

SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Activities for the Day

Thursday, April 21, 2016

- 3:00 – 3:30 President's Reception; President's Home
- 3:30 – 3:45 Welcome by Dr. Jim Haffey, President of the College
- 3:45 – 4:00 Group travels to McDaniel Hall
- 4:00 – 4:30 Connection! and Coachmen Performance in McDaniel Hall Auditorium
- 4:30 – 5:30 Group tours the campus with stops at various locations
- 5:30 – 6:00 Tour groups will arrive at the Frank Branch Coliseum to meet and socialize with family members, invited guests, and general public.
- 6:00 Banquet and Awards Program at Frank Branch Coliseum

(Reserved Tickets are required – Ticket cost is \$20.00 each) For more detailed information, contact Hilliary O'Briant, Alumni Coordinator, to reserve your required tickets @ 662-472-9134 or email her @ hobriant@holmescc.edu



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**WEDNESDAY,
MAY 11, 2016**

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MADISON, MS

11 A.M. REGISTRATION
& LUNCH

12 P.M. TEE TIME

HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2016 HOMECOMING

This year's Annual Homecoming Celebration has been set for October 29, 4 p.m. against ICC

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FAITH AND MEDICINE

We are all impacted by the choices we make, friendships we share and life experiences we encounter. Each can and do have a long-lasting impact on our lives, good or bad. For Dr. Hugh Scott Moore, attending Holmes Community College in 1991 was one of the best decisions he ever made. "There's no doubt that Holmes had a huge impact on my life," said Dr. Moore, who was the recipient of the Dr. Samuel Massey Scholarship for those students pursuing a medical degree. "The stress of finances was completely off my shoulders and I could focus solely on my studies."

Coming from a small rural private school in Benton, Holmes was a perfect fit for Dr. Moore. "Every single one of my instructors were very personable. I felt as though I could go to them with any problem I may have and they were all willing to bend over backwards to help me. Going from that type of atmosphere to Mississippi State, where you either got it or you didn't was a huge change for me." During his time at Holmes, Dr. Moore was very active on campus. He was in the Holmes Connection!, an officer in Phi Theta Kappa, and the Theatre honor society.

After his two-year stint at Holmes, Dr. Moore

continued his education at Mississippi State University. Following graduation from State, Dr. Moore was accepted to The University of Mississippi Medical Center, where he graduated and completed his three years of residency. Dr. Moore decided to head back to the place he knew and loved, home, joining a family practice in the hills of Yazoo City and to this day remains there.

Dr. Moore enjoys photography and traveling in his spare time but his true passion lies in the mission field. "While I was actually at Holmes, I did mission work in Mexico with Dr. Massey and my passion only fueled from there," said Dr. Moore. "It is truly fulfilling to serve those who genuinely need and appreciate any medical care they receive." Dr. Moore has visited Haiti and Peru on several mission trips as well and it is his faith that makes him stand out in the field of medicine. "I have never made a move without the Lord telling me which way to step. My practice is built on my faith in Christ and I am very proud of that."

Holmes was a stepping-stone for Dr. Moore, a very important one. The foundation that was laid here, helped shape a man who is now serving Christ, healing the sick, and spreading the gospel.



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BULLDOGS IN THE NEWS



Wil Browning
Pitcher, Toronto Blue Jays

Hometown: Sallis, MS
Years at Holmes: 2007- 2009
University: University of Louisiana- Monroe
Organization: Toronto Blue Jays (2012-present)

2015 Stats: Posted a 2-1 record with a 0.78 ERA and 22 saves in 31 appearances for Dunedin before being promoted to New Hampshire. The 22

saves led the Florida State League and allowed runs in just two of his 31 appearances. The 6-3, 190 pound RHP walked only two batters while fanning 40 in 34.2 innings. In his four seasons of professional ball, Browning has struck out 234 in 189 innings.

Awards: Named Most Valuable Player at the 2015 Webster Awards for the Blue Jays Organization

Current News: Invited to Major League Spring Training Camp. "I am soaking it all in. Learning everything I can from the guys here and enjoying every second," Browning said about his time at training camp.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEARS END

Holmes began its largest capital campaign in the history of the college in May of 2011 and is on target to meet the \$11 million goal by May 2016 with your continued support.

