

# THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST

- Centrally located—1 hour to New Orleans, LA—1.5 hours to Mobile, AL
- An attractive, unique region for living that supports a variety of lifestyles—urban and rural living options
- Education opportunities are among the best in the state.
- Healthcare systems have ample capacity to meet demand in all MS Coast communities.
- With a convenient region airport, the community and lifestyle of the Coast make it a much sought after tourism destination.

## **EDUCATION**

- Education—K-12 and Higher-Learning Institutions provide a robust workforce and stand ready to train additional workforce to meet business and industry's needs.
- Universities— The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast 1 main campus, 5 teaching/research sites;
   William and Carey's Tradition Campus (private college); The Center of Higher Learning at NASA's Stennis
   Space Center in Hancock County: 4 universities, 1 community college—Academic and Career Tech training
- Community Colleges—2 local community colleges support a wealth of career and technical programs.

  Strong workforce training programs tailored to industry requirements are already in place.
- K-12—Public high schools in Hancock County rated as the 2nd and 13th for test scores out of 249 schools in the state in 2014, and coast wide performance is high. Private K-12 education is widespread on the Coast, including 2 private schools are in Hancock County. Both career tech and college prep schools are available.
- NASA's Infinity Science Center is a haven for STEM development.



#### ART—THEATRE—GAMING—SPORTS—HEADLINE PERFORMERS—BEACHES

- Located on the Gulf of Mexico—A major tourism destination boasting white sands and water recreation.
- Gaming offers non-stop action and nationally recognized entertainment.
- The Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center—Music industry headliners, major college basketball tournaments, and rodeos open to sell-out crowds.
- Biloxi Shuckers Baseball Stadium—A proud, new addition to Mississippi Coast amenities.
- The Arts and Festivals thrive with over 300 annual festivals, fairs and special events.
- Museums, art galleries, art communities, and community theaters abound.
- The Gulf Coast Symphony enjoys substantial patronage and offers year-round concerts.

#### **HEALTHCARE**

- Residents enjoy a wide diversity of state-of-the-art health care services.
- A distinct advantage is easy access to modern and comprehensive acute care medical facilities.
- Considerable growth in the medical services industry includes construction of multimillion dollar facilities and expansion of treatment options in all areas of specialization.
- In Hancock County, the world-renowned Ochsner Healthcare System has assumed the management role for the Hancock Medical Center hospital.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

PortAirSpace.Com—Hancock County Economic Development

HancockMSMyHome.com—Living in Hancock County

VistMSCoast.org—Gulf Coast Regional Tourism Partnership

MSWestCoast.org—Hancock County Tourism

