

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## MISSION STATEMENT

Coahoma Community College is an accredited public comprehensive institution of higher learning committed to providing accessible, affordable, diverse and quality educational programs and services.

## COAHOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE GOALS

1. Provide academic transfer programs that parallel with the first two years of college/university programs.
2. Provide career and technical education programs that prepare students to enter the job market or transfer to a college or university.
3. Meet the needs of area businesses and industries by providing workforce-training programs.
4. Empower students with the necessary tools to maximize their potential by providing a network of support services and activities.
5. Utilize emerging instructional technology by providing innovative learning opportunities for students.
6. Address community and economic development needs within the service area by developing and sustaining partnerships with public and private agencies.
7. Initiate new programs or complement existing programs by securing and sustaining federal, state, and local funding.
8. Support cultural enrichment programs and activities.
9. Ensure institutional effectiveness by planning, assessing, and evaluating all activities and programs.

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## Non-Discrimination Statement

Coahoma Community College is an equal opportunity institution in accordance with civil rights and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or other factors prohibited by law in any of its educational programs, activities and employment opportunities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Michael Houston, Director of Human Resources/Coordinator for 504/ADA, Title IX Compliance Officer, Office #A100, Vivian M. Presley Administration Building, 3240 Friars Point Road, Clarksdale, MS 38614, Phone: (662) 621-4853, Email: [mhouston@coahomacc.edu](mailto:mhouston@coahomacc.edu).

### Accommodations for Students with Disabilities and Related Laws

Coahoma Community College is committed to ensuring equal access to an education for enrolled or admitted students who have verified disabilities under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). College policy calls for reasonable accommodations to be made for eligible students with verified disabilities on an individual and flexible basis.

Any student enrolling in Coahoma Community College with a documented disability, who requests accommodations, must first provide a current evaluation of the disability from a medical professional. This documentation, which is required by federal guidelines, will remain on file in the office of the ADA/Section 504/Title IX Coordinator.

**Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973** obligates the College, as a recipient of federal financial assistance, to assure that qualified persons with disabilities are not excluded from programs and services on the basis of their disability.

The **Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990**, which covers all public entities and "places of public accommodation," reinforces this obligation, including the requirement to make reasonable accommodations in policies and practices to accommodate the limitations of individuals with disabilities. Services or benefits may not be provided to individuals with disabilities through programs that are separate or different unless the separate programs are necessary to ensure equally effective benefits and services.

The **Americans with Disabilities Act of 2008** revises the definition of "disability" to more broadly encompass impairments that substantially limit a major life activity. The amended language also states that mitigating measures, including assistive devices, auxiliary aids, accommodations, medical therapies and supplies (other than eyeglasses and contact lenses) have no bearing in determining whether a disability qualifies under the law. Changes also clarify coverage of impairments that are episodic or in remission that substantially limit a major life activity when active, such as epilepsy or post-traumatic stress disorder. The amendments took effect January 1, 2009.

# HISTORY OF COAHOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Coahoma County Agricultural High School was established in 1924 becoming the first agricultural high school in Mississippi for Negroes under the existing "separate but equal" doctrine. The junior college curriculum was added in 1949, and the name of the institution was changed to Coahoma Junior College and Agricultural High School.

During the first two years (1949-1950), the junior college program was conducted by one full-time college director/teacher and a sufficient number of part-time teachers from the high school division. A full-time dean and college faculty were employed in the third year of operation.

During the first year of operation (1949), Coahoma Junior College was supported entirely by county funds. In 1950, Coahoma Junior College became the first educational institution for Negroes to be included in Mississippi's system of public junior colleges and to be eligible to share in funds appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature for the support of public junior colleges. Other counties also began to support the junior college, including Bolivar, Quitman and Sunflower.

In 1965, Coahoma Junior College opened its doors to all students regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, or disability.

During its history, Coahoma Community College and Agricultural High School has been headed by eight superintendents and five presidents: M. L. Strange, 1924-25; J. M. Mosley, 1924-29; J. W. Addison, 1929-37; J. B. Wright, 1937-45; B. F. McLaurin, 1945-66; J. E. Miller, 1966-79; McKinley C. Martin, 1980-92; and Vivian M. Presley, 1992-2013. With her appointment as superintendent/president on January 6, 1992, Presley became the first female to head Coahoma Community College and Agricultural High School and the first woman to head a community/junior college in the state of Mississippi. Incumbent Dr. Valmadge Towner was named Coahoma Community College's fifth president to join an esteemed group of college leaders, July 2013.

With the approval of the Board of Trustees of Coahoma Junior College and the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, Coahoma Junior College's name was changed to Coahoma Community College, effective July 1, 1989.

