From the President

Our philosophy is Students First! We at Missouri Southern State University want our students to have the best possible university experiences. Of course, the heart of any university is strong academics. That’s why we offer excellent academic programs, and the professors who teach at Southern are dedicated to helping students learn. Our First-Year Experience Program is designed to provide students with the information necessary to be successful at MSSU. We also know that what students do outside the classroom is important for a holistic education. That’s why the University offers a wide variety of programs and services that support students’ academic goals. For example, students can receive financial counseling from our Financial Aid Office, academic advising from Advising, Counseling and Testing, career opportunity advice from Career Services, health and wellness information and services from the recreation center staff, and more.

We also have numerous clubs and a vibrant Student Senate that has an active voice in campus affairs. For students who want to live on campus, we have student housing and, since I’ve eaten at the campus dining areas, I can testify that the food is good and there’s lots of it. We also have thriving athletic programs, so students can become part of the excitement of cheering the Lions to winning seasons. In addition, students have access to state-of-the-art facilities, such as the Beimdiek Recreation Center, Phelps Theatre, Willeonox Health Center, Health Science Building, and anatomy and physiology labs in Ummel Technology.

Students come to Southern with different backgrounds, including students classified as traditional, nontraditional, graduate, international, married, veteran, residential, and commuter. With such a rich diversity of students, we try very hard to ensure that we appreciate where students have been as we help them prepare for a successful future. That’s why our goal is to offer a university experience tailored to a student’s needs, an education that will provide excellent preparation for a career and also will give the total educational experience necessary to be a successful citizen, prepared to be effective in a rapidly changing world. Not only do I believe in Students First, but also that belief is shared by the campus community.

As you consider which university to attend, please think about the many benefits of Missouri Southern State University. If you have any questions, please call Admissions at 417.625.9378 or 866.818.6778.

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