

MPACT Press Conference
With Marshall Bennett/ Department of the Treasury
Tuesday, March 20, 2001
10:00 a.m.

Talking Points

- Good Morning
- As you have heard me say many times, education is my number one priority, and must be our state's number one priority.
- Anything that we can do to give more Mississippi children a better opportunity to complete their education, is a program that I completely support.
- The Mississippi Affordable College Savings (MACS) program is a companion program to the MPACT program.
- Both MPACT and MACS programs will allow families in Mississippi the opportunity to plan and save for higher education expenses for their children.
- This is one more way we are providing more opportunities for Mississippi's children to

continue their education and make bright futures for themselves.

- In today's job market, obtaining a high school diploma is not enough.
- Our excellent community and junior colleges, and excellent colleges, universities and graduate schools are preparing our children for the global workforce.
- The MACS Programs will allow families to save for all qualified higher education expenses, for both undergraduate and graduate schools.
- Melanie and I have already enrolled both Jordan and Carmen Rae in the MPACT program.
- We are committed to doing everything we can to ensure that our children receive a good, quality education right here in Mississippi.
- We are planning for their future successes, even before they select a college or career path.
- We encourage every Mississippi parent to enroll their child in MPACT and MACS.

- Giving more Mississippians the opportunity for a better quality of life through education will enhance our people's ability to create a better quality of life for themselves.
- I would like to commend Marshall Bennett's leadership in these efforts.
- We are serious about education in Mississippi.
- Education is the fuel we need and must have to succeed.
- Education is our power, and Mississippi's children are more powerful with their education.