

## **Your Next Southern Miss President, Ladies and Gentlemen**

To the campus community

I would like to announce the appointment of Dr. Frances Lucas as Vice President and Campus Executive Officer for Southern Miss Gulf Coast. Her appointment comes after a four-month national search and is effective July 5.

Dr. Lucas succeeds Dr. Pat Joachim, associate provost, who is retiring after leading the university's Gulf Coast operations since 2005.

Frances Lucas brings a wealth of professional experience and ability to us. She is a seasoned executive, fundraiser and campus/community developer and will be an asset to the Southern Miss leadership team.

Sincerely,

Dr. Martha Saunders  
President

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Like father, like daughter. Martha is now officially on the clock. Our only question is this: was Martha hired for a short-term tenure or have all the problems she caused at her last job combined with all the problems she has caused here led to her impending departure?