

# PAW PRINTS

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## FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Have you noticed how quickly time seems to pass these days? Homecoming 2018 is nearly upon us! Many of you have expressed verbally, or in writing, that you have wanted to come back to campus to see old friends, classmates, to walk through your classrooms and to be a part of the festivities of the day but circumstances arose that prevented you from being here. I can tell you without hesitation that you were missed. It's like having a family reunion and some of your favorite relatives weren't present.

The Holmes family is a special group. The annual Holmes family reunion at

Homecoming is made even more special by your presence. Please try your best to attend October 20 and enjoy the food, various musical performances and football game during the day. Other things not to miss that day will be to meet the honorees, the homecoming court and many other activities scheduled.

We look forward to seeing you there!



GENE RICHARDSON  
*Alumni Association President*



**BLACK OUT!** Bulldog Nation is encouraged to wear black to the Homecoming football game to support our Bulldogs, who will be wearing their all black uniforms.

# HOLMES

## HOMECOMING 2018

Join your Bulldog family for Homecoming, October 20 on the Goodman Campus!

**Need a cool place to sit?** Or a minute away from the crowd? The McMorrough Library will be open to all guests! Come visit and enjoy a cold bottle of water.

**For our SEC fans:** The games will be broadcast in the lobby of Grenada Hall and Lorraine Student Center so you don't have to miss one minute of any game! We also have free wifi to check game updates: HCC-Football.

### EVENTS SCHEDULE

#### MONDAY, October 15

- 1 p.m. - Women's Soccer vs. Northwest & Sophomore Day
- 3 p.m. - Men's Soccer vs. Northwest & Sophomore Day

