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## Hallie Murtagh crowned Homecoming Queen 2017

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Holmes Community College's annual Homecoming event was held on Saturday, Oct. 21 on the Goodman Campus. The theme was "Bringing it Back to Holmes," and Homecoming included alumni brunches for each decade. This year's football game against Northeast Community College ended in a 51-49 victory for the Bulldogs.

At halftime, the 2017 Homecoming Court was presented and Hallie Murtagh of Holmes County was crowned queen. Escorting Murtagh was her fiancé, Bailey Rutledge. Other members of the court included students from all three campuses.

From the Goodman Campus, court members were: Freshman Maid Alexis Jones and her escort Nykeem Liddell; Freshman Maid Tori Haymer and her escort R'Shunti R. Pertee; Sophomore Maid Juliet Warriner and her escort Sam Hudson; Sophomore Maid Shelby Turner and her escort Miguel Garcia and Student Body Maid Deonna Carter and her escort Jaylon Townson.

From the Ridgeland Campus, court members included: Freshman Maid Bailey Hudson and her escort Baylee Jones; Freshman Maid Adrianna Watkins and her escort Slade Allgood; Sophomore Maid Johnna Davis and her escort Hayden Varner; Sophomore



Pictured is the **2017 Holmes Community College Homecoming Hallie Murtagh** with (left to right) Holmes President **Dr. Jim Haffey**; Hallie's father, **Johnny Murtagh**; her fiancé, **Bailey Rutledge**; Alumni Council President **Gene Richardson** and Alumni Council Vice President **James Young**.

Maid Michelle Patton and her escort Antonia Benson and Student Body Maid Carleigh Achee and her escort Davis Edwards.

Grenada Campus maids and escorts were: Freshman Maid Anna Bradlie Blair and her escort Luke Womble;

Freshman Maid Macie Craddock and her escort Aubrey Goss; Sophomore Maid Sierra Anderson and her escort Duncan Dees; Sophomore Maid Danielle Mitchell and her escort Gabriel Lewis and Student Body Maid Ashlee Bennett and her escort Will Tartt.

The Homecoming activities for the day begin with the alumni reunion brunch followed by a softball alumni game at 9:30 a.m. There was also a football class of 1965 reunion, a baseball inter-squad game, an art department open house and a basketball scrimmage.

Attendees enjoyed lunch in The Grove with the musical stylings of the Holmes Steel Drum Band as well as separate performances by the Coachmen singers and the Connection! show choir.

Holmes also recognized this year's Alumnus of the Year Al Hankins along with the Distinguished Service Award recipient Hayes Branscome; Young Alumnus of the Year Xan Barksdale and Veteran of the Year James C. Foster. An Honoree Recognition Ceremony was held the morning and they were each recognized pre-game on the football field, as well.

Another highlight of the festivities included the Homecoming Parade, which lead the crowd to the high-energy Pep Rally in the main parking lot. From there, fans entered the stadium for a night of beautiful dresses, musical performances by the Coachmen and Marching Band, and a victorious football game by the Bulldogs.

## Math instructor reflects on cancer journey

*From Staff Reports/Photos*



**IN THIS PHOTO:** Pictured is **Heather Wood** with her husband, **James**.

At 27 years old, you expect life changes to occur as you near the end of one decade and look forward to the next. For some, those changes include marriage, birth of a child, job promotions or building a house. For Heather Wood, a mathematics instructor on the Holmes Community College Grenada Campus, it was being diagnosed with breast cancer.

"It was October of 2013, and I just happened to find a knot on my breast," Wood said. "When I first spoke with the doctor, he asked her if the lump was the size of a small pea. When I told him it was actually the size of a large grape, he told me to come in for an appointment as soon as I could."

A week later, an ultrasound and biopsy revealed that Wood had Stage II Invasive Ductal Carcinoma. She underwent treatment at Jackson Oncology which included eight rounds of chemotherapy, a double mastectomy and reconstruction and then four more rounds of chemo.

"The diagnosis was such a surprise because cancer does not run in my family," Wood said. "My whole family was shocked, especially since I was only 27."

To help raise awareness for breast cancer, the Holmes Grenada Campus is having a "Pink Out Day" on Tuesday, Oct. 24. Faculty, staff and students will wear their pink in honor or in memory of a loved one who has battled this disease.

A native of Grenada, Wood has

been a part of the Holmes family since 2004. From 2004-2006, she was a student on the Holmes Goodman Campus, where she was active in student life. Wood was an Ambassador, a member of Phi Theta Kappa and captain of the cheerleading squad. After graduating from Holmes, she earned a bachelor's and master's from Mississippi State University and worked at East Mississippi Community College for three years.

Today, Wood teaches on the Grenada Campus and also teaches tumbling classes at Charisma Dance Company. She and her husband have three labs whom she refers to as "our children," and are expecting a baby girl, Laura Felicity, in December.

Wood currently visits her oncologist every four to six months for check-ups. She encourages women to do self-examinations and get their regular check-ups.

"The life experience was neat," Wood said. "I got to experience things most people don't experience like hair loss. The people you meet that you wouldn't have met. Even the pain-

ful experiences are still experiences. They put me in menopause. I got to feel what it's like to go in and out of menopause. I could relate to older people and the daily struggle they have trying to get around. One of my chemo drugs affected my nerves. Sometimes it was like I was an 80-year-old woman trying to get around. My hands would shake and my muscles wouldn't always contract."

Despite the hardships Wood endured, she also felt like this journey made her stronger and strengthened her spirituality in a powerful way.

"I felt like God chose me out of my three other sisters to be the one to have this experience. It was an honor that He knew I was strong enough to handle it. I am not saying God gave me cancer, but He allowed it to happen. If you say God didn't allow it then you are essentially saying God wasn't powerful enough to stop it. Overall, I thought the cancer process was a great one."

