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Carey statue arrives on campus *Namesake's life on display in piece*

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A statue of the University's namesake William Carey has recently been added to the Hattiesburg campus.

The seven-foot, 600-pound bronze piece, which sits in front of the Sarah Gillespie Museum, was sculpted by local sculptor and Columbia

native Ben Watts. Watts has achieved fame over the years for works like a Golden Eagle

statue outside of the University of Southern Mississippi's Alumni House, a statue of Walter Payton for the Columbia football stadium and a John Wesley statue for the Millsaps College campus.

The statue was placed on the campus in commemoration of the yearlong celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of William Carey, who is known as the "Father

of Modern Missions" for his work in India.

The completion of the clay model of the statue, which is titled "Carey Turns To The World," took approximately five months of work in Columbia, with the firing, or finishing, process taking place in Texas. Funding for the statue was gained through private donations, with about 20 miniature versions of the statue being sold by the University to gain the funds necessary to complete the project.

The sculpture symbolizes the exact moment when Carey decided to depart from his humble profession as a cobbler (a person who mends shoes) to dedicate his life to ministry and missions abroad. The various objects included in the scene, whether the Holy Bible in his grasp, the cobbler tools on his work bench, or the mystical copy of *Flora*, his historic work in botany that is found under the beach, all represent various accomplishments and aspects of the life and work of Carey.

"The presence of the life-size statue on our campus



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will be a constant reminder to students and visitors of the impact of this remarkable man and a challenge for us to accept his challenge to

expect great things from God and attempt great things for God," said WCU President Dr. Tommy King.