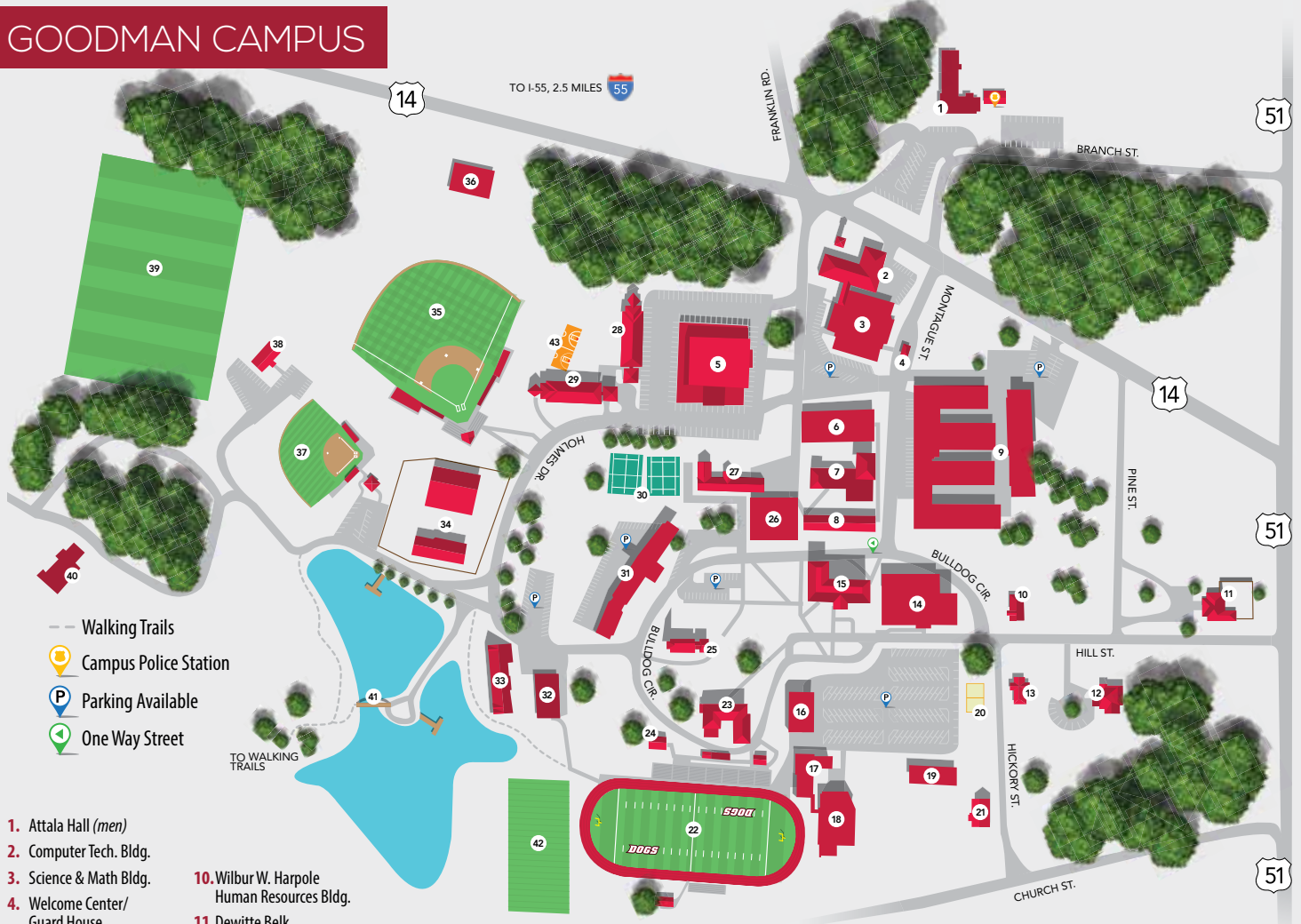
#### SATURDAY, October 20

- 9:30 a.m. - Softball Alumni Game
  - The Holmes Connection! Brunch "Celebrating 25 Years" in the Fine Arts Lobby
- 10:30 a.m. - Baseball Alumni Game
- 11 a.m. - Honoree recognition in McDaniel Auditorium
  - Art Department open until 2 p.m.
  - Basketball Inter-squad scrimmage
- 11:30 a.m. - Coachmen & Connection! performance in McDaniel Auditorium

- \*Noon - Lunch - until 1:15 p.m.
  - Little Bulldog Kids Zone opens
  - Steel Band Performance
  - Honorees Lunch with the President
  - Coachmen & Choral gathering in the Chapel on the Hill
- 12:45 p.m. - Chorale Performance in Chapel on the Hill
- 1 p.m. - Annual Alumni Meeting in the CCN Room of Library
- 1:30 p.m. - Parade begins at Cook Dorm
- 2 p.m. - Pep Rally in Main Parking Lot
- 2:30 p.m. - Band enters the Football Stadium
- 2:45 p.m. - Honorees recognized on the Football Field
- 2:55 p.m. - National Anthem performed by the HCC Chorale
- 3 p.m. - Kick-off!
- Halftime - Presentation of Homecoming Court & Crowning of the Queen

\*Noon activities occur in the grove, unless otherwise noted.

### GOODMAN CAMPUS



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|---|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. Attala Hall (men)                      | 10. Wilbur W. Harpole Human Resources Bldg. | 17. Social Science Bldg. | 23. Grenada Hall (women)      | 29. Webster Hall (men)           | 35. Charlie Donald Field                        |
| 2. Computer Tech. Bldg.                   | 11. Dewitte Belk Presidential Suites        | 18. Carroll Cafeteria    | 24. Football Concession Stand | 30. Tennis Facilities            | 36. Purchasing & Receiving Maintenance/Baseball |
| 3. Science & Math Bldg.                   | 12. Holmes House                            | 19. Motel Hall (men)     | 25. Chapel on the Hill        | 31. Yazoo Hall (women)           | 40. President's Home                            |
| 4. Welcome Center/ Guard House            | 13. Baptist Student Union                   | 20. Volley Ball Court    | 26. Lorraine Student Center   | 32. Dr. A.A. Derrick Field House | 41. Walking Bridge                              |
| 5. Frank Branch Coliseum                  | 14. McMorrough Library                      | 21. Landscaping Dept.    | 27. Visual Arts Center        | 33. Kelly G. Cook Hall (men)     | 42. Football Practice Field                     |
| 6. Donald E. Phillips Business Bldg.      | 15. McDaniel Hall                           | 22. Ras Branch Field     | 28. Choctaw Hall (women)      | 34. Vehicle Shop/Maintenance     | 43. Basketball Courts                           |
| 7. Montgomery Fine Arts Bldg.             | 16. Henry B. McClellan Administration Bldg. |                          |                               |                                  |   |
| 8. Learning Resource Center               |   |                          |                               |                                  |   |
| 9. M.R. Thorne Vocational-Technical Bldg. |   |                          |                               |                                  |   |

## JULY REUNION

The classes of 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1980 met in the Frank Branch Coliseum on July 28. They are looking to gather again at Holmes Community College in late July 2019. If you attended any of these years and would like to find out the details of the next reunion, please contact the Holmes Alumni Affairs office at 662-472-9134.