The campaign is focused on specific projects throughout the district including mobile training schools, program expansions, technology enhancements and upgrades, facility expansions, and student scholarships. Funds will and have provided assistance for expansion of nursing and allied health programs, remodeling of the Attala facility, a new nursing facility in Grenada, athletic facility improvements, and the expansion of training in many of our workforce trade skills.

In addition to physical expansions and improvements, the capital campaign has helped students by providing scholarship money to those who may not be eligible for other aid. For the year 2015 alone, over \$75,000 in student scholarships was awarded. Many "mini grants" have been awarded to groups and organizations on campus. These grants have funded instructional materials, nature labs, technology software, and continuing education for faculty.

We encourage you, our family, to continue your support of our precious alma mater. Gifts can be made in the form of gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, stocks, real estate, cash gifts, life insurance or retained life estate gifts. If you have any questions or would like to continue your annual giving, please contact the Development Foundation by contacting Diane Harman by phone at 662.472. 9017 or through email at dharman@holmescc.edu.

"A school is only as strong as its support from its Alumni and friends." Thank you for your support.

HOLMES ALUMNUS FINDS CAREER IN MUSIC

Matt Hines, a 2010 graduate of Holmes Community College and a native of Kosciusko, has made a career from his love of music.

During his two years at Holmes, Hines was a member of the choir, Connection! show choir, Coachmen Singers, Montague Men, Phi Theta Kappa and named to the Dean's List for his academic accomplishments. He enjoyed performing with some of his best friends. "I loved being able to travel with all the groups I was in," Hines said. "I thoroughly enjoyed dorm life and making some great friendships that I still have today."

Hines completed his degree from Mississippi State University and is now a music educator at Northside Elementary in Clinton. He is also praise leader at First Baptist Church in Flora and teaches guitar, voice, piano, recording/performing, and artist/songwriting for a private studio.

In 2011, Hines began a duo with fellow Holmes alumnus, Jon Richard Crowell. The two performed various gigs eventually adding a third member and becoming Cotton Row. In 2012, the trio opened for Randy Houser at a local benefit.

Hines recorded and released three singles in 2013; "Base it on a Feelin'", which won the songwriter competition at the Cotton District Arts Festival and landed him an audition on NBC's The Voice. He's also released "As the Crow Flies" and "When You're Gone".

Hines has been surrounded by some big names in the music industry. "I recorded and released my EP "Things Are Looking Up" in the summer of 2014. During that experience, I had a great time recording

with phenomenal players and learned a lot through my stay with Jimmy Metts (former manager of Reba McEntire's label, Starstruck Entertainment). My good friend Doug Crowell from Kosciusko was the producer on that album. It, too, has garnered me many interviews and opportunities."

Hines' most current venture, the band Thaddaeus Hines & The Black River Saints, is slated to be his favorite so far in his career.

"It's comprised of some extremely talented guys I have been blessed to have enter my life," Hines said. "Cody Logan (insane drummer who has toured with a Christian band throughout the southeast region), Zach Dickerson (phenomenal guitarist who has played at The Grammy Awards with DMI Allstars of Delta State), John Thompson (ASCAP Competition winner), and the newest member Jacob Speckner (bassist for numerous MS bands and student minister in Bentonia) are just overall amazing people."

The band is working on releasing a two-part album in September 2016 and January 2017.

Hines and his wife, Laura, a 2008 graduate of Holmes, reside in Bentonia with their son Noah and are expecting a new baby boy this August.

