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Devon Brenner joined the Office of Research and Economic Development in May of 2016. Previously, Dr. Brenner was head of the curriculum, instruction and special education department in the university's College of Education and an Education Policy Fellow in the office of U.S. Senator Thad Cochran, R-Miss., in Washington, D.C.

Brenner's current role as the assistant to the vice president for education initiatives leads key initiatives for the university that include the Partnership School with the Starkville-Oktibbeha County Consolidated School District as well as a pursuit of a Rural Education Research Center and promoting educational research across campus.

She works closely with faculty, students and administrators across the entire campus in organizing these initiatives. Her specialties include literacy curriculum and teaching at the elementary- and middle-school levels, as well as teacher education and professional development in literacy.

For the past few years, Dr. Devon Brenner and other colleagues in the College of Education and its CISE department have focused their research on rural education and currently publish a journal on the subject as co-editors, titled "The Rural Educator".