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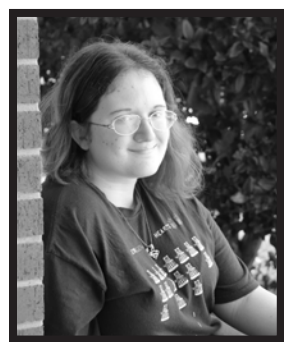
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## Why “The Good Doctor” is worth watching

By Liz Howell  
Growl Editor



ABC’s new show, “The Good Doctor,” has been playing for five weeks now and has already been declared as the Number One Drama on network television. According to vulture.com, The Good Doctor is “the most-watched series — new or returning — in the time period since CSI: Miami in 2006–07.” Why is this?

“The Good Doctor” depicts the struggles of Shaun Murphy as the first

autistic resident surgeon at San Jose St. Bonaventure Hospital. Despite his savant knowledge of the human anatomy, his superiors discriminate against him because of his autism and struggles to understand basic communication skills. Both funny and heartfelt, the show is one of the first to accurately depict autism without mocking those on the spectrum.

“It makes me mad,” one viewer said. “He’s so sweet, and they treat him so badly. I wish they’d just treat him like a normal person.”

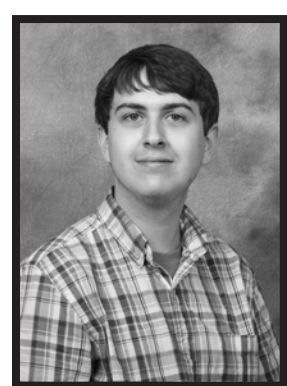
Dr. Murphy, portrayed by Freddie Highmore, doesn’t see his autism as a disability. He is hyper-aware that he does not perceive the world as the neurotypical characters do, but he doesn’t

let that stop him.

“The Good Doctor” allows other autistic people — people like me — to hope that one day, we will be accepted as just as important to society as other people are. In the words of Murphy’s mentor, Dr. Aaron Glassman (played by Richard Schiff):

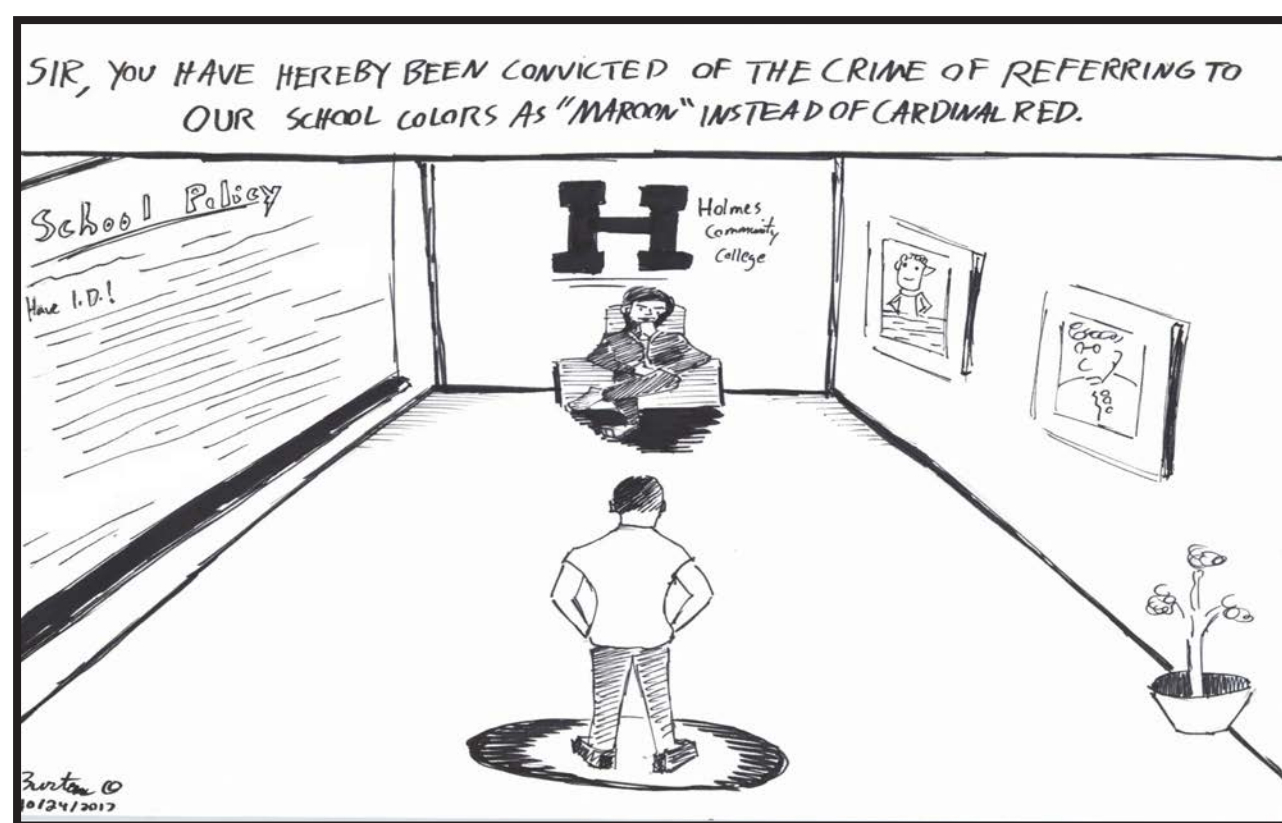
“Aren’t we judged by how we treat people? I don’t mean as doctors. I mean as people. Especially those who don’t have the same advantages that we have. We hire Shaun and we give hope to those people with limitations that those limitations are not what they think they are. That they do have a shot! We hire Shaun and we make this hospital better for it. We hire Shaun and we are better people for it.”

With an 8.4 on IMDb and a 9.2 on TV.com, ‘The Good Doctor’ has won Americans over. As a viewer and an autistic person, I would highly recommend it to anyone either looking for a new show to watch or trying to understand autistic people better.