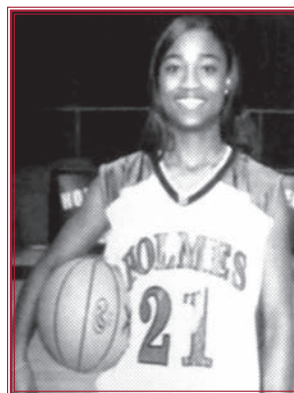
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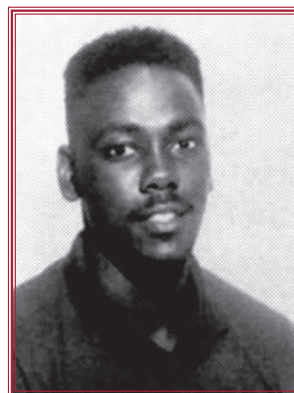
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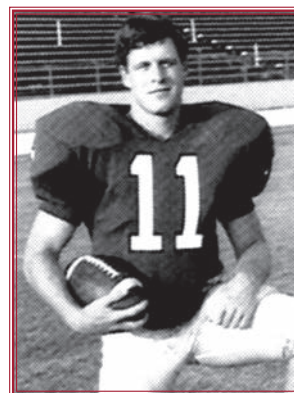
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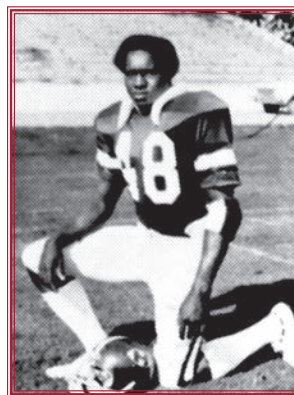
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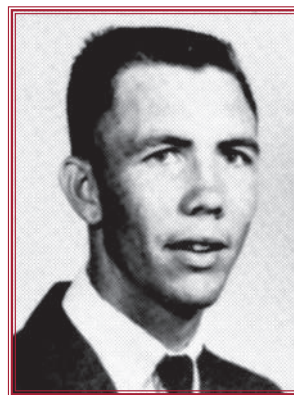
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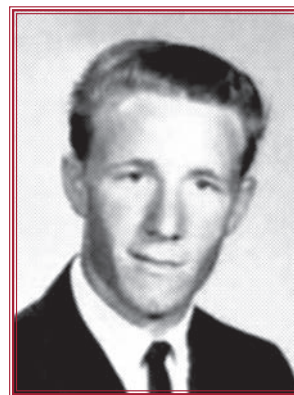
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Wynne

The Holmes Community College Alumni Association will induct an all-star lineup of six outstanding athletes to the Sports Hall of Fame on April 21. This year's class includes Holmes Bulldog sports luminaries from across the state of Mississippi and Louisiana.

"We have yet another spectacular group of athletes that will be inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame this year," says Athletic Director Andy Wood. "This group exemplifies the spirit of Bulldog Nation."

The new inductees have not only achieved success on athletic fields, but success in their careers and even more, they have proved to be great ambassadors for Holmes.

Each inductee is believed to serve as excellent role models for Holmes' many student-athletes. The strong foundation they laid while competing as a Bulldog sets the bar high for our current standards of success.

Your Holmes Community College Sports Hall of Fame inductees are:

Angela Bounds-Stevenson of Pearl River, Louisiana. A 2006 graduate, was selected for women's basketball. Bounds-Stevenson, most valuable player in 2005, was chosen to the Region 23 All-Region team and All-State team both her years as a Bulldog. In 2004-2005, Bounds-Stevenson was named Rookie of the Year and received the Offensive award. Following her 2005-2006 season, Bounds-Stevenson was selected to the NJCAA All-American 2nd Team, Region 23 All-tournament Team, Best Offensive Player, and she was selected to play in the 2006 All-Star game. Bounds-Stevenson was also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, maintained a 3.4 GPA during her two-year stint at Holmes and was selected to the HCC Hall of Fame as a sophomore.

Shaston Coleman of Ackerman, Mississippi. The 1993 Holmes graduate will be inducted for his football accomplishments at Ras Branch Stadium and on the road for the Bulldogs. Coleman, a Region 23 All-Region Team member, was named to the All-State squad in 1993 and selected as Most Improved Player in 1992. Coleman's accomplishments continued at Mississippi State University and the National Football League, signing with the Chicago Bears.

Coleman declared that he, "truly enjoyed every day," at Holmes Community College.

Michael Ellis of Vaiden, Mississippi. A 1995 graduate of Holmes, played both football and baseball for the Bulldogs. Ellis excelled at both sports and was named to the All State 2nd Team for football, as well as, the MS JUCO All-Star game. He then continued his football career at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and graduated in 1999 with a degree in Civil Engineering. The best thing about his Holmes CC days? Ellis didn't hesitate. "Meeting my wife, Elizabeth Mosby Ellis."

Clarence Harmon, Jr. of Kosciusko, Mississippi is a 1975 Holmes graduate. He impressed fans with his baseball, track and football talents and was named as Most Valuable Player for two of the sports as well as winning the State Championship in Track during the spring of 1975. Harmon went on to play for the Mississippi State University Bulldogs and later signed a pro football contract with the National Football League's Washington Redskins.