In the spring of 1995, after many years of not having an official district, a bill was introduced to and passed by the Mississippi Legislature and signed by the Governor Kirk Fordice giving Coahoma Community College a district. Effective July 1, 1995, the Coahoma Community College district became Bolivar, Coahoma, Quitman, Tallahatchie, and Tunica Counties

# OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

The purpose of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness is to provide Coahoma Community College's decision makers with accurate and useful research, assessment and planning services, and accreditation compliance activities that support the College's mission and improve the quality and effectiveness of Coahoma Community College. The Office of Institutional Effectiveness is responsible for providing leadership and oversight to the research, planning, assessment, and accreditation activities of Coahoma Community College. This office provides leadership and oversight to these activities by:

1. Organizing Strategic Planning Council Committee meetings and overseeing the review and evaluation of the institution's mission statement and Strategic Plan;
2. Organizing Institutional Effectiveness Planning Committee meetings and overseeing the review and evaluation of the Institutional Effectiveness Plans for Coahoma Community College's educational programs, administrative support programs, educational support programs, and community/public service programs;
3. Organizing Program Review Committee meetings and overseeing program reviews for Coahoma Community College's Academic, Health Services, Career-Technical, Administrative, and Educational Support Services;
4. Organizing Substantive Change Committee meetings and overseeing the review of institutional changes and the implementation of the institution's Substantive Change Policy;
5. Coordinating the administration of college-wide surveys including the development, analysis, and the dissemination of results;
6. Coordinating the administration of student evaluations of instructors including the development, analysis, and the dissemination of results;
7. Coordinating the administration of performance reviews of employees;
8. Ensuring that compliance with accreditation requirements of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is incorporated into the planning and evaluation processes of the institution;
9. Coordinating the preparation of the annual profiles and any other reports requested by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC);
10. Coordinating the preparation of annual IPEDS data as well as other data required by state, regional, and federal agencies;
11. Coordinating the preparation of Performance Profile data required by the Mississippi Legislature;
12. Assisting the QEP Director, QEP Team committees with the planning, budgeting, assessing, marketing, and reporting of the institution's Quality Enhancement Plan;
13. Developing, analyzing, and disseminating annual planning and evaluation documents to the institution's decision-makers (See Annual Publications);
14. Performing additional duties as assigned by the President.

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness is located in the Charles F. Reid Sponsored Programs Building.

## LOCATION OF INSTITUTION

The main campus of Coahoma Community College is located in Coahoma County north of the city of Clarksdale, MS. Coahoma is easily accessible from four major highways: U.S. 61, U.S. 49, MS. 6, and MS. 1. The 99 acre campus lies in an agrarian setting along Friars Point Road near the Mississippi River, which forms the western boundary of Coahoma County. Coahoma Community College provides educational services throughout its five-county service area at nine off-campus locations.

### OFF-CAMPUS LOCATIONS

#### CHARLESTON SITE

Charleston High School  
310 North Cossar Avenue  
Charleston, MS 38921

#### MARKS SITE

Quitman County Vocational Center  
1501 Martin Luther King Drive  
Marks, MS 38646

#### MOUND BAYOU SITE

J.F. Kennedy High School  
204 N Edwards Avenue  
Mound Bayou, MS 38762

#### ROSESDALE SITE

West Bolivar High School  
505 N Main Street  
Rosedale, MS 38769

#### TUNICA SITE

Tunica Middle School  
2486 US-61 N 2110 East  
Tunica, MS 38676

#### SHAW SITE

McEvans Middle School  
601 Highway 61 N  
Shaw, MS 38773

#### WEBB SITE

West Tallahatchie High School  
2110 US Highway 49 East  
Webb, MS 38966

#### ROBERT G. "BRICK" MASON HEALTH SCIENCES BUILDING

901 Ohio Street  
Clarksdale, MS 38614

#### NED GATHWRIGHT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER

510 Sunbelt Drive  
Clarksdale, MS 38614



## FACILITIES

**The J. W. ADDISON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING** was originally constructed in 1963 and enlarged in 1969. This building served as the center for the administrative activities of the campus until 2011. It currently houses the offices of the Dean of Academic Affairs, Educational Outreach and other administrative offices for the Division of Academic Affairs. It is named in honor of J. W. Addison, a former superintendent of Coahoma Agricultural High School.

**The ZEE A. BARRON STUDENT UNION** was constructed in 1975. It is named in honor of one of the school's former organizers, Zee A. Barron. The Student Union houses many diverse offices and activity centers. This facility provides offices for Director of Enrollment and Student Services, the Assistant Director of Enrollment and Student Services, the Coordinator of Counseling Services, the Director of Student Activities, Student Government Association, the Housing Director, and the Office of Communications. In addition, this facility provides space for a student lounge, the campus cafeteria/grill, meeting rooms (including the Magnolia Room), the faculty dining area, and the Tigers' game room.