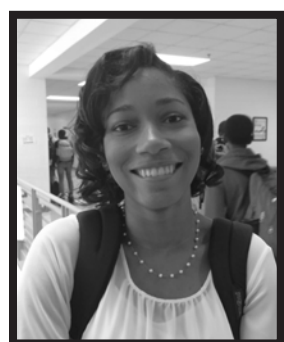
By Ethan Burton  
Growl Cartoonist

## Shade



## #metoo

By Kanisha Wade  
Growl Reporter



Over the last two weeks, more than 40 women have accused Harvey Weinstein of sexual harassment or assault. Many women have taken to

twitter with the hashtag #metoo to tell their story.

The #metoo movement did not just start in the past two weeks, it started

more than ten years ago. It was started by Tarana Burke. At the time, she was a youth worker when she met a girl named Heaven.

At a youth camp, they had an all-girl bonding session, where several of the girls shared intimate stories about their lives. Burke sat and listened to the stories and comforted the girls. The adults advised the young women to reach out to the youth workers if they wanted to talk some more. The next day Heaven asked to speak to Burke privately. Heaven struggled to tell Burke about her “stepdaddy”, her mom’s boyfriend, was doing all

sorts of things to her developing body. Burke horrified by her words, cut her off and directed her toward another female youth worker.

Burke says, “I will never forget the look on her face. The shock of being rejected, the pain of opening a wound only to have it abruptly forced closed again- it was all on her face. I couldn’t muster the energy to tell her I understood, that I connected, that I could feel her pain.”

Burke couldn’t bring herself to whisper the words me too the Heaven. Burke said that conversation with Heaven motivated her to start the #me-

too movement.

#metoo movement is not just two little words put together behind a hashtag, it’s a statement, it’s comfort.



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## Is Halloween Evil or Just Innocent Fun?

By Malik Jamileh  
Growl Reporter



It's that time of year again students. You know, your pumpkin spice lattes, jack-o-lanterns, spooky outfits and a night where you get to tap into your dark side. That's right, I'm talking about Halloween. Now in the Bible belt many of you may have grown up with the notion that this is the "devil's birthday" or the day of evil. Many families forbid their chil-

dren to be apart of this holiday because of its 'wickedness'. Or maybe it is just the expensive costumes? So to understand Halloween, we will have to look at its history.

The earliest origins of Halloween root from the 2,000-year-old ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. This pagan group would practice their new year on Nov. The Celts associated human death and poor crops with the end of summer and the cold harvest to sweep over. They held the belief that the day before the New Year was a line between our world and the underworld blurred, allowing creatures and ghost

to mix with our world. Many believed making big fires and dressing up in costumes would scare off whatever passed the boundary. They would offer sacrifices to the fire and make predictions and tell prophecies of the future.

It was not until 43 A.D. the Roman Empire took control of Celtic lands adopting their holiday into their own. By 609 A.D. pope Boniface IV recognized the day nationally as Martyr's Day adopting it into the Christian faith. The church attempted to overshadow the origin by making it a church holiday to remember the dead on Nov. 2. Now that you're informed, what do



you think? Could Halloween be just the product of fear from the supernatural or is it really a night you sell your soul? Regardless, who does not like candy?

## Sing: The movie review

By Chandler Garrett  
Growl Reporter



From the creators of "Despicable Me," Universal Pictures and Illumination Entertainment are proud to present "Sing." "Sing" is full of heartwarming moments. The beginning felt a bit sluggish. Toward the middle act of the movie, "Sing" felt a high change in tone. The drama that was built up toward disaster. Every movie needs a disaster and the disaster was some-

thing. It leads to a fantastic ending.

I could not stop smiling from how well thought out the ending was. I enjoyed it more than I thought I would. For those who love musicals, animated movies, or just wanting to feel happy about something, "Sing" is the movie worth checking out.

## Thor: Ragnarok is a go-see

By David Randall  
Growl Reporter



"Thor: Ragnarok" is the third movie in the Thor franchise, and is directed by Taika Waititi, who also directed

"What we do in the Shadows." Chris Hemsworth reprises his role as Thor, with appearances from Hulk (Mark Ruffalo) and The Grandmaster (Jeff Goldblum). This movie was hilarious, from beginning to end; nothing but a laugh fest. It also has great action and great character development. Taika Waititi said in an interview that 80 percent of the movie was improvised and I can see that clearly. I've never laughed harder at an MCU film, and after the first two Thor movies were disappointing, to say the least, I completely agree with the tone change, and with the way they went about it.

I honestly found no problems from the first viewing of this movie; each character stole the show in their own way. Cate Blanchett is a very memorable villain, and that's amazing, consid-

ering the fact that the MCU hasn't had very memorable villains. The plot of this movie also does a very good job in setting up Thor for the next Avengers' film, "Infinity War." This movie left me wanting a fourth Thor movie, and I think that most would agree with me.

### Characters

Hemsworth is amazing as Thor, again. He has always done well with the role, but after this movie, he elevates it to a new level. Ruffalo comes back as Hulk, and he is given a lot more meaning, and his character is advanced and moved to a different direction that was very much needed. Tom Hiddleston also comes back as Thor's brother Loki, and there isn't much that can be said on him, because he always

does great with the role. Blanchett, like I said, gives a very memorable portrayal of Hella, The Goddess of Death, which was needed for the MCU, because they haven't had too many memorable villains. I can confidently say that each character played their part to on the dot and didn't let up.

### Conclusion

Go see this movie. Even if you don't like superhero movies or the MCU, go see it. I can confidently say that you will enjoy the movie as I did. The comedy is pure genius, and the characters all do an amazing job. This movie ranks high on my personal MCU favorites, and I'm sure that it will rank high on yours too.

I give "Thor: Ragnarok" a 5/5 stars.

## Is Sexual Abuse Inevitable?

By Malik Jamileh  
Growl Reporter



Sexual accusations are nothing new, especially not for Hollywood.

But just how common is it? Studies reveal 1 out of every 6 woman have

experienced sexual assault of some kind. Every 98 seconds sexual assault occurs in the United States. A hash tag with the words "me too" has trended on twitter to highlight how many people have been assaulted, being shared more than 34 thousand times. If you do not feel sick yet, the numbers get worse. Studies show that 11.2 percent of all students around the world will experience some type of sexual harassment or rape on campus.

