



Homecoming
Oct. 19-20, 2018

DDAA

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Hotel Reservations

Hilton Garden Inn
601-261-3775

Live Auction/Facebook Auction

In addition to the live auction at the Friday night dinner, this year we will offer auction items to be on Facebook. We wanted this option for alumnae unable to attend the Friday night dinner. They will be posted and available for purchase one week prior to Homecoming. Just visit our Facebook page!

If you are willing to donate an auction item, please email
usmddalum@yahoo.com.

Paige Estess, '09 – '12, DDAA President

Hello Ladies! Football season is upon us and Homecoming is near. I want to encourage all of you to sign up and kick another year at The Rock!

Aside from knowing my name, I'd like for all of you to know a little bit more about me. I come from a Southern Miss family; I'm a third generation graduate. All of my family members left their mark on Southern Miss and I wanted to leave mine. Becoming a Dixie Darling was how I left my mark. It was the reason I wanted to go to Southern Miss and I had the time of my life all 4 years on the team. I received my undergraduate and graduate degree from USM in Speech-Language Pathology. I am now a speech therapist at Merit Health Wesley in Hattiesburg. I live in Petal with my husband, Conner, and our golden retriever, Rory. Conner is a Mississippi State graduate, but he loves me, so he's stuck being a Southern Miss fan!

I have big shoes to fill in this new position as president, but I know I have my DDAA support and some lifelong DD friends to help me out. I look forward to serving all of you in the future and having fun strutting and kicking at Homecoming.

Check out our DDAA website!!

<http://dixiedarlingalumnaeassociation.org> Take a stroll down memory lane with our photo galleries of each decade, order some great DD gear from our DD store (including beautiful pendant necklaces from Parris Jewelers), or read up on the great things the current team is doing!

Stadium Clear Bag Policy:

Only one clear plastic bag no larger than 12x6x12 inches, or a one-gallon, resealable clear plastic storage bag, per person will be admitted into the athletic venue. Fans will also be allowed a small clutch purse not to exceed 4.5x6.5 inches.

Exceptions will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection at Gate 2 on the west side of the Stadium where the bag will be checked and tagged.

No other bags will be allowed inside. All items, including clear bags and clutch purses, are subject to search at the gates.



T-Shirt Orders!

Our halftime t-shirts have the new USM logo. If you did not purchase one in 2017, you will need a new t-shirt.

The **DRESS CODE** has not changed! This is what you need to wear on gameday:

Low kick line wear black **mid-thigh length shorts**.
High kick line wear black **short shorts**.

White Keds-style (low-cut) **tennis shoes** and **socks**.

Non-marchers in formation wear black **slacks or shorts**, black DD shirt, and white tennis shoes.

SHORTS MUST BE ALL BLACK. NO WHITE STRIPES DOWN THE SIDE PLEASE

NO OVERSIZED JEWELRY

PANYTHOSE ARE OPTIONAL, BUT PLEASE WEAR APPROPRIATE COLOR UNDERGARMENTS

GAMEDAY TICKETS:

If you are dancing, you do not need a ticket. However, you will have to sit in the end zone with the band.

Tickets are all \$20 apiece.

There is no limit to how many tickets you can request.

Tickets will be in lower Section B of the home side. All ticket request and money must be received by August 1st. No exceptions.

Make a check made out to DDAA and mail to 9 Loren Lane, Perkinston, MS 39573. You **MUST** include a note with your check that states the following: Your name and # of tickets you are paying for. We will order all the tickets on August 1st, which is the first day individual game tickets go on sale. If you miss the deadline to order tickets, you will need to call the Southern Miss Ticket Office at 601-266-5421.

Friday Night Dinner:

Cochran Room 218 A/B, USM Campus 7:00 p.m.-9:00 P.M. Cost of the meal is \$25 per adult (16 and over); \$10 for ages 9-15, and ages 8 and under eat for free. Cocktail/Casual attire. Make reservations on the registration form. If you plan to attend the dinner, we must receive your registration form by October 1ST.

