

2000 Employee of the Year Program
Friday, January 26, 2001
1:00 p.m.
Stubbs Food Service Facility (B56), Conference Room MSH, Whitfield, MS

For: Debbie Shearer

Opening

- Good Afternoon
- The Governor is unable to be here today. He is participating in a press conference in Washington D.C. today with President Bush regarding education.
- Gov. Musgrove ask me to “stand in” for him today, so I hope I do a good job.
- You are here today to honor an Employee(s) of the Year.
- One person (several people) may stand out as an exceptional employee to be honored today, but it takes everyone working together to succeed.
- We all have to work together, forming a partnership, to make better things happen for Mississippi and the citizens of MS.
- (Incorporate a story about your 15 year old having to work together with her soccer teammates. You can make up a story or elaborate about how she learned the value of teamwork.)
- Teamwork is the key to getting things accomplished in our state.

- The Governor is now working with Legislators to authorize state agencies to allow administrative leave for employees to attend parent-teacher conferences.
- This legislation would allow parents the opportunity to attend meetings with their child's teacher without having to take personal leave time.
- This legislation would give parents the opportunity to be more involved with their child's education.
- We must continue to look for more opportunities to improve our quality of life in Mississippi.
- Many opportunities exist, we have to find them and "make them happen."
- Our neighboring states, the nation and the world are taking notice of the great things happening in Mississippi.
- We must keep up our momentum.
- Creating a better educational system.
- Finding more economic development opportunities.
- Improving health care options for Mississippians.
- And making our homes, communities and roads safer.
- Together we can make Mississippi an even better place to live, work and visit.
- Mississippi is a great place to be.
- A great place for our children to grow up and raise their families.