



ROY HOWARD COMMUNITY JOURNALISM CENTER

SCRIPPS HOWARD FOUNDATION

MEDIA MENTORS

Friday, June 13 at 11 a.m.
Stout Hall, Room B
RSVP at rhjcnews.com/mm

SPEAKER MELISSA SCALLAN, PORT OF GULFPORT

Melissa Scallan is the director of communications and marketing at the Port of Gulfport. She previously worked in public relations roles at The University of Southern Mississippi, the Mississippi Development Authority and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources. She was also the communications director for U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith's 2018 campaign. Prior to her public relations work, Scallan was a newspaper reporter for 25 years, including 14 years at *The Sun Herald* in Biloxi. She covered education, city and county government, and state politics.



SCALLAN

WHAT IS MEDIA MENTORS?

A learning and development series hosted by the Roy Howard Community Journalism Center at The University of Southern Mississippi, Media Mentors connects students with pros in journalism, broadcasting, public relations and digital media. Each session provides career advice, industry insights and direct Q&A opportunities with media leaders.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY JOURNALISM CENTER

Funded by the Scripps Howard Foundation beginning in 2025, the Roy Howard Community Journalism Center employs seven full-time media professionals and more than 20 student workers.