



## Leah Cantrelle

**Hometown:** Biloxi, Mississippi

Undergraduate Student in Biological Sciences  
Recipient of the Joy and Lamar Gillespie  
Premedical Scholarship Endowment

### Campus Involvement

President of the Kappa Sigma Chapter of Alpha  
Chi Omega, Feature Twirler in The Pride of  
Mississippi Marching Band, Honors College,  
Alpha Epsilon Delta, Order of Omega and Tri Beta

“ I chose to major in biological sciences  
with an emphasis in biomedical science  
because I have always had an interest in the  
health sciences. Careers in this field allow one  
to provide care while also learning to keep  
up with the evolving medical studies. I love  
helping people and seeing the impact I can  
make on others; therefore, I plan to pursue a  
career as a physician assistant.

Scholarships are a huge part of a successful  
college journey. Sometimes they are the factor  
that decides whether a student is able to  
pursue higher education, and I am so humbled  
to receive support from many generous  
donors. Thank you for supporting me!



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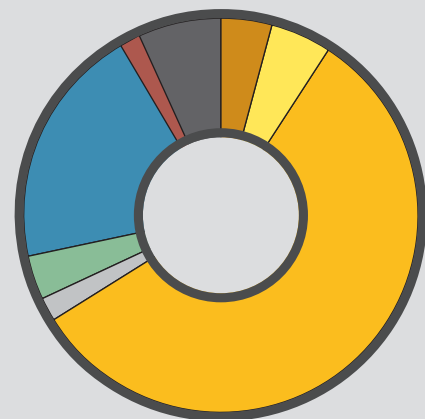
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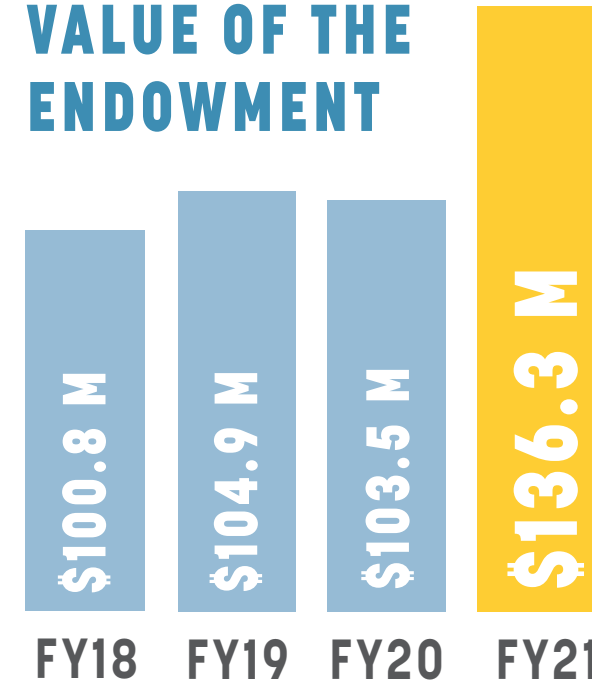


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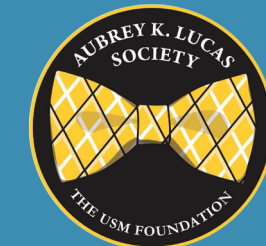
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