

Coahoma County Higher Education Center

109 Clark Street, Clarksdale, MS

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**Mission:**

To expand educational opportunity for the people in Coahoma County, and the surrounding counties, by offering classes and events that will encourage personal development and promote a higher quality of life for ALL people in the Mississippi Delta

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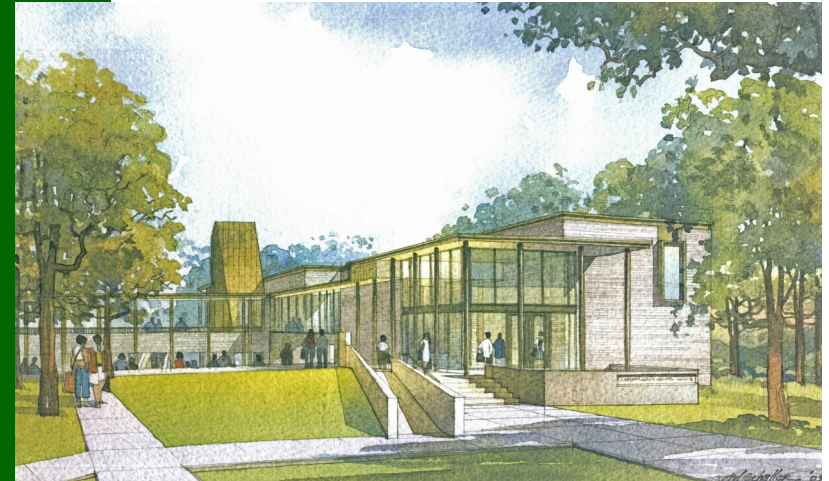
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Coahoma County Higher Education Center (CCHEC)

A partnership between Delta State University (DSU) and
Coahoma Community College (CCC)



Connect to the Future
Invest in our Community
Support Higher Education

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BACKGROUND and HISTORY — The CCHEC is a partnership between Delta State University (DSU) and Coahoma Community College (CCC). The partnership began in 1999 after the community came together to raise \$750,000 to save the seven-thousand-square-foot mansion from demolition. It was owned at the time by the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church and had been used as an educational facility for over 50 years.

The mansion was built in 1916 by Memphis architect Bayard Cairnes for criminal attorney J.W. Cutrer and his wife Blanche Clark Cutrer, daughter of Clarksdale's founder, John Clark. The dapper Jack Cutrer was very flamboyant and equally famous for his legendary parties, fiery politics, and for shooting an 1890s newspaper reporter for alleging that one of Cutrer's ancestors was of questionable lineage. Not to be outdone, Blanche often threw extravagant yard parties, and opulent masked balls, usually to the accompaniment of a full orchestra or swing band. (W. C. Handy is said to have played here.) Such events often attracted a young Tom Williams, aka Tennessee Williams, to the Cutrer home as a child usually with his beloved grandfather, Rev. Dakin. It is noted that Williams based many of his plays in part on the Cutrers and their colorful Clarksdale neighbors. Those plays include, but are not limited to, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *The Glass Menagerie*, and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*.



J. W. Cutrer House

Built in 1916, the J. W. Cutrer House is a beautiful Italian Renaissance style villa located on the campus of the CCHEC. The mansion is available for special events and weddings.

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If you would like a tour of the CCHEC campus and the J. W. Cutrer House, please contact us at 662-645-3555.

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!**

## Priorities and Progress

As of October 2011

**MAKING PROGRESS** — The CCHEC team is working hard to move this community-based higher education center and DSU/CCC satellite campus forward. One of the top priorities is to get primary construction needs completed which includes installing restrooms in the Lewis Technology Building, adding a fence around the campus to make it more secure, updating the J. W. Cutrer House so it will be ADA compliant and expanding the parking lot so it can accommodate more traffic. Construction is expected to start in November. Other priorities include advancing communications, releasing the community interest survey results, developing a variety of educational opportunities for the public at large, fully equipping and utilizing the Viking Kitchen, partnering with as many organizations as possible to utilize and enhance the campus, updating the previous master plan and then planning an aggressive fundraising campaign that will push the project to completion. If you would like to be a part of the progress team or if you have ideas for the campus, please contact Jen Waller.

## Personal Enrichment Workshops

**Tennessee Williams' *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* — Instructor: Don Allen Mitchell, DSU**

September 27, October 4 and October 11 from 6 PM— 8 PM

In preparation for the 19th annual Mississippi Delta Tennessee Williams Festival to be held in Clarksdale Oct. 14-15, Don Allen Mitchell of Delta State University will teach a mini-course focusing on the great play write and his Pulitzer Prize-winning play *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. The class will be available for CEU Credits for teachers and will be open to the public. The cost of the 3-day workshop is \$90 for all three classes or \$35 per class. To register, please contact Elizabeth Joel in Continuing Education at DSU at 662-846-4871.

**Other workshops** still in the planning stages for this semester will focus on Culinary Arts, Mississippi History, Teacher Support classes and Computer skills. Dates, instructors and other details will be announced soon. To get your name on the list for a specific subject area and workshop, please contact Jen Waller or Elizabeth Joel.

## Credit Courses Being Offered Now

**Fall Courses (August 23—December 16):**

- ENG 301 Expository Writing
- CSP 545 Special Education Assessment
- CSP 643 Program for Adolescents with Mild/Mod
- NUR 309 Nursing Research (online)
- NUR 314 Health Policy/ Ethical Decision Making (online)
- NUR 403 Community Health Nursing (online)