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### Commissioner Andy Gipson Recognizes MDAC Graduate Extern from Newton County

**JACKSON, Miss.** – Today, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson recognized Mississippi College School of Law (MC Law) student Jessica Everett of Newton County for participating in an externship with the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC) this year.

“I am very proud to recognize a student extern who has worked with our agency over the past several months, primarily assisting with legislative policy projects,” said Commissioner Gipson. “Jessica Everett has been able to gain real-world experience and on-the-job training that will aid in her professional career. She has developed leadership, critical thinking and teamwork skills through the researching of laws pertaining to regulatory services carried out by MDAC and reviewing proposed legislation for the recent Grain Indemnity Act, as well as assisting with various intellectual property matters, constitutional law issues, updates in compliance with the Administrative Procedures Act and licensure issues related to revocation matters. We’re excited to see what the future holds for Jessica as she progresses in her career.”

Jessica Everett of Decatur, Mississippi, was a member of the Newton County FFA organization throughout high school. She also served as a page at the Mississippi State Capitol for Representative Randy Rushing, where she developed an interest in state policy and law-making procedures that affect the agriculture industry. Everett went on to earn her Bachelor of Science in integrated marketing communications from the University of Mississippi. She is currently a second-year law student at MC Law with hopes to become a lawyer that focuses on agricultural issues and policy. Everett anticipates graduating with her J.D. in May of 2023.

“My externship with the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce has been an impactful opportunity, because every day I get to expand my legal studies, skills, and interests,” said Everett. “I am able to learn more about agriculture in its entirety, which includes numerous people, policies and laws that all work together to make agriculture the number one industry in Mississippi.”

To learn more about the various programs and outreach opportunities offered by MDAC, visit [www.mdac.ms.gov](http://www.mdac.ms.gov) and follow the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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**Photo attached.**



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