So how can you help? Every college student has heard about someone be-

ing abused, seen it, or even experienced it. You may think sexual assault is out of your hands but we can do a big part by getting victims to speak up. Show support to those you know have been affected and let them know they are not alone.

Lets stop this nightmare by being aware of our surroundings and looking out for others at public gatherings. It is time to teach victims they should not

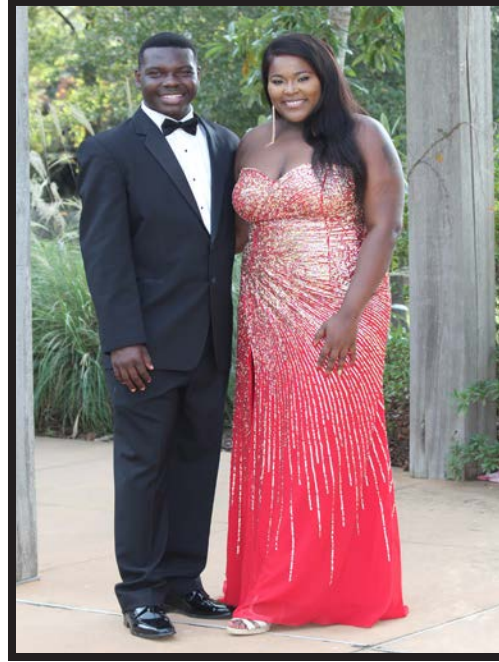


be ashamed to speak up and instead let them do the shamming. It is time for the school council to address the issue and let the victims know this behavior is not tolerated.

# Homecoming Court 2017



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## A Look at Homecoming Day

*From Staff Reports/Photos*



(left to right) Alumnus of the Year Al Hankins, Distinguished Service Award Recipient Hayes Branscome, Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey and Young Alumnus of the Year Xan Barksdale are introduced on the field pre-game.



(left to right) President Dr. Jim Haffey presents a plaque to the 2017 Veteran of the Year James C. Foster.



Reilly Carr poses for a photo with Major (Holmes' mascot) at the Mingle with Major tent.



The Holmes Cheerleaders get the crowd pumped up.



Bully gets the crowd excited.  
*Photo by Emma Gibson.*



Head Coach Jeff Koonz leads the players out onto the field.



Connection! showchoir performs in McDaniel Auditorium.



The Coachmen singers perform the "National Anthem" just before kick-off.



The Holmes Lady Bulldogs Softball Team played a team composed of softball alumnae. Pictured are the former and current Lady Bulldogs.



(left to right) President Dr. Jim Haffey presents Baseball Coach Kenny Dupont a bat in honor of his 500th win at Holmes.



The Coachmen singers perform in McDaniel Hall.



The Jazz Band performs in the Grove during lunch on Homecoming Day.



Pictured is Holmes Quarterback Jesse Wilson, a freshman from Vicksburg.



The Holmes Marching Band led the way for the 2017 Homecoming Parade.



Homecoming Queen Hallie Murtagh smiles as she rides in the Homecoming Parade.



The Holmes Cheerleaders run the flag to pump up the crowd after a touchdown.

## Get2College taps three students for internship program

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are Holmes Phi Theta Kappa members (left to right) **Ashlee Bennett, Johnna Davis** and **Hallie Westbrook**.

Three Holmes Community College students, Ashlee Bennett of Grenada, Johnna Davis of Flora and Hallie Westbrook of Pickens, were chosen for the new Get2College intern scholarship program in partnership with Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK). These three ladies are all members of Phi Theta Kappa chapters; Bennett on the Holmes Grenada Campus, Davis on the Ridgeland Campus and Westbrook in Goodman.

The three Holmes students were among the 18 chosen from eligible community colleges and universities across the state. As Get2College Corps members, they will be awarded \$5,000 (\$2,500 per semester) to assist high school students and their families with FAFSA completion and state financial aid applications. They will carry out these duties over the course of a 10-week period during the school year, from October to March, 2017-18.

A program of the nonprofit Wood-

ward Hines Education Foundation, Get2College is a statewide resource for college admission and financial aid advice. The program offers students and their families options to help them plan, prepare and pay for college. Free counseling service centers are available in Jackson, Ocean Springs and Southaven, and the new model college access program delivers intensive counseling services in a small number of select schools.

Bennett, a sophomore biological science major, is a graduate of Winona Christian School. Her honors and activities at Holmes include Freshman Class Favorite, Freshman Homecoming Maid, Grenada Student Body Homecoming Maid, Ambassador, Student Government Association president, Phi Theta Kappa president and Writing Center tutor. Bennett also tutors outside of Holmes and volunteers for Hudspeth Regional Center, helping developmentally-delayed adults with

recreational and learning skills.

"Ashlee is a natural leader and encouraging mentor to her fellow students," said Grenada Campus Phi Theta Kappa adviser Amber Mabus. "She is very deserving of this honor, and I have no doubt that she will shine in her new position as a student intern with Get2 College."

"When I heard about this internship I knew it was something I was interested in," Bennett said. "I will be traveling to different high schools as well as helping at my college for FAFSA Fridays. I love to go out and help incoming students because I was once in their position. This internship is a great honor and I am so excited to see what the future holds for me with Get2College!"

Davis, a sophomore social work major, is a graduate of Tri-County Academy. Her honors and activities at Holmes include Freshman Homecoming Maid, Ridgeland Student Body Maid, Ambassador, Student Government Association sophomore representative and Phi Theta Kappa vice president of outreach. Davis is also a member of First Baptist Church of Flora and plans to attend Mississippi State University in the fall of 2018.

"The Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter is so pleased that one of our members, Johnna Davis, has been chosen to represent Holmes through the FAFSA Completion program," said Blair Booker, a Phi Theta Kappa adviser in Ridgeland. "We are certain that Johnna will be a valuable asset to the program

and we look forward to hearing about its success."

