

FOUNDATION



Hello, readers! I am excited to have recently been named Executive Director of the Murray State College (MSC) Foundation.

It's funny how things come full circle, as I was employed as a Federal Work Study with the Foundation/Alumni office during my time as an MSC student from 2013-2014.

Dr. Brenda Stacy and Karen Cantrell were amazing in their roles. I hope I can be half as great as they were with all the passion and tenacity they possessed. The MSC Foundation has long been an organization that fosters college development and faculty initiatives, as well as a hub and provider for student scholarships.

As we move forward, the top priority of the Board of Directors and myself will be to hold fast to this tradition, and maintain a strong sense of financial responsibility and donor stewardship. Without the support of our loyal donors, our college and students would be at an obvious disadvantage. I am deeply grateful to be given the opportunity to work for an institution that has changed the lives of so many people.

The MSC motto states that from here, you can go anywhere, and this is the exact 'anywhere' that I want to be.

Saturday, November 5, 2022

Farmhouse Fundraiser

The Stables at Washita Farms in Mannsville, Oklahoma - 6:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendar and join us. We will enjoy a meal, fellowship and raise funds for agriculture student scholarships. Feel free to reach out to me anytime: mscfoundation@mscok.edu.

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As Murray State College Director of Development & Alumni Affairs, I am honored to share my alumni story with you and with future students who wonder if MSC is the best fit for them.

My family moved to Mill Creek, Oklahoma in 2009. I am the oldest and the only girl, with five younger brothers.

I started as a Murray State concurrent student as a senior in high school. My senior class had 13 students in it and the thought of going to a university with classes of 40, 50 and even 100 students felt suffocating. I wanted an experience where the instructor knew my name; where they would know where I struggled and excelled, and could challenge me when necessary.

I initially chose MSC because it was convenient, inexpensive and flexible. I stayed because of the people. The faculty and staff were helpful, kind and engaging. With so much encouragement from so many people, I flourished. I joined student organizations, was invited to join the President's Scholar Program and appointed as a Nigh Leadership Scholar, where I had the opportunity to travel to various states.

The value of community service was instilled in me, and the experiences I had will stay with me all of my life. After I left Murray, I was never more involved in a campus community like I was here.

I graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State with my bachelor's in business a couple of years later and had the opportunity to become the Executive Director of the Johnston County Chamber of Commerce, all because of my connections that I made at Murray. One member of the chamber board in particular, an MSC executive, remembered me. After four years at the Chamber, another opportunity came around and I jumped at the chance to join the staff at Murray State.

The Alumni Association has been stagnant for the last few years, but I hope to bring it back to life and create value for our friends and graduates with programs that bring them together. I invite you to join me as we rebuild, and share the stories of so many successful alumni. It's exciting to be a part of something that helps others!

Monday, October 31 – Saturday, November 5, 2022

Homecoming Week

Full schedule is on page 10.

I would love to know your name and hear your story! Save the dates on your calendar. Reach out and make sure we've got your contact information updated so you can receive updates and all of the events for a special week on the Tishomingo and Ardmore campuses.

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