

# CASE STUDY

## OLE MISS

### OLE MISS TRUSTS ONLY NATURE'S PATHS, FOR ITS FACILITIES

It is no great surprise that a University known for excellence in teaching, learning, creativity, and research holds its facilities to the same high standards. At the University of Mississippi, new construction and renovation projects are seen as opportunities to create physical spaces where students can get what they need, learn productively, and enjoy life on campus.

So when the school's Department of Facilities Planning had problems with an LVT installation, they called in the Mannington sales rep to assess the situation.

"LVT had been installed in three different locations, and in two of them it was scratching and coming up, so we called the rep and said you have to come down here," said staff Interior Designer Courtney Church Jones. "When he did, it turned out that the low-performing products were from other companies, while the Mannington product was performing beautifully."

So in the past three years, the department has transitioned to exclusive use of Mannington Commercial's Nature's Paths Select, in classrooms, common spaces, and corridors, as well as offices, a medical center, and housing projects.

"If a designer specifies another product, we change it to Nature's Paths," said Jones. "It's a nice aesthetic instead of carpet, and has held up in all the different kinds of installations, under heavy student traffic."

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Design: University Department of Facilities Planning  
Product: Nature's Paths