**The BARRON-MILLER CENTER FOR FINE ARTS**, originally constructed in 1965 as a small gymnasium for the high school, was named in honor of the school's first full-time music director and the second president. When originally constructed, the facility was used for physical education classes, small assemblies, and basketball practice. The facility was renovated in 1990-1991 to be used primarily by Coahoma Community College as a facility for art classes, performing arts, and small assemblies. The two-story building houses the Henry Dorsey Studio, the Thomas A. Richardson Studio, the Georgia A. Lewis Theater, the Eddie Mae Jackson Drama Laboratory, and the Miriam Green Writer and Artist Laboratory.

**The BLACKBURN ANNEX** is named in honor of a former director of the Division of Vocational and Technical Education, Samuel Blackburn. This building houses the institution's maintenance department and high school automotive mechanic shop.

**The ROSIE BROWN SANDY BAYOU BUILDING** was originally constructed on the campus as a county elementary school and was considered part of the Coahoma Community College and Agricultural High School Complex. Because of declining enrollment, the school was closed. In 1976, the college purchased the facility to be used as a classroom building. This building was dedicated in memory of one of its most outstanding teachers and administrators, Rosie Brown. The building is currently used by the college and Coahoma Agricultural High School.

**The CAIN VOCATIONAL BUILDING** was named in honor of two dedicated instructors, Joseph and Hettie Cain. The facility originally housed high school building trades, and a technology classroom. The building was renovated in 1991 and currently houses **the Music Department**.

**The CONSUELLA CARTER MUSIC HALL**, constructed in 1967, is named in honor of Consuella Carter, a former band director and music instructor at Coahoma Community College. This building houses the band director's office, a classroom, a rehearsal hall, and storage space.

**The CHRISTINE J. CURRY HALL** was constructed in 1965 as a business building. An addition was made in 1969. It houses the Business and Computer Information Systems Department, the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department, and the Testing Center. It is named in honor

of Christine J. Curry, a long-time department head of the Business Department.

**The DICKERSON-JOHNSON LIBRARY AND LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER** is named in honor of the institution's first librarian, Ethel V. Dickerson, and Lillian Rogers Johnson, a former organizer of the College. The Library occupies the second and third floors of the building with the Reference Section and computer lab on the second floor and the General Collection, Main Reading Room, and Black Heritage Collection Media Center residing on the third floor.

**The LEE FLOWERS CAREER/TECHNICAL BUILDING**, originally constructed in 1962, is named in honor of Lee Flowers, a deceased instructor in the building trades. It originally housed classrooms, shops, and laboratories for brick masonry. After the building sustained heavy damages from a tornado in 1984, it was completely renovated in 1985 to a two-story structure. The first floor currently houses the Barbering & Cosmetology Programs. The second floor houses Business and Office Systems Technology, Child Care Technology, and **Medical Billing and Coding** programs.

**The FRIENDS RESIDENCE HALL**, a three-story facility, was constructed in 1983. It provides housing for 122 male students and includes lounges, lobbies, and kitchenettes. The building was renovated in 2006.

**The FRANK W. GAMBRELL, JR. STUDENT AFFAIRS MULTI-COMPLEX BUILDING**, constructed in 2003, is a state of the art facility that houses student health services, student laundry, and the Fitness and Wellness Center.

**The IRMA GAMBRELL CHILD CARE CENTER** is named in honor of Irma Gambrell, a long-time employee and loyal supporter of the college. The facility was originally constructed to house vocational programs for the high school. After the building sustained heavy damages from a tornado in 1984, it was completely renovated in 1988 to house the Child Care Training Center.

**The NED GATHWRIGHT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER** was originally built in 1992 and expanded in 1997. The facility was renamed in honor of alumnus, former instructor and board member Ned Gathwright in 2015. The facility is located in the Coahoma County Industrial Park on Highway 49S. The Center houses customized training for business and industry, workforce training, and Adult Education/GED classes.

**The GEORGE A. GREEN ATHLETIC FIELD HOUSE**, constructed in 2002, is named in honor and in memory of the late former football coach, George A. Green. This modern facility has two dressing rooms, a state-of-the-art weight room, a meeting room, three offices, a reception area, and a laundry room.

**The ROBERT G. "BRICK" MASON HEALTH SCIENCES BUILDING**, constructed in 2007, is a 26,000 square-foot facility that houses the Respiratory Care, Practical Nursing, Associate Degree Nursing, Polysomnography, Paramedic, and other short-term health care training programs. This building is located off-campus at 901 Ohio St. Clarksdale, MS 38614.