Westbrook is a sophomore President's List scholar double-majoring in architectural engineering tech and accounting. Last year she served as president of the SkillsUSA officer team that placed third in the nation at the National SkillsUSA competition in June. She is currently serving as vice president of the Kappa Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and serves as a work-study student for the Office of Financial Aid. Prior to Holmes, Westbrook was homeschooled by her parents from kindergarten through 12th grade. She has been a member of the Pickens Presbyterian Church since she was 13 and participated heavily in 4-H for almost nine years.

"There could not have been a better recipient from our chapter than Westbrook to be chosen for this honor, said Will Alexander, a Goodman Campus Phi Theta Kappa adviser. "She embodies all four of the Phi Theta Kappa Hallmarks (Leadership, Fellowship, Service and Scholarship) and is a role model for role models. I am extremely pleased that she was chosen for this honor: Westbrook is a young lady who not only represents our chapter and college well, but who is also constantly pursuing excellence in all of her endeavors."

For more information about the Get2College program, visit <https://get2college.org/>.

## FASFA Fridays now available for financial aid assistance

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College Office of Financial Aid will host "FASFA Fridays" in the Trek Center from 9 - 11:30 a.m. on every campus each Friday beginning Nov. 3. This service is for current Holmes students as well as high school students and their parents.

FAFSA, or The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, is a form that can be prepared annually by current and prospective college students (undergraduate and graduate) to determine their eligibility for student federal financial aid. For Holmes' FASFA Fri-

days, appointments are not necessary; students will get help on a first come, first serve basis. FASFA Fridays will be held weekly with the exception of the Fridays during Thanksgiving and Christmas Break, which are Nov. 24 and Dec. 15, 22 and 29.

For more information about FASFA Fridays, contact the Office of Financial Aid on the campus you attend or plan to attend.

## Holmes ranks No. 2 best community college by online site

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College has been ranked the #2 best community college in the United States in terms of "Best Value" by AffordableCollegesOnline.com (ACO), a leader in higher education information, resources and rankings. The college was ranked for standing out in both quality and affordability.

ACO generated the rankings by analyzing cost and quality metrics of thousands of U.S. community colleges with online degree programs. To view

the rankings, visit: <http://www.affordablecolleges.com/rankings/affordable-online-community-colleges/>.

"Our goal at AffordableColleges.com is to help prospective students find schools and programs that match their educational interests while still being affordable," said Katelyn Whitaker, public relations coordinator for ACO.

According to [www.affordablecolleges.com](http://www.affordablecolleges.com), 11 data points comprise the unique rankings algorithm that drives AffordableColleges.com's value score. The first four involve financial metrics, including the tuition, the number of students receiving financial aid, the average net price students pay and the loan default rate. The next five metrics include enrollment rate, full-time retention rate, graduation rate, the student: faculty ratio and the admissions rate, which is calculated by taking the number of students who were accepted to the school and dividing it by the total number of applications. Finally, the last two metrics used to rank the

schools were the number of programs offered and the percentage of students taking at least one online course.

"It is very meaningful to offer an affordable, quality education to the students in our nine district counties and beyond through eLearning," said Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey. "Holmes continues to receive awards and prestigious rankings because of our hard-working eLearning faculty and staff. They keep the college up-to-date on the latest trends in technology and innovation in online learning, and I am very grateful for the work they all do."

Currently, 91 percent of students at Holmes receive financial aid. The Office of Financial Aid administers a variety of programs to assist in meeting student financial needs, including Federal and State financial aid programs, student loans, state scholarships and Federal Work-Study.

Holmes is part of the Mississippi Virtual Community College

(MSVCC), and offers classes via the Internet platform Canvas. Courses are offered both by Holmes instructors and through other instructors in the MSVCC. Although a number of options are offered, including regular semester courses, four-week courses, and eight-week courses, the eLearning Department offers to customize schedules for interested students if they do not see a class they need. At this time, Holmes offers 48 online programs.

A multi-campus institution, Holmes offers the Associate of Arts degree, Associate of Applied Science degree, technical and career certificates and workforce training. The college now offers more than 50 academic majors, approximately 30 professional programs and a variety of student support services. Holmes is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

## Attala Center implements MI-BEST program

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are some of Holme' Mi-Best students - Carolyn Russell, Shaniqua Washington, Ruth Dickens, Frank Sandifer, Tonya Williams, Christopher Brown, Curran Upshaw, Alyssa Hays, Amber Hays, Summer Wills, Cari Dean, Desiree Myers, Avery Gilbert, Jade Ervin, Clint Miller, Thelma Winters, Mercedes Brown, and Angelina Estes. Nathan Hutchison, Tommy Trussel, Teresa Trussel, Instructors, and Christi Morgan, Navigator.

The Holmes Community College Attala Center has implemented a program called MI-BEST (Mississippi Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training) which is an accelerated

approach to the instruction of skills training and workplace preparation. There is no cost for tuition for students who qualify for this program. MI-BEST is an innovative training

program dedicated to preparing individuals who need help with foundational skills for careers by mixing career training with additional support for math, writing and reading inside the classroom. This student-first approach gives participants the skills they need to succeed in school and compete in the workforce by working on technical and basic skills education while providing support services to students through instructors and navigators. The navigator and instructor work to help students to complete college paperwork; provide general support; develop plans for students to meet goals; track student progress; conduct interest inventories and skill assessments; assist with resume writing, job search activities and career counseling and make referrals as needed.

The Attala Center offers MI-BEST Pathway opportunities in welding and business office technology. Both pathways are two-year programs. MI-BEST funds assist with tuition, books,

fees, travel or other program-related expenses. Students can earn up to 15 college credit hours while also obtaining their High School Equivalency (HSE). Christi Morgan, HCC Navigator states, "We have students from all walks of life. Many of our students, for a variety of reasons, never finished high school. MI-BEST offers them a second chance â€" a chance to complete their education, a chance to go to college and become successful employees and productive citizens of our communities. So far we have about ten students who have successfully completed their HSE through the MI-BEST program. We expect many more to follow. Several have already enrolled in Holmes Community College- Goodman Campus as full-time students seeking a degree. The MI-BEST program is definitely changing lives."

For more information on the MI-BEST Program contact the Holmes Community College Attala Center at (662) 290.0808.

