

Mississippi Restaurant Association  
Pro Start Education School-to-Career Program  
Press Conference  
Monday, May 15  
3:00 p.m.  
Dennery's Restaurant

**Talking Points**

- It is good to be here this afternoon.
- I am pleased to be involved with the ProStart school-to-career program, which works within the school system to prepare students who are interested in pursuing a career in the restaurant and foodservice industry.
- The ProStart program has been developed through the partnership of the Mississippi Restaurant Association, the Department of Education, schools, local businesses and students, and helps high school juniors and seniors take their first real steps toward promising restaurant and foodservice careers.
- ProStart is a great example of education working hand-in-hand with businesses to train students to enter the workforce with the skills they need to be successful.

- I want to commend and thank the MS Restaurant Association and the Department of Education for your interest in the future of Mississippi's students.
- This program is taking workforce training to a new level. We know the importance in Mississippi of starting early to educate our students, and this is a new and different approach to make sure our students are prepared for the challenges of the future.
- I would like to encourage both parents and students to look to this program as a viable option for a career choice.
- Whether students are making plans for college or looking to enter the job market, ProStart helps them see how bright their futures can be.