlight available with good batteries.
2. Keep a plastic container of drinking water.
3. Check your room and other surroundings for hazards, such as objects on high shelves or objects hanging on walls.
4. Know exit routes from each building that you use.

**When an earthquake hits:**

1. If you are indoors, stay there, at least for a few minutes after the shaking subsides. (Exception: If there is a fire or if there is a wall about to collapse, you need to cautiously move away.)
2. If you are outdoors, get into the open.

**After an earthquake:**

1. Give first aid if needed. Do not move seriously injured people.
2. Do not use telephones; hang up receivers that have fallen from their cradles.
3. If medical aid is needed, go or send someone to contact college personnel.
4. If you detect a gas leak, go or send someone to contact college personnel.
5. Avoid fallen electric lines.
6. Do not join a panicky crowd that may be scrambling for doors or stairs.
7. Stay calm; act cautiously and deliberately.

**Things you may want to know about college preparations for an earthquake or similar emergency:**

1. The maintenance department has an emergency plan for shutting off natural gas, electric, and water lines. If the emergency occurs at night, the security officer knows what to do.
2. Ray Dining Hall has food for approximately one week, depending on the number of people involved and the severity of the damage.
3. All appropriate personnel are expected to be available as quickly as circumstances will allow. Of course, much will depend on public cooperation and a general spirit of calmness and caution.

**FIRE**

In the event of a fire, proceed according to the following plan:

1. Report the fire. If minor, report to college personnel. If the fire is major, call 911.
2. Evacuate the building. Occupants are to be at least 300 feet from the structure and out of the way of fire department officials. Residence hall personnel will proceed according to the plan found in the *Blue Mountain College Student Handbook*.
3. Render first aid as necessary.
4. Confine fire by closing the door to the area involved.
5. Those trained in the use of fire extinguishers may fight small fires. Do not endanger your life fighting any fire.
6. Keep access roads open for emergency vehicles.
7. No one should return to the building until the fire department officials declare the area safe.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

The American Chemical Society guidelines are taught and followed in the science laboratories. In the event of a large scale chemical spill, proceed according to the following plan:

1. Evacuate the immediate spill area to a spot upwind and uphill from the spill. For a major spill outside a building, the entire building should be evacuated.
2. Render first aid as necessary.
3. Notify college personnel and give following details:
  - Location of spill.
  - Material spilled and approximate amount.
  - Any additional information known about the material such as matter (solid, liquid, or gas) or associated hazards (flammable, poison, etc.)
4. Contact the business office to determine if the National Response Center (1-800-424-8802) must be notified.

5. It is suggested that on-site personnel use the following checklist of priorities:
  - Protect the health and safety of people.
  - Protect the environment by containing the spill to the immediate area. Restrict entry of hazardous materials into ditches, storm sewers, or bodies of surface water.
  - Protect physical assets such as buildings, vehicles, or other personal property.

Additional information concerning the use and handling of hazardous material in the science laboratories is posted and taught. The contact person is Dr. William Hockings.

## **FLOODING AND FLASH FLOODS**

### **During heavy rain, stay away from streams, ditches and drain tiles.**

1. Never drive your car into water of unknown depth. Flooding kills more people every year than any other weather event, and more die in their cars than any other way, As little as a foot of rushing water can wash away many cars. Turn around!
2. If flooding threatens you, move to higher ground immediately. If you live or work in a flood prone area, know in advance where to go, and be prepared to move NOW, if heavy rain occurs. If roads are closed or flooded, stay out of the area. If authorities ask you to evacuate, obey their directions. A little inconvenience now may save you and your family later.
3. Keep children away from storm drains, ditches and gutters during heavy rain. It's fun to play in the rushing water, but many have been carried away. Only a few inches of rushing water can carry away a small child.
4. Be especially careful at night, when you might not see a flooded road until it's too late.
5. If your vehicle stalls, abandon it and immediately seek higher ground. Many cars have become tombs when swept away by flood waters.

