

Good morning! Thank you for that warm welcome and for your invitation to be here. It is a pleasure to meet with you today. Governor Musgrove regrets that he could not join us, however, he had prior commitments.

The Governor is passionate about and dedicated to setting unprecedented goals and achieving unparalleled progress in Mississippi's

public education system. Our state and you - our students - deserve progress. Mississippi's citizens demand results. Together we can achieve our goals.

I want to congratulate the new members and officers of Provine's National Career Association. You have chosen to go the extra mile and

you are determined to succeed. I'm not promising you that it will be easy. But, your association with programs such as Jobs for Mississippi Graduates will equip you with the skills and resources to advance in your education and your career.

The opportunity belongs to us to forget excuses and focus instead on

solutions. We must take calculated risks when the rewards are great. We must look to the future of promise and potential that together we can seize if we will not turn a blind eye to our challenges. For it is through challenges and the experiences that they provide, that we grow.

**On behalf of Governor Musgrove,
please allow me to offer best wishes for
your Career Association's continued
success. Thank you.**