



## 2025 WHEMN Conference Logistics

Thursday, Feb. 27 & Friday, Feb. 28

The University of Mississippi / Oxford, MS

### AGENDA, SPEAKERS & PANELS

Check out the [AGENDA](#) and learn more about our outstanding [SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS](#)! Click here for the [FULL PROGRAM](#).

### FACILITIES & PARKING

Spring semester at the University of Mississippi is in full swing with a vibrant, very busy campus! During the conference, we will be in various venues on campus. We anticipate beautiful weather and encourage you to take advantage of our walkable campus. We will also be providing shuttle services between the various venues. Note that classes begin at 8 a.m. so we encourage you to arrive early to beat the rush of students and employees getting to campus. See [this map](#) with all event and parking locations. And, here's a full rundown to help with a smooth arrival:

#### THURSDAY, FEB. 27

**Morning Location:** [\*Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts\*](#)

**Track 1 Location:** [\*Inn at Ole Miss\*](#)

**Track 2 Location:** [\*Student Union Ballroom\*](#)

**Reception & Game Location:** [\*SJB Pavilion\*](#)

- **Conference Parking:** Reserved parking available in the top two lots of the Ford Center
  - 7:45–8 a.m. — Guests staying at The Inn at Ole Miss can leave their cars parked there and, either walk or take a shuttle to Ford Center.
- 8:00–8:45 a.m. — Registration and Light Breakfast at the Ford Center
- 9 a.m. — Conference sessions begin
- 11: 15 a.m. — Transportation will be provided from the morning session in the Ford Center to Track Locations (Inn and Student Union). Shuttle pick up will be in the parking lot closest to the building. For those who wish to walk to the Inn or the Union, WHEMN Ambassadors will be available to provide directions.

- 4:00–4:30 p.m. — Transportation will be provided from Track Locations (Inn and Student Union) to Ford Center parking lots and the Inn at Ole Miss.
  - For those who wish to walk, WHEMN Ambassadors will be available to provide directions.
  - Union pick up will be by the Walk of Champions.
  - The Inn at Ole Miss pick up will be next to the circle drive.
  - If you need to return to your vehicle before the end of the Track sessions, please find a WHEMN Ambassador or text 901-550-8757.
- Dress is business casual, and it is always a good idea to remember layers like a sweater, cardigan or light jacket if you tend to get cold.
- **Reception & Game Parking:** For those who submitted the request for tickets, the SJB parking garage and other lots will be open around the SJB Pavilion for guests to drive themselves for the 7 p.m. reception and 8 p.m. game.
  - 6:40–7:15 p.m. — Guests staying at The Inn can take a shuttle to the SJB Pavilion. Transportation will loop back to The Inn until end of WBB game.
  - For those who submitted the request for tickets, your name tag will serve as your ticket.
  - Enter the venue at the Payne Family Entrance at the SW corner closest to the parking garage.

## **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

### **Event Location: [SJB Pavilion](#)**

- **Conference Parking:** [South Lot](#) with shuttle service to and from the SJB Pavilion.
  - Directions to South Lot: From Highway 6, exit north on Old Taylor Road toward campus. Turn at the second left immediately past the roundabout into the entrance to the South Lot.
  - Park in the far end of the South Lot, away from the Old Taylor Road entrance.
  - From 6:45–8:30 a.m. guests will be picked up from South Lot and dropped off at SJB Pavilion by Cline Tour buses who will pick up at the bus stops in the South Lot. Look for Cline Tour buses, not the OUT (Oxford-University Transit) buses. East side drop-off by Coolidge Ball, enter in to Pavilion Club. At the conclusion of the conference participants will be taken to their vehicles at the South Lot.
  - If you need to return to your vehicle in the South Lot before the end of the conference, please find a WHEMN Ambassador or text 901-550-8757.
- 7:30 a.m. — Registration and Breakfast
- 8:15 a.m. — Conference sessions begin
- In keeping with WHEMN tradition, attendees are encouraged to wear school colors/apparel on Friday.

- Boxed lunches provided at the conclusion of the event.

## WIRELESS NETWORK ACCESS

### The Inn at Ole Miss

- Username: Events
- Password: rebels24

### Ford Center & Student Union

- Username: SpecialEvents
- Password: 218Commons!