### **Types of Flood Warnings the National Weather Service Issues**

1. Flood Watches are issued when conditions are favorable for flooding. If flash flooding is the major concern, information about this immediate threat will be contained in the watch.
2. Flood Warnings are issued when a river is flooding or is expected to flood. Flood Warnings can also be issued when general flooding is expected, but is not expected to be flashy, usually after a prolonged rainy period.
3. Flash Flood Warnings are issued when immediate action is required. Flash flooding is occurring or is expected within a short period of time.

## **LIGHTNING**

1. If your hair stands on end and your skin tingles, lightning is about to strike. Take cover immediately.
2. If you can't find appropriate shelter, get down to avoid being the highest point for a lightning discharge. When caught in the open, seek shelter in a low area. Crouch down and cover your head with your hands. If you are with a group of people, everyone should scatter out before crouching.
3. If caught in a wooded area, seek out the area with the smallest trees. Stand at least five feet from the trunk of the nearest tree to avoid flying bark, should the tree be hit by lightning.

### **Lightning Safety Rules-Indoor**

1. Stay away from windows. Avoid telephones and electrical appliances (wires connecting to these device run outside of the home and act as lightning rods). Don't wash dishes or take a shower. The pipes will conduct electricity.
2. Unplug computers and other sensitive electrical devices (time permitting) since surge protectors may not protect these items if lightning hits close to the home.
3. Remember, there is no truth to the old myth that "lightning never strikes twice."
4. Take time to learn or refresh your memory on lightning safety rules. That quick dash out in the open when a thunderstorm is in progress may unnecessarily expose you to the possibility of being struck. It is not worth the risk.
5. If a person is struck by lightning, there is no residual charge left on the body. The quick application of CPR may maintain vital body functions until medical help can be obtained.

## **SERIOUS INJURY OR ILLNESS**

In the case of serious injury or illness, the immediate concern is to aid the injured or sick student. The following should be used as general guidelines only.

1. Notify the Resident Director if the injury or illness occurs in a residence hall.
2. Notify the Health Care Coordinator (Ext. 304, 309) Office of Enrollment Services and Student Life (Ext. 144) or the Office of Business Affairs (Ext. 133).
3. If college personnel are unavailable, call 911.
4. If the injury is serious, do not move the student. Wait until trained medical personnel arrive.
5. If broken glass is involved, notify the Office of Business Affairs (Ext. 133) so further injury can be avoided.

## **SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS**

Find shelter immediately. Go to a sturdy building that will withstand high winds. Avoid electrical appliances, metal pipes and corded telephones. When a Severe Thunderstorm Warning is issued for your location, treat it the same as you would a Tornado Warning. Remember that severe thunderstorms can produce damaging winds, large hail and deadly lightning.

## **SNOW AND ICE**

Classes are not canceled unless it is absolutely necessary. Students and employees should use their own judgment about safety and travel where there is snow and ice. Students will not be penalized for class absences due to hazardous travel conditions.

If classes are canceled, that information will be given by the Vice President for Academic Affairs to the college switchboard and to the emergency operations center. Local radio and television stations will be notified.

## **TORNADO WATCH**

1. A tornado watch is a forecast of the possibility of one or more tornadoes in a large area. Continue normal activities, but watch for tornadoes.
2. Upon receiving notification of a tornado watch, the appropriate college personnel will be notified.
3. The watch message should be passed to occupants of the various college buildings.

## **TORNADO WARNING**

1. A tornado warning means that a tornado has been detected and is approaching.
2. The public warning system—a steady blast on the Emergency Preparedness Sirens—will be activated in the event of a tornado warning.
3. Proceed to the lowest floor of the building. Avoid windows, auditoriums, gymnasiums, or other structures with wide free-span overheads.
4. If the warning comes at night or early morning hours, residence hall personnel should awaken everyone to be sure each student is aware of the warning and proceed according to the plan found in the *Blue Mountain College Student Handbook*. The downstairs area of the Paschal Student Center is designated as a shelter in case of tornado.

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