This is for now.
This is for ever.
This is for our School.
This is for Ole Miss.
The University of Mississippi’s Patterson School of Accountancy consistently provides Mississippi and the nation with leaders in the accounting and business professions. Increasingly the world’s most complex challenges and greatest business opportunities require an accounting education that fosters analytical and critical thinking skills, complex problem-solving capabilities, deep knowledge of the inner workings of financial statements, broad cultural understanding, and a commitment to life-long learning.

The Patterson School of Accountancy is preparing for the future and understands the critical importance of innovation and technology. By measure of our nationally and internationally known faculty, our outstanding students, the generous support of alumni and friends, the distinguished alumni who are leaders in boardrooms, our industry partnerships, and our prestigious library collections, the Patterson School knows how to set the standard of excellence in accounting education.

The Patterson School has become a mainstay on the national scene, with our programs ranked in the Top 10 nationally for 10 consecutive ranking years, thanks to the dedication of the Accountancy faculty, the success of our students, and the generosity of alumni and friends. In its 2021 national rankings, Big4AccountingFirms.org placed the Patterson School of Accountancy No. 8 in the country and No. 1 in the SEC.
The Patterson School of Accountancy continues to thrive and the growth in student enrollment drives plans for a new academic home costing approximately $70 million, which will be a magnificent gateway to the University of Mississippi campus. Patterson School leadership is confident that this extraordinary new building will provide an opportunity for the Patterson School to reach new heights of excellence.

We believe this will be the finest building, in the best location, on the Ole Miss campus. We also believe it will provide an aspirational opportunity for the Patterson School to become the top ranked accounting program in the nation.

FOR CREATING NEW SPACES

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- Continue our long-standing tradition of exceptional teaching and mentoring.

AND PREPARING LEADERS

Exceptional Spaces
The University architects and two architecture firms (Perkins + Will and JH&H Architects), have designed the stunning four-story building that features an expansive Atrium, a tiered auditorium (seating 250), six-tiered auditorium-style classrooms (accommodating 60 to 130 students each), and outdoor balconies on the fourth floor overlooking The Grove.

Extraordinary Opportunities
Students have employment opportunities across the United States and abroad because of their rigorous preparation and enriching internship experiences. In its 18th year, the Patterson School’s formal internship program continues to enjoy record results with more than 200 interns during spring/summer 2021 in 25 states and two countries.

The stunning four-story facility will be located on the corner of Grove Loop and University Avenue, a premier site fitting for such change. The world-class building will have more than 100,000 square feet of tiered auditoriums and classrooms, study areas, conference rooms, administrative and faculty office suites and more.

- The planned facility will be an exceptional recruiting tool for the Patterson School and will greatly assist us in successfully attracting and retaining top students, faculty, and staff from across the nation.
- Our students currently attend accountancy classes all over campus. The new building will allow all of our classes to be under one roof again, providing a wonderful sense of community for PSOA students, staff, and faculty.
- We will have state-of-the-art ‘Harvard-style’ classrooms that are in a semi-circle design. The professor will be featured in the center of the lecture hall to maximize interaction and promote meaningful engagement for all students.

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Our six degree programs include the Bachelor of Accountancy, four master’s degrees, and the PhD in Accountancy. Data analytics has rapidly become an important component of all Patterson School degree programs. Our master’s degree programs - Master of Accountancy, Master of Taxation, Master of Accountancy and Data Analytics, and Master of Taxation and Data Analytics - engage students in analytical work and produce graduates with the skills to analyze large data sets, interpret results and use their conclusions to drive decision-making. Our incredible partnerships with alumni and their networks lead to employment rates that approach 100%, prior to graduation, every year. The nation’s employers actively recruit our students for internships and full-time positions and in 2021 alone, we placed Patterson School students in 25 different states and in two countries.

The dedication of our faculty and staff to student success inspires award-winning academic performance, teaching awards for faculty, and exemplary results on the CPA exam. Our students regularly win gold, silver, and bronze medals on the exam, and we recently ranked No. 2 nationally and No. 1 in the SEC in the number of Elijah Watt Sells CPA Exam Award winners – the most prestigious CPA exam award world-wide.

The commitment of alumni and friends to provide financial support through scholarships and faculty support has greatly enhanced the School’s ability to recruit top talent to the School. Diverse and stellar students, faculty and staff will support innovation, research and lifelong learning.

- Building financial support for students and increasing the number of scholarship endowments are strategically important for the Patterson School. Scholarships provide access for all students, including underrepresented groups, to benefit from our educational opportunities that can change the trajectory of their lives and those of future generations.

- Increases in faculty support endowments are critically important for the Patterson School in order to attract and retain exceptional faculty so that we can maintain and enhance quality instruction.

Together we will build and expand transformational learning spaces, scholarships, and faculty support.

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