## MARL event at Holmes yields animal adoptions

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are (left) Holmes student **Breanna Moss** with **Snowflake**, her newly-adopted puppy, and (right) **Stephanie Wood**, district graphic designer for Holmes, with **Stella**, her newly-adopted boxer.

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, and Wednesday, Oct. 4, the Mississippi Animal Rescue League (MARL) brought puppies to the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus and as a result, three were adopted.

Stephanie Wood, the district-wide graphic designer at Holmes, adopted Stella, a sweet 1-year-old boxer.

"Our family had been considering adopting a dog since our beloved Boxer, Huey, passed away almost two years ago," Wood said. "When I saw Stella, I knew she would be perfect for us. We were happy to give her a new home, and thankful to MARL for all

they do for these sweet fur babies!"

Breanna Moss, a freshman from Yazoo City, adopted a small white mixed breed puppy, only a few months old, whom she named Snowflake.

"I didn't come out here today planning to adopt a pet," Moss said. But I was out here, maybe two seconds, when I saw her and thought, 'I've got to have her!'"

Two more furry ones gained new owners, as well. One of the dogs brought to campus Tuesday, a German shepherd puppy, was adopted by an anonymous Holmes student at MARL's shelter following the event.

Then, on Wednesday, a stray kitten that wandered onto campus was brought over to where MARL was set up and adopted soon after.

The event, called "Stress Paws-er," was organized by Student Activities Coordinator Amanda Lindsey and the student Ambassadors. held to give students, faculty and staff an opportunity to take a "paws" in their day and pet some puppies for stress relief. During the two-day event, the MARL coordinators had adoption paperwork on hand, as well as information for those interested in volunteering.

"I came up with name idea of 'Stress-Paws-er' because it's the one thing we wish we could do during midterms...PAUSE and take a breather," said Ambassador Slade Allgood. "Plus, puppies always make stressful situations better."

"I just love the idea of puppies being able to get adopted, and for them to be able de-stress the students during midterms," said Savannah Collins, another one of the Ambassadors. "It was just a fun time, and I really appreciate MARL for all they did. I cannot wait for us to be able to do it again in the future."

MARL is private, 501©3 nonprofit

corporation dedicated to the prevention of cruelty to animals. The open admission shelter, chartered in 1969, takes every animal brought to them and is the largest full-service animal welfare organization in Central Mississippi. The organization takes in and cares for approximately 13,000 animals a year, including horses, and works with animals from 15 city and municipality animal controls, including Ridgeland, Madison, Pearl, Flowood, Brandon, Clinton and Vicksburg. The center is located at 5221 Greenway Drive Ext. in Jackson.

"I want to extend a big thank you to my friends at the Mississippi Animal Rescue League for hanging out on the Ridgeland Campus," Lindsey said. "Students put a "paws" on stress and some walked away with adoptions! I was literally jumping up and down for every adoption. That stray kitten certainly picked the perfect day to walk on campus. She now has the sweetest owner. These fur babies were so well behaved. I urge everyone to please consider adopting!"

For more information on how to adopt from or volunteer with MARL, call (601) 969.1631 or visit [www.msarl.org](http://www.msarl.org).

## Diffey wins chili cook-off, Hayward design contest at Pink-O-Ween

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured (left) is **Stephanie Diffey** receiving her trophy from Goodman Campus Director **Andy Wood**.

Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness Stephanie Diffey took first place in the Pink-O-Ween chili cook-off held on Friday, Oct. 27, in the Grove on the Goodman Campus.

The Pink-O-Ween event is part of Holmes' recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Everyone had the opportunity to taste and vote for their favorite chili to determine the People's Choice Award for Best Chili.

In addition to the chili competition, Holmes students, faculty and staff had an opportunity to buy Pink-O-Ween t-shirts. Students enrolled in Jerry Har-

ris' Design I course submitted artwork for this year's Pink-O-Ween T-shirt design in conjunction with the Goodman Campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa's College Project.

Alexa Hayward, a freshman art major from Winona, was selected as this year's first place recipient in the contest.

Proceeds from t-shirt sales were donated to the American Cancer Society.

Pictured (right) is **Alexa Hayward's design** that was selected for the Pink-O-Ween t-shirts.



## Grenada Campus “Pinks Out” for breast cancer awareness

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Grenada Campus Student Government Organization organized a “Pink Out Day” on Oct. 24. Faculty, staff and students came dressed in pink for breast cancer awareness and SGA also did face painting.

Pictured (left) is the group photo of those who “pinked out.”

Pictured (right) are (left to right) SGA President **Ashlee Bennett** and **Faith Blankenship** showing off their breast cancer awareness face paint.



## Phi Theta Kappa hosts Embryo Adoption Awareness event

From Staff Reports/Photos



**Dr. John Isaacs**, reproductive endocrinology and infertility specialist at UMMC’s Women’s Specialty Care, explains the IVF process and embryo adoption.

The Holmes Community College Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa hosted an Embryo Adoption Awareness Event in the McGowan Workforce Training Center Auditorium on the Ridgeland Campus Thursday,

Oct. 19, from 6-8 p.m. The two key speakers were Dr. John Isaacs, reproductive endocrinology and infertility specialist, and Ashley Pittman, J.D, LL.M., an attorney specializing in reproductive and infertility law. The event was free and open to the public.

A physician at Women’s Specialty Care (part of University of Mississippi Medical Center), Dr. Isaacs gave an overview of infertility causes and treatments, detailing the IVF process and embryo adoption. Pittman discussed the legal process of adopting embryos, explaining several embryo adoption options and associated costs.

“Phi Theta Kappa officers and members have spent the last few months studying this topic and are proud of the expert speakers they secured for this even,” said Erin Renfroe, one of the Phi Theta Kappa advisers. “According to our research, only about 2,000 babies are born through embryo adoption in the United States. That is

about .0005 percent of the population. Regardless of these statistics, our Phi Theta Kappa group found a mother of one of these special babies, Alisa Roost, to speak to us.”

