

*AL/MS Associations of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel*

*October 20, 2003: Jackson Hilton, 7:00 p.m.*

Good evening! Thank you  
for that warm welcome and  
for your invitation to be here.

I bring you greetings from  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove  
who is unable to join you  
here tonight because he is on

the Gulf Coast participating  
in the 4<sup>th</sup> and final  
gubernatorial election debate.

I want to extend a warm  
welcome to all of you and  
especially to our visitors from  
Alabama.

Thank you to each of you  
for what you do each day to  
broaden accessibility to and  
success in post-secondary  
education for our students.

You are reaching out to  
our neediest students and

assisting them in making  
their dreams a reality.

We all know that in  
today's global marketplace,  
an education is a necessity in  
securing a job that will  
provide for you and your  
family.

I know you will have many enriching sessions and discussions during the Leadership Conference. One of the greatest benefits of a conference like this is to network and share with each other. We never quit learning

from each other. We are all  
students in our own right.

Thank you again for the  
invitation to join you this  
evening and good luck with  
this        Fall        Leadership  
Conference.