**Next year is our 65th
Anniversary as a
team! We want DDs
to cover the field for
halftime! It will be
an exciting weekend
and one to make
history!**

DDAA Dues:

DDAA awarded \$9,471.00 in scholarships in 2017. Some of that money came from endowments that have been set up with USM Foundation, some came from the love donations that you sent in, and some came from our treasury from dues that were paid.

Our dues are used to pay for postage, our website renewal and incidentals. We gave a \$100 donation to St. Thomas Catholic Church last year for allowing us to use their facility. We also annually give a \$500 donation to some type of breast cancer program in memory of DD Alums who passed away from this disease. Because we are a non-profit organization, the remainder of our dues goes toward scholarships.

I want to encourage you all to attend the Friday night dinner. It is a wonderful time and an opportunity to meet other alumnae and donate to our wonderful foundation.

Thank all of you for paying your annual dues. It is encouraged to make a love donation in whatever amount you choose. They really add up!

I look forward to seeing you all at homecoming!

Schedule of Events:

THURSDAY, 10/18/2018

6:30 Social Event for those who will be in town early (Hilton Garden Inn)-Casual Attire

Please bring a beverage or snack if you plan on attending

FRIDAY, 10/19/18

1:00 – 1:30 Registration – St. Thomas Catholic Church-Directly across the street from the USM Payne Center

1:00 – 3:00 DDAA Practice – St. Thomas Catholic Church

3:15 – 5:30 Alumnae & DD's Practice - Pride Field

7:00 – 9:00 DD Reunion Dinner – USM Thad Cochran Center – Cocktail/Casual Attire

SATURDAY, 10/20/18

TBA Homecoming Parade - Location and Time to be determined. Walk or ride in parade. (Please feel free to bring candy or throws if you are riding in the parade)

1:00 Scholarship Presentation - Stout Hall

4:00 Eagle Walk (Current team and Alumnae) - Lineup by Bennett Auditorium

5:15 Line up by end zone gates to walk into stadium together

6:00 USM vs.UTSA



SOUTHERN MISS DIXIE DARLINGS ALUMNAE
2018-2019 DUES & HOMECOMING REGISTRATION

Below contains NEW information ___Yes ___No

First _____ Maiden _____ Married _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Home # _____ Email _____

Cell # _____

How many years were you on the Dixie Darlings?: _____

Please list each individual year you were on the DD's: _____

Please circle your decade: 1950's 1960's 1970's 1980's 1990's 2000's 2010's

Halftime: **Low** (hip high) Kick Line _____ **No** Kick Line _____
 High (overhead) Kick Line _____ **Strut Side (High Kick line only-Please circle one):** Left or Right

Parade: **March** _____ **Ride** _____ **Unable to Participate** _____

Will you attend practice on Friday? _____

Afternoon with DDAA-1P.M. Pride Field with Band and Current Team- 3:15 P.M.

PLEASE CIRCLE WHAT YOU ARE PAYING FOR!

\$25.00 DUES or HC REGISTRATION for coming year Oct.'18-Oct.'19	25.00	♥ THANKS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR DDAA!!!
♥ Here's my DD LOVE DONATION ♥		♥ Goes toward a 2018 DD SCHOLARSHIP
\$25.00 Friday Night Dinner-ADULT	25.00	♥ Adult DINNER
\$10.00 Friday Night Dinner-CHILD	10.00	♥ Children 9-15, Kids 8 and under are FREE
\$18.00 Homecoming T-shirt (S-XL)	18.00	♥ Our shirts are different. If you did not perform in 2017, you MUST order a new shirt.
\$19.00 Homecoming T-shirt (2XL & 3XL)	19.00	
\$21.00 Homecoming T-shirt (4XL & 5XL)	21.00	
Please write in the size t-shirt that you need:		
Please write if you want a unisex or a women's fitted shirt. There is no price difference so you may choose which one you want.		
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID:		♥ PAYABLE TO: DDAA

Send ASAP →→→→→ DDAA
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Questions? →→→→→

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