

Mississippi College enjoyed Christmas fun and cheer on Tuesday, November 27, at the annual Lighting of the Quad event. Campus Activities Board, better known around campus as CAB, is behind the creation of this event. Mississippi College senior, Jo Ducett, and junior, Carney Holloway are the CAB members who were put in charge of making this year's Lighting of the Quad a success.

Lighting of the Quad 2018 was a true small town winter wonderland. With nearly freezing temps, the added "snow" was simply magical. The event included live music from several different musical groups on campus, one including Mississippi College senior, Emily Hankins.

"Singing at Lighting of the Quad was my dream beginning freshman year, when I went to LOTQ for the very first time. This was my third year to sing, and it was the best yet!"

Among the festivities was the annual Christmas Tree decorating contest. Teams from each club and tribe on campus organized and decorated a Christmas tree on the quad. In third place was Rotaract Men's Club. Bringing in second place was Swanannoa Social Tribe, and finally, winning first place was Laguna Social Tribe with the theme "Clinton Under the Snow Globe." Laguna's tree was complete with snow, glitter, and even a bike. The Christmas trees, after the contest and event, were cleaned up and donated to families in Clinton, Mississippi, who might not have gotten a Christmas tree otherwise

The night continued with stations that emulated a small Christmas town. A bakery with sweets, a school with a common space and Mrs. Clause roaming around, a post office where students could write notes to friend, and a toy store- a service project put on by the Mississippi College Foundations of Servant Leadership class. The toy store collected new wrapped toys donated by Mississippi College students to donate to Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children.

Lighting of the Quad truly promoted the Christmas spirit, proven by the love, laughter and generosity shown by Mississippi College students, faculty and Clinton, Miss., community members.

Set up on the quad was also Mississippi College's own little Christmas tree patch. The area had 35 beautiful Christmas trees, each dawned with Christmas lights. Above the Christmas tree patch were "snow" machines, that made the area into its own little snow globe. Students loved taking photos in the snow and making memories that would last a life time.

Finally, what Christmas celebration would not be complete without Santa and Mrs. Clause? The beautiful pair sat on a green, velvet couch and welcomed visitors to come sit and take photos to their hearts delight. Hearts were full and spirits were bright as the man in red shared a jolly laugh with those who came to see him.

All in all, Mississippi College's Lighting of the Quad 2018 will be one to remember. As fond memories were made, all was merry and bright on that sweet Tuesday night. Campus Activities Board, as always, treated Mississippi College students to a free night of food, fun and good times. CAB members spent their entire day making Lighting of the Quad happen, and their hard work does not go without appreciation. A week later, Mississippi College students and faculty are still talking about the fun they had at Lighting of the Quad 2018.