**Would you like to get your class back together? Holmes would love to host! If you would like to have a reunion, call the Holmes Alumni Affairs office, and we can help make it happen!**



The members of the class that attended were as follows: *(kneeling)* Alan Ellis, *(L to R - Front Row)* Calvin Collins, Kenneth "O.C." Thornton, Barbara Sawyer, Earline Wright-Hart, Geraldine Granderson, Johnnie Mae Vaughan *(L to R - Back row)* Eddie Ellis, Clifton Hogue, Hubert Spires, Alfred "Alfro" Harmon, Calvin "Old man" Haron and David Lacy.

## DISTRICT DOG ALUMNI LUNCHES

The District Dog lunches were a hit again among our alumni. We had almost 100 alumni at all of gatherings combined. We visited each county in our district. We hope to see you next summer if you did not make it this summer. The dates will be announced via our Alumni Website and Facebook page (#HolmesCCAlumni) so please follow us for all Alumni announcements.



Yazoo



Holmes



Madison



Montgomery



Choctaw



Attala



Grenada



Carroll

# FRANK SHAW ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR THE HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2018

Alumnus of the Year recipient is Kosciusko native Frank Harris Shaw, Jr.

Shaw graduated from Holmes in 1975. During his time as a student, he excelled both on and off the field. He was an All-State defensive back for the Bulldogs, selected for the North State All-Star football team, a recipient of the Ras M. Branch Football Award, a member of the 1973 State Championship track team and a Dean's List Scholar.

Upon graduation, Shaw continued his football career at Millsaps College. After Millsaps, he continued on to Mississippi State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in 1976 and a Master of Education in 1978. In 1981, Shaw earned his Juris Doctorate from the Mississippi School of Law and entered the Air Force as a captain by direct appointment. Shaw served combined active and reserve for

a total of 28 years of service, retiring as a Brigadier General with the Mississippi Air National Guard with numerous awards/decorations.

Shaw has been an attorney-at-law in Kosciusko since 1985. He has also served as an assistant and deputy staff judge advocate as well as the chief defense counsel for Headquarters U.S. Air Force Judiciary.

Over the years, Shaw has been very active in his community. He has worked with the Mississippi Emergency Operations Center to provide immediate and ongoing relief to thousands of coastal citizens during Hurricane Katrina, served as a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, remained active in the Veteran's Day and

Memorial Day "Aisle of Honor" flag ceremony in Parkway Cemetery. Shaw serves as a sponsor for numerous student activities in surrounding schools, a sponsor for the Holmes CC Development Foundation Golf Tournament and a member of the Legacy Club.

Shaw and his wife, Debbie, provide an endowment scholarship at the college to someone interested in computer technology.

"It is important to utilize the opportunities to pay back what was given to me," Shaw said. "It is my way to contribute to those outlets that made me who I am today."

Shaw and his wife have three children: Paige Shaw McAdams, 29; Luke Shaw, 25, and Kurt Shaw, 21.



## DANNY CHANDLER RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Holmes Community College 2018 Distinguished Service Award recipient is Danny R. Chandler of Madison.

A native of Columbus, Chandler attended Oakwood University in Tennessee right out of high school and earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics. Upon graduation, he continued his education at Mississippi State University with post-graduate studies in statistics. In 1989, Chandler came to Holmes and earned an Associate of Arts degree. A year later, he completed the Emergency Medical Technician certificate.

Chandler is thankful that Holmes

helped lead him into a profession he has now worked in for 27 years. He is still severing as an EMT for American Medical Response in Jackson and surrounding areas. Not only is Chandler an EMT, but he is also a licensed Realtor for CPA Reality, LLC.

As a way to honor Holmes, Chandler has chosen to endow a scholarship in memory of his sister, Francine Chandler. She was interested in early childhood education and worked in childcare

for more than 20 years. Before she could open her own daycare, she was diagnosed with incurable brain cancer in the fall of 2003.

The Francine Chandler Childhood Education Scholarship (FCCES) was endowed this year. The scholarship will be awarded to a student majoring in child development who is an in-state resident with at least a 2.0 GPA.

Chandler and his wife of 31 years, Reta, have one child: Daniel R. Chandler, 24, who is also a Holmes alumnus.



**WHERE  
AM I?**

Do you know where this picture was taken? Send your guess to [kellard@holmescc.edu](mailto:kellard@holmescc.edu). We will unveil the location in the next edition of Paw Prints.



# JACK HOLMES VETERAN OF THE YEAR

Holmes Community College is proud to honor Jack Holmes as the 2018 Veteran of the Year.

As a student at Holmes, the Sallis native was a member of the 1951 state championship baseball team and was also quarterback for the football team. His athletic achievements earned him membership in the H Club.

After completing his studies at Holmes, he transferred to Delta State University where he obtained a bachelor's degree. He also earned a master's degree from Mississippi State University.

