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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

KARSON  
NELSON



Karson Nelson is a senior from Madison, MS. She is majoring in Public Policy Leadership and minoring in Education and Spanish. She has served on the ASB Senate, the ASB Student Voice Commission and currently serves on the University Judicial Council. She has worked for about a year now in Vardaman, Mississippi in a partnership with the McLean Institute as a Catalyzing Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (CEED) Innovation Scholar. This past semester, She managed (with lots of assistance) the campaign for our 2017-2018 Mr. Ole Miss Tucker Fox. She is a member of Kappa Delta sorority where she served on recruitment team and co-lead the annual KD Nicaragua mission trip. Here is what she has to say about her time at the Lott Institute coming to a close:

**"About this time four years ago, I chose the University of Mississippi over every out-of-state school solely for the Lott Leadership Institute. While I had no idea what this place was really going to offer me, I knew I could not find it anywhere else. I am thankful for the professors that made me think differently than I ever had before by opening my eyes to the perspectives and complexity of policy and politics. The small "cohort" feel of our Lott classes is what really enables people to open up and build each other up, whether we realize it or not. When it comes to selection for internships, I truly think I would not be where I am today if it were not for the Lott Institute."**

After graduation, Karson is planning on pursuing a master's degree in Public Administration with a focus in public policy or non-profit management. She hopes to one day work in the education policy field.

**"The beauty of not knowing my plan is that I am open to every option that comes my way, and I know there is already a plan set for me that is more wonderful than I could ever imagine."**

# INVOLVEMENT & SENIOR ANNOUNCEMENT

## Involvement Opportunities

**Print Media Committee for Lott Advisory Board:** If you are interested in helping with the Lott monthly newsletter and print materials for the Institute there are 3-4 spots open on the committee. Please email [sjsprole@go.olemiss.edu](mailto:sjsprole@go.olemiss.edu) if you are interested.

**John Quincy Adams Society:** JQA seeks to educate college students on American Foreign Policy. The nonpartisan/nonpolitical organization is based out of Virginia and has chapters on numerous college campuses. Meetings are held every Thursday at 4pm in Lott 213 to have an open discussion about America's interest overseas. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to voice their opinions.

**Rebel's Against Sexual Assault (RASA):** RASA works to raise awareness about sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking while also supporting survivors from all walks of life. Join them on Orgsync or email [olemissrasa@gmail.com](mailto:olemissrasa@gmail.com) to join the organization's mailing list.

**UM Bipartisan Coalition:** The UM Bipartisan Coalition meets to discuss varying political topics. Meetings are open to all and are held in Lott 213 (or Odom conference room) at 6pm every other Thursday.

**RebelTHON 2018:** RebelTHON is a campus wide organization that is working to raise money for Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital. It is not too late to sign up at [rebelthon.org](http://rebelthon.org). The event will be held on February 24th in the Tad Smith Coliseum from 3pm-3am.

**Ole Miss Big Event:** The Ole Miss Big Event will be largest day of service in Ole Miss history and you can sign up to participate by going to your [myolemiss](#) account under the "Get Involved" tab.

## Senior Announcement

We will be featuring all seniors in the May newsletter. Be on the lookout for an invitation to be in the Senior Spotlight for the May edition of the newsletter. You will be given further instruction, but please respond as soon as possible if you would like to be included in the feature.

If you have any opportunities for students please email [sjsprole@go.olemiss.edu](mailto:sjsprole@go.olemiss.edu).



## SCENE: OLE MISS SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM

### **The Debate Team's schedule for this Spring is as follows:**

Public Debate, February 21st at 5pm, Bryant Hall 209  
 East Coast Debating Championship, George Washington University,  
 Washington, DC, February 23rd-26th  
 Public Debate, March 22nd at 5pm, Law School Court Room 2035  
 United States Debate National Championship, Stanford University, San  
 Francisco, CA, April 12th-16th  
 Public Debate Finale and Reception, April 19th at 4pm, Overby Auditorium  
 (Business Professional Attire)

The public debates are an opportunity for the public to view and judge a round of the style of debate they practice. Chancellor Vitter and other Administration will be in attendance to the Public Debate Finale and reception. They are very excited about this as a showcase for the team.

Last semester, the team won the Dominican University of California Tournament in San Francisco and had two teams in the final round. Jaz Brisack and Juan Ramon Riojas were on the winning team.



The team practices Wed. at 6:30pm, Thur. at 5:30pm, and Sun. at 2pm. Practices are open and guests are welcome to attend. People can follow the team on Facebook at The University of Mississippi Speech and Debate Team.

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