



MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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Mississippi College Student, Dalton Wheeler, Named MCM Volunteer of the Quarter

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Dalton Wheeler has been recognized as an outstanding volunteer at the Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) and has been named "Volunteer of the Quarter" for the spring semester.

Wheeler is a junior, studying biology/pre-med at Mississippi College. He learned about volunteering at MCM from his service club, Shawreth, at Mississippi College. While not in school or volunteering at MCM, he enjoys playing soccer with his friends on the weekend.

He commends the Mississippi Children's Museum on their professionalism and organization with their volunteer program, but also states that it is fun. He advises for volunteers to be open to the experience and to do whatever is needed. Volunteers like Wheeler often learn valuable leadership skills while volunteering at MCM.

"A leadership lesson that I have learned is that when you have a question about something, just ask. Even if it doesn't lead to much, it's better than never asking," Wheeler said.

Sharon Griffin, MCM's Volunteer Coordinator, says that MCM is lucky to have Wheeler as a volunteer. "Dalton's dedication, flexibility, enthusiasm, and insight are shown in his volunteering. We are lucky to have such a volunteer," Griffin said.

The Mississippi Children's Museum is grateful for Wheeler's time and dedication as an MCM volunteer. MCM offers volunteer opportunities for both youth and adults, for more information and to apply to volunteer visit <https://mschildrensmuseum.org/jackson/get-involved/volunteer/>.

About the Mississippi Children's Museum

The Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a mission of creating unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning in all children. The 40,000-square foot museum is designed around five primary initiatives, with correlating exhibits, programs, and outreach efforts. These initiatives include: Literacy, STEAM, Health and Nutrition, Cultural Arts, and Mississippi Heritage – the keys to helping our children mature into healthy and productive adult learners. In response to community needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic,

MCM shifted operating and programming priorities to best serve Mississippi's children and combat learning loss through facilitating virtual schooling and creating online educational enrichment – services that continue today through a robust, daily afterschool program and an online platform for teacher professional development.

In 2021, MCM celebrated a monumental year by receiving an Institute of Museum and Library Services National Medal, the nation's highest honor for museums, and through opening its first satellite museum, MCM-Meridian, which received the 2021 Governor's Award for Travel Attraction of the Year.

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