

Dear Members of Mississippi's First Alumnae Association,

Mississippi's First Alumnae Association and the MUW Alumni Association have been in ongoing negotiations to merge the two organizations and form a new, unified association. The Board of Directors for both groups approved a reunification plan during meetings held at Spring Homecoming in April on the campus of Mississippi University for Women. MFAeA members also voted in support of reunification during the organization's Annual Business Meeting.

Pending final approval, the historic charter of the 122-year-old association, now known as Mississippi's First Alumnae Association, would be retained and the merged association would be named the MUW Alumni Association. The new MUWAA would operate under a new set of By-Laws, negotiated and approved by both merging groups. The merger results in one association for alumnae and alumni, and this new combined group will be affiliated with the university. The two associations have agreed on a plan to combine their memberships and Boards as part of the reunification process. The transition is tentatively set to begin in July and is projected to be completed over a three-year period.

As loyal dues-paying members of our organization, we would like to offer you the opportunity to **RATIFY THE REUNIFICATION VOTE** passed at Spring Homecoming. On **June 6, 2011**, we will provide voting members with a two-week voting period during which those members may vote on the MFAeA Board of Director's recommendation to merge the two associations and accept the following merger documents.

Proposed Bylaws: <http://msfirstalumnae.memberlodge.com/Resources/Documents/Merger%20Bylaws.pdf>

Proposed Affiliation Agreement: <http://msfirstalumnae.memberlodge.com/Resources/Documents/Merger%20Affiliation%20Agreement.pdf>

Proposed Plan of Merger: <http://msfirstalumnae.memberlodge.com/Resources/Documents/Plan%20of%20Merger.pdf>

"Happily, the MFAeA and the MUWAA are moving toward a reunification so that all alums will be working together to ensure a bright future for Mississippi University for Women," said MFAeA President Emily Myers Garner, MUW Class of 1995. "We are certain that by working together within a framework that is mutually agreed upon, we will help MUW to not only survive but to thrive."

Please carefully consider this very important and historic VOTE. Your support is greatly appreciated as we look forward to the newly unified MUW Alumni Association becoming effective July 1, 2011, pending ratification of the vote from the membership.

Are your **MFAeA DUES** current?

Check your e-mail for  
upcoming dues notices!



Mississippi's First Alumnae Association announced its 2011 Alumnae/i Achievement Awards at MUW's Spring Homecoming celebration. **This year's honorees are from L to R: David Ivy, Class of 1992, Nancy Collins, Class of 1968, MFAeA President Lillian Wade, Wanda Ray, Class of 1963 and Shirley Spain, Class of 1964.**

## MFAeA ELECTION RESULTS

### 2011-2012 MFAeA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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