

*Talking points for  
CAVS, Starkville Research Center  
December 4, 2003*

- Recognize
  - Rep. Billy McCoy
  - Steve Hale and his MDA Staff
  - Dr. Charles Lee, President, MSU
  - Dr. Don Trotter, Director of Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems
  - Dr. Wayne Bennett
  - John P. Calandro
  - Galen Medlin and other Nissan officials
  
- In this \$6.2 million facility, will conduct the latest research and development regarding manufacturing and design methods for producing vehicles of superior quality
  
- This center will use resources from MSU's industrial and mechanical engineering programs to work closely, but not exclusively with Nissan, to ensure the quality of vehicles
  
- Another example of jobs and opportunities for the people of Mississippi
  
- High-quality, good paying jobs right here in Starkville and Mississippi State University
  
- Also allow engineering students at the undergraduate and graduate level to take courses focused on automobile design, manufacturing and related areas
  
- Has opened doors for students in MS that would have not been opened otherwise