William Farris Jenkins of Kilmichael, Mississippi is a 1963 graduate of Holmes who has previously been named to the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame for his coaching accomplishments is being inducted for his two-year baseball career as a Bulldog. Jenkins furthered his education at Mississippi State University and went on to become a teacher and coach for over 40 years.

Don Wynne of Lexington, Mississippi is a 1967 Holmes Junior College graduate who was a basketball standout for the Bulldogs. Wynne competed as starting five both his freshman and sophomore years, was named to the Dean's Academic List, and to Who's Who in American Junior College. Wynne remained a Bulldog heading to Mississippi State University where he completed his Bachelor's degree in Business and currently runs his own business in Brandon, Sonny's Bar-B-Q.

Tickets to the Holmes Sports Hall of Fame dinner at the Frank Branch Coliseum cost \$20. The program begins 6 p.m. that Thursday evening. For more details, contact Hilliary O'Briant of the Alumni Affairs Office at 662-472-9134 or hobriant@holmescc.edu

MIKE KINNISON TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Benton native Mike Kinnison first made his mark as a student athlete at Holmes Junior College and continued it through the coaching ranks in Mississippi high schools and at Delta State University, where he is in his 20th season as Head Baseball Coach.

Since 1997, Kinnison has accomplished an unbelievable career record of 810-258-2. His all-time career record prior to the 2016 season, including high school, is an astounding 1,102-339-2. In 2004, he earned the ABCA National Coach of the Year award after leading the Statesmen to the program's first-ever NCAA Division II National Championship. He has been named Gulf South Coach of the Year six times and appropriately named Coach of the Decade by the GSC in 2010. Kinnison has guided the Statesmen to the 2004 NCAA national title, five College World Series appearances, 10 NCAA South Regional appearances, 11 GSC Western Division titles, five NCAA South/South Central Regional championships and five Gulf South Conference titles.

Before taking over the reigns as Head Coach, Kinnison served as an assistant coach for three seasons under Bill Marchant and helped lead the Statesmen to the GSC Championships and the World Series. Before returning to his alma mater, Kinnison was an accomplished high school coach in Mississippi coaching at Lee Academy, Jackson Prep and Madison Central. He claimed three Mississippi Private School Association State Championships at Jackson Prep.

Kinnison was a standout baseball player at Holmes Junior College. After Holmes, he attended Delta State, where he received both his bachelor's and master's degrees. At DSU, Kinnison played shortstop for Coach Dave "Boo" Ferriss from 1977-1978. Kinnison garnered ABCA Second Team All-American honors during the 1978 season. Kinnison currently holds the single season record for doubles (25-tied) and previously held the record for most games played (62) in a season.

Kinnison is a member of the Holmes Community College and Delta State University Athletic Halls of Fame, the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools and the Crossroads Diamond Club Halls of Fame and is set to be inducted into the Mississippi Community and Junior College Sports Hall of Fame on April 26. He and his wife, Cindy, have two daughters, Mary Claire and Kate.



FACULTY STAFF ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Carla Ross, Grenada Campus Librarian
Carla Ross graduated from Holmes Junior College in 1979 and made her mark during her two years on the Goodman Campus. Miss HJC, Homecoming Maid, Freshman and Sophomore Favorite, Hall of Fame member, and Civitan Club officer are just a few of her accomplishments as a Bulldog. Ross met her husband, Ken, at Holmes. He was a standout basketball player while Ross was a member of the cheerleading squad. Her father, Carl Cooper, served on the Holmes Community College Board of Trustees for 31 years. Ross' mother and father were both educators and she followed close in their footsteps graduating from Delta State University in Elementary Education. Thankfully, Ross' career path brought her back to Holmes as librarian of the Grenada Campus. During her 10 years at the Grenada Campus, she has enjoyed helping with various Phi Theta Kappa projects such as obesity, cyber bullying,

recycling, and Shop Grenada First. These projects required in depth research in order to develop a solution to the problem at hand. Ross believes these projects ignited her passion for research and she has since branched out and tackled many personal research endeavors. Her most recent project, sponsored by the Holmes Development Foundation, was "Glenwild: The making of the 1920's 'Show Place of the South'". Ross enjoys teaching the students who come through the Grenada Campus Library how to connect the dots and research properly. "I throw my heart into everything I do," said Ross. "One of my favorite parts of my job here, is helping the students learn more about research and what the Library can do for them." Carla and Ken have two children, one grandchild and reside in Grenada.