**The MARTIN CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING** was originally constructed in 1928. After the college was established in 1949, it was used as the college dining hall. An addition was made in 1969, and it was renovated in 1975 to serve as the central location for the Division of Continuing

Education. In 1987, it was named in honor of Dr. McKinley C. Martin, former president/superintendent of Coahoma Community College and Agricultural High School. It houses the offices of **Project Upward Bound** and Educational Talent Search.

**The B. F. MCLAURI VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL CENTER**, constructed in 1969, is named in honor of the school's first president, B. F. McLaurin. This building houses facilities for Hotel Restaurant Management Technology, Industrial Maintenance Technology, Residential Carpentry, Welding Technology, Culinary Arts Technology, Automotive Technology, and various offices of the Counselors and Work-Based Learning Coordinator.

**The SEZZIE MCLAURIN RESIDENCE HALL**, constructed during the 1983-84 school year, was named in honor of the deceased wife of the first president. This two-story building provides housing for 52 female students. It also includes lounges, lobbies, and kitchenettes.

**The JAMES E. MILLER STADIUM**, constructed in 1979, is named in honor of the second president, James E. Miller. This stadium, which is home field of the Coahoma Community College Tigers, has a seating capacity of 2,500. The James E. Miller Stadium was completely renovated during the 1997-98 academic school year with the addition of a new 1,678 square feet entrance building that provides space for ticket sales, concession, and restroom facilities. The field and the stadium have recently undergone renovations to include a brand new turf field, video scoreboard, and new press box with a Presidential Suite. A new gatehouse was also added that houses ticket sales, restrooms, concessions and football coaching offices.

**The GEORGE W. MOORE RESIDENCE HALL**, constructed in 2002, is a modern two-story men's dormitory. It houses 120 students and is handicap accessible. This building was named in honor of the late George W. Moore, a former college instructor and administrator.

**The PINNACLE** was constructed in 1992-1993. This modern 34,474 square foot facility houses four classrooms, several offices, athletic dressing rooms, a permanent stage area, and an arena floor area for sporting events. The arena, which seats more than 4,000, houses a press box that doubles as a control and sound booth, and a video-taping area. The building is also used for cultural events for the College and the community.

**The PRESIDENT'S HOME**, constructed in 1997, is located on the south end of the campus east of Friars Point Road. It is a beautiful one-story frame building with 4,252 square feet of living space.

**The VIVIAN M. PRESLEY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING** was constructed in 2010 and is named in honor of the fourth president of the college. This modern facility provides more than 24,000 square feet of space primarily for administrative offices. There are approximately 15,000 sq. ft. on the first floor, which houses the Business Office, the Office of Admissions and Records, the Financial Aid Office, the campus bookstore, and an area for the Communications Clerk. The second floor provides approximately 9,000 sq. ft. which houses the President's Suite and the President's Board Room.

**The CHARLES F. REID SPONSORED PROGRAMS BUILDING**, constructed in 1960, was originally used as a female dormitory and was referred as the “Women’s Dormitory.” In the early 90’s, the name was changed to “TINY TIGERS” and the building was used as a day care center. In 2004, the building was renamed “Sponsored Programs.” In 2008, the name was expanded in order to honor a former dean of academics, Mr. Charles F. Reid. Currently, this building houses sponsored programs and other programs/activities when space is available.

**The MARION M. REID GYMNASIUM**, constructed in 1960, is named in honor of a deceased faculty member and registrar, Marion M. Reid. This facility is used for athletic activities, assemblies, and classroom instruction. It was renovated in 1986, 1989, and 2007.

**The MARVIN F. SIGMON JR. CAREER/TECHNICAL BUILDING**, constructed in 1978, was named in honor of Marvin Sigmon, Jr., who served on the Board of Trustees for Coahoma Community College and Agricultural High School for more than 30 years and as president of the Board of Trustees for a number of years. The facility houses the Career-Technical dean and associate dean offices, and Collision Repair Technology.

**The EDDIE C. SMITH SPORTSPLEX**, constructed in 2005, is named in honor of a dedicated science instructor and public servant, Eddie C. Smith. The facility is located in the southeast corner of the campus. This beautiful facility was constructed to meet state and national design requirements. It consists of a baseball field, a softball field, and an indoor facility that provides approximately 875 square feet for concessions, restrooms, sports activity announcements, and storage.

**The TRUSTEE CENTER FOR PHYSICAL OPERATIONS**, constructed in 1985, is named in honor of all present and past members of the Board of Trustees. It houses Shipping and Receiving, Physical Plant, and a bus shop.

**The MARY G. WHITESIDE ACADEMIC HALL**, constructed in 1958, is named in honor of Mary G. Whiteside, a deceased faculty member who was also a registrar and academic dean. This building has had ten renovations over the years and currently houses the academic departments of Social Sciences, Education and Psychology; English and Foreign Language; and Math and Science. It also houses the Whiteside Hall Lecture Room, which has seating for 132.