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Summer Enrollment Climbs 16% at MSCC, Sets New Record

Enrollment in Mid-South Community College's summer classes climbed 16 percent over the 2009 headcount, and student semester credit hours soared by 30 percent, according to official numbers released by the Registrar's Office.

For the first time in its history, MSCC topped the 900 mark for a summer session as 956 students enrolled in classes. Students enrolled in 4,880 semester credit hours, shattering last year's record of 3,734.

The college's summer enrollment has increased for eight consecutive years, and it has almost tripled since 2002.

"It's another great summer at Mid-South Community College," said Dr. Barbara Baxter, MSCC Executive Vice President. "I'm sure people familiar with the college can remember a time not all that long ago when we didn't have 950 for a fall semester. This is really wonderful."

"During our registration sessions, we noticed that we enrolled quite a few students who began their studies here, transferred somewhere else, and returned to take advantage of summer courses at MSCC. That is very positive reflection on their previous experiences here and also indicates to me that students understand the value of what we offer."

Of the 956 students enrolled this summer, 806 live in Crittenden County, and 69 reside in Shelby County, Tenn. The remaining students are from Arkansas, Craighead, Cross, Marion, Mississippi, Phillips, Pike, Poinsett, and St. Francis counties in Arkansas and DeSoto County in Mississippi. More than 115 students are taking college classes for the first time.

MSCC students range in age from 14 to 72, and the average age is 28.

The college's 2010 summer term began June 1 and will continue through July 21. MSCC's fall semester is scheduled to begin Aug. 23, and regular registration will be held Aug. 16-17.

For more information on educational and career training opportunities at the college, please visit the campus at 2000 West Broadway in West Memphis, call (870) 733-6728, email admissions@midsouthcc.edu, or see the website at www.midsouthcc.edu.