Roost gave birth to a son whom she conceived via embryo adoption. She shared at the Embryo Adoption Awareness Event via Zoom video conferencing. Additionally, her son’s genetic donor, Jennifer Vesbit, joined the event via Zoom from Oregon. Vesbit underwent IVF and gave birth to twins. Several years later, she donated her remaining embryo to Roost, which makes Vesbit’s twins and Roost’s son full biological siblings.

“We are thrilled that these women were willing to share the emotions they experienced through their journeys with our students and community,” Renfroe said.

The event included personal testimonials from Erin Murray, an expectant mother in Florida whose adopted,

anonymously-donated embryo is due early next year, as well as Renfroe, who was a patient of Dr. Isaacs’ and now has two sons.

A Q & A session followed the speakers’ presentations and light refreshments were served following the event, as well.

The current officers for Phi Theta Kappa, largely responsible for putting this event together, include: Slade Allgood, president; Mackenzie Dana-her, vice president of college projects; Lydia Allen, vice president of Hallmark Awards; Johnna Davis, co-vice president of outreach; Sarah Donahoo, co-vice president of outreach and Melanie Owah, participating member.

For more information about the Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter (housed on the Holmes Ridgeland Campus), contact either Booker at [bbooker@holmescc.edu](mailto:bbooker@holmescc.edu) or (601) 605.3304 or Renfroe at [erenfroe@holmescc.edu](mailto:erenfroe@holmescc.edu) or (601) 605.3393.

## Holmes hosted Annual District High School Art Competition

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured is the Best in Show piece, “**Flowerworks**,” painted by **Abbie Gulland** of Germantown High School in Madison.

The Holmes Community College Goodman Campus Art Department recently hosted the Annual District High School “Postcard” Art Competition. High Schools from Holmes’ nine district counties participated, and an Open House was held on Saturday, Oct. 21, during Holmes Home-

coming.

“We would like to thank all the participating High Schools from our nine-county district,” said Fine Arts Department Chair Jay Cheatham.

“Again, this year we had a wonderful turn out and for the opening at Homecoming. I’m thankful for all the students who submitted their artwork and all the art instructors who made this possible.”

Abbie Gulland from Germantown High School in Madison won Best in Show for her painting “**Flowerworks**.”

In the painting category, the winners were as follows: First Place, Kayla Hance for “**The Apple of My Eye**;” Second Place, Jacquellin Lee for “**Kickin’ Back**” and Third Place, Victoria Russell for “**Blinded by the Light**.” All of these winners were from Germantown High School.

In the drawing category, the winners

were as follows: First Place, John Godbold for “**Glassy Still Life**;” Second Place, Hailee Carollo for “**Flower of the Sun**” and Third Place, Caroline Pyron for “**You Got to Be Kitten Me**.” All of the drawing category winners were from Germantown, as well.

Finally, the mixed media winners were: First Place, Candace Barlow of Germantown for “**Surprise!!!**;” Second Place, Earnest Young of Yazoo County High School for “**Respite**” and Third Place, Kaylee McCurdy, also of Yazoo County, for “**Cotton**.”

For more information about the Holmes Art Department, contact Jay Cheatham at (662) 472.9097 or [jcheatham@holmescc.edu](mailto:jcheatham@holmescc.edu).

## Grenada SGA to hold Christmas Spirit Week

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Grenada Campus Student Government Association (SGA) is hosting a Christmas Spirit week Nov. 27-30. Each day students and staff can show their Christmas Spirit. SGA members will give out candy canes and other Christmas candy daily.

Monday will be “**Night before Christmas Day**” where everyone can wear their Christmas pajamas. Tuesday will be “**Tacky Christmas Sweater Day**” and Wednesday “**Holiday Hats Day**,” where everyone can sport their Santa or elf hats, reindeer ears or any

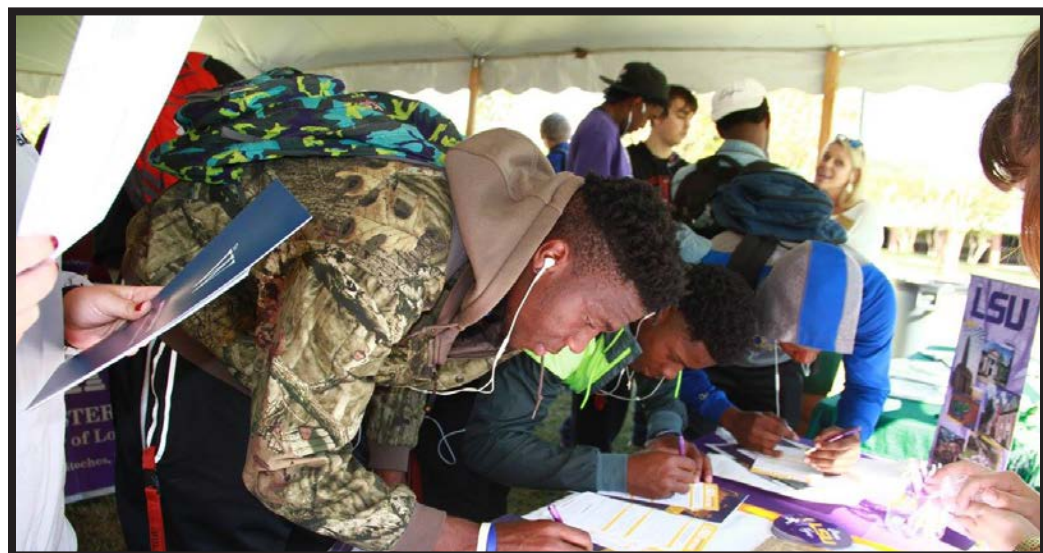
other creative Christmas headgear.

Finally, Thursday will be “**Candy Cane Chaos**,” which involves everyone wearing red and white.



## Goodman Campus holds Transfer Fair

*From Staff Reports/Photos*



Goodman Campus students fill out information cards at the LSU booth.

The Holmes Community College Goodman Campus held the 2017 University Transfer Fair in the Grove on Oct. 19. Twenty-three colleges and universities were on hand for the event.

