



Homecoming
Oct. 11-12,
2019

DDAA



65 Years of High-Kicking Dixie Darlings!

Hotel Reservations

Hilton Garden Inn
601-261-3770

Live Auction/ Facebook Auction

In addition to the live auction at the Friday night cocktail hour, we will offer auction items to be on Facebook. We want this option for alumnae unable to attend the Friday night event. Items 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 ericambennett@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.

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.

Pay on our Venmo Account!

Pay for registration, t-shirts, and give love donations on our Venmo account.

@Shannon-Sims-13

YOU MUST WRITE IN THE NOTES SECTION TO GIVE YOUR NAME AND WHAT YOU ARE PAYING FOR!



T-Shirt Orders!

Our halftime t-shirts have the new USM logo. If you have not purchased one since 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 tennis shoes and low-cut 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

PANTYHOSE 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.

If writing a check, write 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 601-266-6571.

Friday Night Cocktail Hour:

Camellia House - 3885 Veterans Memorial Dr., Hattiesburg, MS 39401
7:00 p.m.-8:30 P.M.
Cocktail Casual Attire
We have some exciting entertainment for you! Cash bar, finger foods, and a good time!

Donate Uniforms:

If you'd like to donate a DD uniform to the McCain Library Archives, you will need to include your full name, address, the years you wore the outfit, and if possible the year the outfit debuted.

This 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!

One fundraiser we are trying to kickstart is creating a Dixie Darling car tag! We have to have at least 300 people commit to buying one, friends and family also! This is strictly a MS tag. The total cost would be \$31. Please indicate if you are interested in purchasing one.

DDAA Dues:

DDAA awarded \$4,650.00 in scholarships in 2018. 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 cocktail hour. 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, 10/10/2019

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, 10/11/2019

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 - 8:30 DD Cocktail Hour - Camellia House - Cocktail Casual Attire

SATURDAY, 10/12/2019

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. North Texas



SOUTHERN MISS DIXIE DARLINGS ALUMNAE
2019-2020 DUES & HOMECOMING REGISTRATION

First _____ Maiden _____ Married _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

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.'19-Oct.'20	25.00	♥ THANKS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR DDAA!!!
♥ Here's my DD LOVE DONATION ♥		♥ Goes toward a 2019 DD SCHOLARSHIP
Please indicate how many DD car tags you want.		
\$18.00 Homecoming T-shirt (S-XL)	18.00	♥ Our shirts are different. If you did not perform in
\$19.00 Homecoming T-shirt (2XL & 3XL)	19.00	2017 or 2018, you MUST order a new shirt.
\$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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