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The Mississippi Alliance for Women in Computing (MSAWC) is responsive to broadening participation challenges, intentionally growing existing programs and developing new ones across the state in order to:

- attract women and women of color to computing.
- improve retention rates of women in undergraduate computing majors.
- help postsecondary women make the transition to the computing workforce.

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Recruiting additional industry partners to join the Alliance; Identifying internship, job shadowing, scholarship opportunities; participation in and sponsoring activities that bring female college students and industry professionals together, guest speakers.

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Initial Partners

Ms. Kelly Brown, Director for Academic Affairs
Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science
Host a computing summer camp for 7-10th grade girls that are identified as academically gifted and talented. Serve as fiscal agent for Aspirations winners submitting AspireIT proposals for outreach activities.

Dr. Jacqueline Jackson, Associate Professor
Jackson State University

Dr. Julie Jordan, Director
Research & Curriculum Unit @ MSU
Connect MAWC with teachers and schools to increase visibility to the computing pipeline. Actively promote MAWC activities in the MS K12 system. Collaborate with MAWC to ensure CS4MS is aligned with requirements to best prepare students for higher education and the workforce.

Dr. Larry Anderson, Consultant
CREATE Foundation, Tupelo MS
Recruiting additional industry partners to join the Alliance; identify scholarship opportunities for activities through CREATE.

Ms. Catherine Ertz, Chief Financial Officer
National Center for Women and Information Technology, Boulder CO
Provide direction on expanding the Aspirations program in MS. Serve as guest speaker at Aspirations events.

Dr. Brianna Blaser, Coordinator
DO-IT, University of Washington
Provide direction and guidance on establishing outreach opportunities for students with disabilities, particularly low vision and blind students during the Launch Pilot.

Ms. Bonnie LeJeune, Senior Research Associated
National Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision (NRTC) @ MSU
Provide direction and guidance for outreach projects that target students with low vision and blindness.

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Help Us Grow Our Alliance!

Sponsors and hosts are needed for:

- Job shadowing opportunities
- Internships
- Lunch and Learn events
- Scholarships
- Professional Development Workshops
- Summer Bridge programs for entering college freshmen
- Living & Learning Communities for college women

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