

## Mac Davis and the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame give back to MTSU student songwriters

Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame member, Mac Davis, visited MTSU songwriting students on Friday, March 31.



The established country music singer and songwriter has written hit songs for performers such as Dolly Parton, Rascal Flatts, Ray Price, Kenny Rogers, and many more. Most notably, however, are Davis's songs recorded by "the King" Elvis Presley, which include such hits as "Little Less Conversation" and "In the Ghetto." In addition to his success as a country music artist, Davis has appeared in films and even starred in his own NBC variety show which aired from 1974 to 1976. Davis has been recognized for his success by being inducted into the Georgia and Texas Country Music Hall of Fame, the Nashville Songwriter's Hall of fame, and earning his star on the Hollywood Boulevard Walk of Fame.

During his visit to MTSU, Davis answered student questions and performed a song he had written about the class's professor, Odie Blackmon, titled "Odie Got a Hot Tub." After the event, Blackmon stated "Thanks to my old pal Mac Davis for giving back to my students and to Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame's Mark Ford for making it all happen! Mac is the coolest, down to earth guy you could ever want to meet," adding "...thanks to my rock star boss Beverly Keel for doing the top notch interview!"