

CONNECTIONS

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Greetings:

Does your community or organization need a facilitator?

Whether it be a political debate, a community issues forum or a strategic planning retreat, the Stennis Institute is often called on to serve as an independent third party to guide discussion and/or goal-setting. To find out more about the Institute's services in this regard contact Dianne Dyar at 662-325-3328 or by e-mail at dianne@sig.msstate.edu.

OIL SPILL EXPERTS AT MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

<http://www.msstate.edu/web/experts/oilspill.php>

INTERNET STATS from InternetWorldStats.com shows Mississippi's Broadband use in the home at 33.22%, second lowest in U.S. Report also details rural/urban, income, race, etc use stats.

http://www.internetworldstats.com/am/USA_Internet_Usage_2007.pdf

GERRYMANDERING is a word that will probably be heard quite a bit considering that redistricting of state and federal legislative bodies is coming soon. A Stennis Institute Technical Brief provides an informative guide on the subject.

<http://sig.msstate.edu/modules/cms/images/thumb/279.pdf>

THE FOUR STAGES OF COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS. Many communities now have leadership programs. This commentary discusses their phases and stages.

<http://philhardwick.blogspot.com/2010/06/4-stages-of-community-leadership.html>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS from the past three years of the Southern Growth Policies Board annual meetings are available online, and provide a wealth of information about the auto industry, energy and youth issues.

http://www.southerngrowth.com/conference/past_conferences.html

MSU COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM unlock's Quitman's charm.

<http://www.msstate.edu/web/media/detail.php?id=4927>

MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET announces 2010 Annual Award Winners in Downtown Revitalization.

http://www.msmainstreet.com/index.php/events_news/news_article/737/

GOVERNOR'S CUP AWARDS DISTRICT WINNERS ANNOUNCED. The award recognizes private-sector businesses that have made a significant impact within their communities. Statewide winners to be announced at Mississippi Economic Development Council Summer Conference July 22.

<http://www.mississippi.org/index.php?id=814>

HERNANDO named Mississippi's Healthiest City.

<http://tinyurl.com/26vuzkh>

BEST DEGREE FOR ROUTE TO A CEO JOB IS ECONOMICS

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=947914#

CALENDAR

July 14 – 17: Choctaw Indian Fair

<http://www.choctawindianfair.com>

July 21 – 23: Mississippi Economic Development Council Summer Conference

<http://medc.ms/Conferences.html>

July 22 – 28: Neshoba County Fair

<http://www.neshobacountyfair.org>

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Hoping for the best is not a plan.

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