



Laura Giaccaglia

DSU Child Development Alum

Laura graduated in May 1997 with a major concentration in Child Development and a Minor in Special Education. She is currently working with the Mississippi State University Extension Service in Cleveland as the Bolivar County Extension Director/4-H Agent.

Laura said that, "The Child Development program at DSU provided me with the best education that one could receive in this field. The training through the internship and working directly with the children in the Child Development Center was the best hands-on experience anyone could ask for. DSU prepared me for a career in youth development, and they also worked with me to develop skills necessary for success in the workplace. DSU helped me discover my career goal. I was able to explore many career options, and I learned about the Extension Service.

As the Extension Director for Bolivar County, I am responsible for making sure that all four program areas are addressed in the county. These include: Agriculture and National Resources, 4-H Youth Development, Enterprise & Community Resource Development, and Family & Consumer Sciences. I work with other county and area agents to arrange programs based on county needs. I oversee our county budget and I am responsible for administrative efforts on a county level.

4-H is the largest youth organization, offered in most counties or parishes around the world. With the help of 4-H volunteers, 4-H offers project and community clubs, school enrichment programs, special interest programs and day camps. It is an extremely rewarding and exciting career!"