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GRAD SCHOOL TO BRING FUN SCIENCE TO KIDS DURING DISCOVERY U DAY AT MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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JACKSON, Miss. – Children and their families can discover the exciting world of biomedical science during Discovery U Day at the Mississippi Children's Museum on Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Thanks to volunteers from the School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, children will go on a very berry DNA hunt, discover different medical materials, learn how nerves send signals and explore medicines that settle stomachs.

"Laboratory research is a critical part of science leading to discoveries that improve people's lives and helps them to stay healthy," said Dr. Michael Ryan, Discovery U program director and UMMC associate professor of physiology. "This event will give children and their families the opportunity to explore the world of biomedical research through hands-on activities."

The Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) strives to provide children with access to quality science-based experiences designed to provide a strong foundation in STEM subject areas and foster vital learning and life skills.

Discovery U is a recently developed program that promotes K-12 and undergraduate outreach and research through the Graduate School at UMMC.

Discovery U Day and MCM's partnership with UMMC are ways that MCM is providing innovative, science-based exhibits, programs and special events. Children who take part in these STEM-based events and programs at MCM develop critical thinking and communication skills, creativity and real-world problem solving through collaboration.

Discover and explore biomedical sciences at MCM at Discovery U Day! Learn more about MCM's STEM events and initiatives at www.mschildrensmuseum.com. The MCM is located at 2145 Highland Dr., Jackson, MS 39202.

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