

The background of the image is white, filled with numerous thin, orange, hand-drawn style lines radiating outwards from the center, creating a sunburst or starburst effect. Some lines are longer and more prominent, while others are shorter and more numerous, giving it a dynamic, energetic feel.

# **HINDS** *Connection*

Hinds Connection are our  
*College Ambassadors!*

They are the student recruiting and public relations team for the Hinds.



# Connection History

- Connection was founded in **1978** by former college President, Dr. Clyde Muse. Original duties involved serving at teas, receptions, and dinners.
- In 1979 the College's first recruiter was employed, and recruiting duties were added to Hinds Connection.
- Over time, Connection became a leadership program that offered college credit.
- So... Hinds Connection is a 1) **student organization**, 2) **college class**, and 3) **leadership development program**, BUT at its true core, Connection's truest purpose is to **serve the College**. ❤️



← *Back in the Day!*



# *Hinds Connection Responsibilities*

1. Provide campus tours to prospective students and families.
2. Work at on-campus recruiting events, such as senior preview day, and visit local high schools.
3. Serve as an ambassador at official college events, such as fundraisers, alumni events, tailgates, and Board of Trustees luncheons.





# *Some of our Events...*



*Tailgates*



*Recruiting Events*



*Scholarship Receptions*



# *More Events...*



*Special Events*



*Something else*   
*that looks official!*

## *Golf Tournament*



# *Leadership Credit*

**Active Connection members are enrolled in one of these Leadership courses each semester:**

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|------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| • LEA 1912 | Leadership & Communication Skills I   | 2 credit hours |
| • LEA 1922 | Leadership & Communication Skills II  | 2 credit hours |
| • LEA 2912 | Leadership & Communication Skills III | 2 credit hours |
| • LEA 2922 | Leadership & Communication Skills IV  | 2 credit hours |



# Connection Class

## *Monday Meeting:*

Monday Meeting is an official class meeting time for the Connection Leadership Class. We meet in the Fountain Hall every Monday from 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm.

- We go over tours and special events for the coming weeks.
- You sign up for the tours and the events you are free to work.
- We continue Connection training, as needed.
- We make plans for Connections socials, parties, etc.

## *Connection Hour:*

You will also be assigned **one hour** to work in the Recruiting Office in Fountain Hall every week to give campus tours and assist Recruiters. This is also considered an official class meeting time.

- This hours is assigned each semester and works around your existing class schedule!

\*Good to know: because this is a two-credit hour class, attendance is taken twice per week during both class meeting times noted above....just like any other class you take!



# *Your Leadership Grade*

**Points** are how you earn a grade in the Connection Leadership Course!

**375 points per semester** and at least **4 campus tours** are required to both receive an “A” *and* maintain membership:

HOW you get points:

- **20 points per hour for tours!**
- **10 points per hour for events** and all other projects, such as:
  - Preview Day
  - Thursday Night Lights Senior Tailgate
  - Foundation Scholarship Reception
  - Annual Golf Tournament
  - Visiting local high schools with Recruiters
  - Employee Awards Reception
  - Event prep and working in Enrollment Services



# *Work Hard....Play Hard!*



Connection members work hard on a volunteer basis out of a desire to serve and grow as a communicator and leader. But we also know how to cut loose! We have several “socials” each semester just to relax and fellowship together.



# Some of our Socials....





*Even more Socials...let the good times roll!*





# End-Of-Year Trip

Hard work deserve celebration!  
We try to take a weekend trip at  
the end of the school year to  
THANK our Connection members  
for their service to Hinds. ❤️



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RESORT  
Biloxi, Mississippi





# *So....what are the Benefits of Connection:*

- Be a part of a meaningful team that serves the college.
- Make lifelong friends and college memories.
- Develop leadership and communication skills.
- Build your professional network by working with college administrators and community leaders.
- Earn transferrable college credit in the Connection Leadership courses.
- Eat a lot of free food and just have fun!







*Are you  
interested?*

# *Application & Selection*

- ☐ Complete a Hinds Connection Application at [www.hindscc.edu/connection](http://www.hindscc.edu/connection).
- ☐ Submit two letters of recommendation and a typed resume by email to [Connection@hindscc.edu](mailto:Connection@hindscc.edu)
- ☐ First-time freshmen: must have ACT score of 21+ *or* a high school GPA of 2.5 or above. Current college students who have already completed one semester of college: you **MUST** have a 2.5+cumulative GPA
- ☐ Be free of any disciplinary action.
- ☐ Be invited to interview with members of the Connection Advisory Board.
- ☐ Demonstrate leadership and extracurricular involvement in high school or college, have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, and show enthusiasm and a love for Hinds!
- ☐ This one is important, too: be of good moral character and integrity. These are traits necessary for an Ambassador who represent our College and our reputation.



# *Maintaining Connection Membership*

If selected to Hinds Connection, here's how to maintain membership:

- ❑ Attend the Mandatory Training on January 12<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon – 4 pm in Fountain Hall.
- ❑ Enroll in 15 or more credit hours each semester and complete each semester with 12 or more hours (the majority of your classes must be on the Raymond Campus.)
- ❑ Maintain a 2.5+ cumulative Hinds GPA.
- ❑ Earn an “A” in the Connection course each semester.
- ❑ Represent the College at all times with dignity and professionalism and conduct yourself in a manner that brings respect to the College and Connection.
- ❑ Contribute to the team and work well with your fellow Connection members.
- ❑ Attend Connection social events throughout the year.
- ❑ Maintain good moral character & be loyal to and supportive of Hinds.



# *What's Next?*

If you are interested in Connection, the deadline to apply for the Spring 2024 Connection Class and submit ALL requirements is **January 1, 2024**.

- The Connection Sponsors will then select applicants to interview. **Please note: limited spots are available for the Spring 2024 class.**
- After interviews are conducted, decision letters will be emailed on January 10.
- To confirm your place in Connection, the selected members must attend a mandatory training on Jan. 12th from 12 pm – 4 pm.





*We hope to you receive your application!*



# Questions?

Email us at [Connection@hindscc.edu](mailto:Connection@hindscc.edu)