## MEALS

### Thursday, Feb. 27

- 8–8:45 a.m. — Breakfast
- 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Lunch
- 2:45 p.m. — Break with refreshments
- 7 p.m. — Reception

### Friday, Feb. 28

- 7:30–8:15 a.m. — Breakfast
- Noon — Boxed lunch to go

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow, Friend & Like WHEMN on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)! Be sure to take photos and post from the conference — tag us and use [#WHEMN2025](#) [#EmbraceYourCrown](#)

FB: @WHEMNetwork

Instagram: @whemn

## OTHER ITEMS

- If you require special assistance, contact Office of Special Events, (662) 915-7318.
  - For day of assistance, please see the registration table or text 901-550-8757.
- If you need to remit payment for your registration, please follow the instructions via the follow-up email you have received. Additionally, we will accept payments (checks and credit cards) on site.
- The Track that you selected will be designated on your name tag. Please note that we cannot make changes to Track selections.

- Door prizes will be drawn during the networking breaks.

## LACTATION ACCOMMODATIONS

- If you require a lactation space, contact Office of Special Events, (662) 915-7318.
- For day of assistance, please see the registration table or text 901-550-8757.
- Lactation room locations:
  - Ford Center — Backstage in dressing room
  - The Inn — Please see the front desk
  - Union — Mamava Pod on first floor near Auditorium 124. To utilize, please download the Mamava Pod app
  - SJB Pavilion — Mamava Pod on Concourse near the SW entrance. To utilize, please download the Mamava Pod app

## MEET THE AUTHOR & BOOK CONTRIBUTORS

WHEMN is proud to host a special book signing event featuring the newly released, *The Magic of S.A.M.S.: Powerful Stories of Mothers Working in Higher Education* which amplifies the voices of more than 60 mothers working in the student affairs profession.

- Where: Student Union Ballroom
- When: Thursday, Feb. 27, 11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
- How: Bring your copy of the book that you can [purchase on Amazon](#) to have it signed by the editor (Dr. Alexandria White) and other book contributors.

## THURSDAY EVENING RECEPTION AND BASKETBALL GAME

- The WHEMN evening reception will be held on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. at the SJB Pavilion in conjunction with the Ole Miss Women's Basketball game vs. South Carolina, which tips off at 8 p.m.
  - For those who submitted the request for tickets, your name tag will serve as your ticket.
  - Enter the JB Pavilion at the Payne Family Entrance at the SW corner closest to the parking garage.

## VISIT OXFORD RECOMMENDATIONS

- For Thursday night, we recognize that you may prefer to explore and enjoy the small-town charm of the City of Oxford, which is fondly touted as the “Cultural Mecca of the South.” We appreciate our great community partner, [Visit Oxford](#) who curated a list of culinary experiences for WHEMN attendees who want to enjoy our lovely town. Please see the attachment if you would like to make plans for Thursday night. Please note that the agenda includes free time from 4:30–6:30 p.m. on Thursday to return to your hotel as well as additional time to discover the sights and sounds of Oxford.



**Dinner & Drinks - Take your pick!**

**Saint Leo** - chic, James Beard-nominated spot with wood-fired pizzas and the best spritzes in town!

**The Sipp** - small plates, fabulous wine and the perfect ambiance for girl talk & good eats!

**Tarasque** - enjoy the amazing food, an intimate vibe and you get to bring your favorite bottle of wine. Pro tip: get the butter bean hummus!

**Proud Larry's** - casual and cozy as you enjoy one of their famous po-boys, pizzas or salads. Stay around for the live music that starts at 8!

**Back 9** - golf, games & wings! Swing into the fun with simulated golf, arcade games and delicious wings.

**Jinsei** - hip spot for sushi and amazing cocktails. Perfect for sharing plates & stories!

**City Grocery** - classic for a reason! This is always a good go-to for a delicious meal with excellent service.

**nightcap?**

**Nightbird** - Oxford's hidden speakeasy tucked inside the Oliver Hotel

**Bar Muse** - A cozy craft cocktail spot located inside the Lyric theater

**Funky's** - New Orleans-style frozen daiquiris of every flavor!

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