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PERS Management Information Systems Department named PERS Employees of the Quarter

The 25-member Management Information Systems (MIS) team has been named Employees of the Quarter for the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) by the Board of Trustees for the first quarter of fiscal year 2021, which runs July through September 2020.

In response to COVID-19, MIS worked tirelessly to help PERS quickly transition to working remotely while maintaining critical operations. The majority of PERS' 160 plus employees were able to work remotely within two weeks of statewide stay-at-home orders thanks to MIS offering drive-up-and-load service for distributing equipment, resolving all telecommuting and network issues, and facilitating new software so PERS could host its first ever virtual board and staff meetings.

"Throughout this entire event, MIS has held to an excellent work philosophy and delivered superior customer service to their own coworkers to keep PERS operational and up to the standards expected by those we serve. Because of MIS' swift and efficient action, PERS never missed a benefit payment and was able to continue its other critical functions," said Dr. Brian Rutledge, University of Mississippi Medical Center chief of staff and FY20 PERS board chair. "For MIS, 2020 has not been a season of defeat; it's been a season of significant milestones and historical firsts for this agency."

MIS consists of Chief Systems Information Officer Walter Hille, Tony Brown, Bettye Fox, Billy Means, Brandi O'Neal, Casey Lloyd, Christy Rose, Dan Garrett, Dawn Wells, Dedra Flowers, Derek Moore, Frank Giddens, Janet Mobley, Jerry Jones, John Moody, Mai Truong, Maurice Gilliam, Meghan Humber, Philip Wilson, Randy Speights, Roderick Warner, Ryan Beard, Sravanthi Cheruku, Steven Jones, and Vicki Russell.

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