Prior to working at Holmes, he served as a teacher and coach for John Rundle High School in Grenada. Holmes was also an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and worked as an insurance adjuster in the private sector.

Holmes received commission as

second lieutenant through the Marine Corps platoon leaders class program in Quantico, Virginia and served in three different active duty stations. He retired as a captain after serving six years of combined active and reserve time.

He returned to Holmes in 1971 as supervisor for the Kosciusko Skill Center. He was named assistant director of vocational-technical education on the Goodman Campus in 1983. In 1985, his title was changed to vice president of the Grenada Campus, and the library on the Grenada Campus was dedicated to him in 2014. He served 40 plus years with Holmes and after retirement, continued his service to the college as a liaison for



the Development Foundation and is currently a member of the Legacy Club.

In 2006, Holmes was Awarded

Alumnus of the Year. His strong bonds and working relationships with business and industries in and around the City of Grenada have been extremely advantageous to the college, as well as his overseeing the enlargement of the Grenada

Campus's physical plant.

He resides in Kosciusko where he is an active contributor to the community. Holmes is a deacon and Sunday school director at First Baptist Church of Kosciusko and a former Boy Scout leader. He and his late wife, Margaret, have four children: Keith, Scott, Kirk and Kim.

# YOUNG ALUMNA OF THE YEAR: LILY FRAN MCCRORY

The Holmes Community College 2018 Young Alumna of the Year is Lexington native Lily Fran McCrory.

The daughter of Frankie and Robin McCrory, she excelled at Holmes, graduating top of her class as a valedictorian and President's List scholar. McCrory was also the 2015 HEADWAE student of the year, a Phi Theta Kappa officer, a member of the Baptist Student Union, a member of Holmes Plus and voted Sophomore Class Favorite. In addition to serving as reporter for the Holmes Goodman chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, she was also the regional reporter for the National honor society.

Upon graduating from Holmes, McCrory earned a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences from Mississippi State University (MSU). She continued to achieve academic excellence while at MSU, earning a spot as valedictorian yet again (as 1 of 2,058 to earn this designation). McCrory was involved in several prestigious honors societies, received the Stephen D. Lee Scholar Award and received the Holmes County Chamber of

Commerce Excellence in Education Award.

Thanks to McCrory's academic performance and leadership skills, she was selected to participate in the undergraduate portion of the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program (MRPSP). The MRPSP, which is for rural college students who aspire to return to their roots to practice medicine, awarded her \$120,000. After just



one semester at MSU, she received early admittance to medical school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) and began in the fall of 2017.

"The citizens of Holmes County made an investment in me and my education," McCrory said. "I would like to return this investment and serve as their primary care physician one day."

McCrory is currently an M2 at UMMC and on schedule to graduate in 2021. She serves as a liaison chair for her class and is involved in the American

Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), American Medical Association (AMA), American Medical Women's Association (AMWA), Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) and Mississippi State Medical Association (MSMA).

McCrory is thankful for the Holmes instructors who invested time in her and helped prepare her for medical school. To show her gratitude, she

established The McCrory Holmes Milestone Scholarship for students who are graduates of Central Holmes Christian School with a minimum cumulative 3.5 GPA. The recipients must be a full-time sophomore at Holmes.

"I encourage anyone who can to give back to your alma mater," McCrory said. "Age doesn't matter, just do what you can, when you can. That way, other students will be afforded the same opportunities to obtain an education and make a difference in the world."



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# THE HOLMES CONNECTION! 25

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY



- WHO:** All past Connection! members
- WHAT:** Celebrate 25 Years Of Connection!
- WHEN:** October 20, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
- WHERE:** The Fine Arts Building Lobby on the Goodman Campus
- WHY:** Welcoming all past Connection! members to the Goodman Campus to celebrate 25 years of Connection. A brunch will be served and the building will be open to reminisce about good times at Holmes.

**WITH SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCE BY  
 DR. JAN REID-BUNCH**



## BE A MENTOR!

The Career Center, housed in the Student Support Services department, is seeking alumni to volunteer to mentor students seeking a degree in your career field. We would also love to have alumni (in Holmes, Attala and Madison Counties) offer to serve as job shadowing hosts. If interested, please contact Linda Alexander-Jones at 662.472.9004 or email [lalexander@holmescc.edu](mailto:lalexander@holmescc.edu).

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Ryan('09) and Jacob('08) Black met while at Holmes Community College. Ryan completed an AA degree in Pre-Physical Therapy and Jacob earned an AA degree in Pre-Law. Please see the full story online at [Holmescc.edu](http://Holmescc.edu).