Schools and organizations who participated included: The University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State University/Recruiting, Mississippi State University /Distance Education, Mississippi State University /Department of Education, The University of Mississippi / Department of Education, Louisiana State University, University of Mississippi Medical Center/School of Health Related Professions, The

University of Mississippi/Recruiting The University of Mississippi/ Grenada Campus, Jackson State University/Recruiting, Jackson State University/School of Lifelong Learning, Millsaps College, Army, Belhaven University, Alcorn State University, Mississippi University for Women, Northwestern State University, Texas College, Army National Guard, Delta State University/Recruiting, The University of Alabama, Mississippi College and Holmes Community College Career/Technical Programs.

## Ridgeland Campus holds Transfer Fair

*From Staff Reports/Photos*



(left to right) **Brian Brennan** from the University of Southern Mississippi speaks with **Regan Launius** about programs and scholarships at USM.

On Wednesday, Oct. 18, the Holmes Ridgeland Campus held a Transfer Fair in Ridgeland Hall.

Representatives from various four-year institutions and branches of military were present to discuss opportunities available for students. Organizations represented included: Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Grambling State University, Jackson State University, Louisiana State University, Millsaps College, Mississippi College, Mississippi National Guard, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Northwestern State University of Louisiana, Southeastern Louisiana University, Tougaloo College, University of Alabama, University of Mississippi,

University of Mississippi Medical Center, University of Southern Mississippi, U.S. Marines, U.S. Air Force, William Carey University and Xavier University of Louisiana.

## Grenada Campus holds Transfer Fair

*From Staff Reports/Photos*



The Holmes Grenada Campus held a College Transfer Fair on Nov. 2 in the Corey Forum from 9-11:30 a.m. Students had the opportunity to go by and visit with university transfer recruiters about programs and scholarship options. The universities present on campus included: Alcorn State University, Belhaven University, Delta

State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi Valley State University, the University of Mississippi, the University of Mississippi Grenada and the University of Southern Mississippi.

(left) Representatives from Alcorn State University share information with students at the Grenada Transfer Fair.

## Rotoract collects Angel Tree presents for The Home Place



The Rotoract service organization on the Ridgeland Campus is currently collecting Angel Tree presents for residents of The Home Place: A Retirement Community. Students, faculty and staff can stop by the Angel Tree, pick an angel and buy the gifts listed on the ornament.

Rotoract will accept Angel Tree gifts

Pictured are (left to right) Rotoract Adviser **Jennifer Smith** and Rotoract member **Presley Grillette** decorating the Angel Tree on Friday, Nov. 3.

through Dec. 1 and will deliver them to the residents of The Home Place soon after. Gifts should be brought to the library. For more information about Rotoract or the Angel Tree, contact Jennifer Smith at (601) 605.3303 or [jensmith@holmescc.edu](mailto:jensmith@holmescc.edu).

## Grenada Campus holds Fall Fest on Nov. 2

*From Staff Reports/Photos*

On Thursday, Nov. 2, the Holmes Grenada Campus held its annual Fall Fest. The fun-filled day included a rock wall, corn hole, oversized Jenga, yard pong, musical performances by students, face painting and more! The school's bulldog was on hand for students to "Mingle with Major," and Small Time Hot Dogs catered the event.



Students pose with the official Fall Fest t-shirts at the sign-in



Anna Bradlie Blair sings for the crowd at Fall Fest.



Student Activities Coordinator **Cynthia Abel** climbs the Rock Wall.



(left to right) **Hannah McCurdy** and **Emma Gibson** work the Phi Theta Kappa booth, while also taking photos at Fall Fest.



Students enjoy climbing the Rock Wall on Fall Fest.

## Ridgeland Campus holds Fall Fest on Oct. 26

*From Staff Reports/Photos*

On Oct. 26, the Ridgeland Campus held its Fall Fest. Organized by Student Activities Coordinator Amanda Lindsey and her Ambassadors and SGA, the event included refreshments from Backyard Burger, a cake walk, a giant Velcro soccer dartboard, a dance competition, video game booths, health screenings, pumpkin painting, petting zoos, corn hole, Jenga, fair games, a photo booth and more.



Occupational Therapist Assistant (OTA) students gather for a group photo at Fall Fest.



The giant Velcro soccer dartboard was a huge hit with students.



Spanish instructor **Ana Davenport** and Ambassador/SGA representative **Davis Edwards** stop for a photo with one of Edwards' chickens at Fall Fest. He brought his mobile petting zoo, Dave's Party Pals.



**i Create Creative Arts Club** DJed for Fall Fest, hosting the big dance competition.



Students enjoy mini pumpkin painting at the Phi Theta Kappa booth.

## Goodman Campus holds Halloween Dance

*Photos Submitted by Nykeem Liddell*

The Goodman Campus had a Halloween Dance in the Lorance Student Center at 9 p.m. on Oct. 31. Students wore their costumes to the dance.

Pictured are some of the Goodman Campus students who dressed up for the dance.



## HAVOC in Ridgeland holds Halloween Costume Contest

*From Staff Reports/Photos*

The HAVOC club on the Ridgeland Campus held a Halloween Costume Contest. HAVOC President Jesse Qualls presented the winner, Kirk Kimbrell, with a \$50 gift card to Van's

Comics and Cards. Barin von Foregger, Stephanie Wood and Davis Edwards served as judges.



(above) Pictured are some of the Ridgeland Campus students who participated in the Halloween Costume Contest.

(left) Pictured (center) is **Kirk Kimbrell** in his first-place costume as a "Fallout 4" character with members of HAVOC who helped out with the costume contest.

## Ridgeland faculty and staff celebrate Halloween

*From Staff Reports/Photos*

Ridgeland Campus faculty and staff held mini Halloween parties and dressed up to celebrate the day!



## Grenada SGA hosts Halloween costume contest

*From Staff Reports/Photos*

The Grenada Campus Student Government Association (SGA) showed their creativity for Halloween and held a Halloween costume contest. The winner was Phillip Sherman who dressed as Boba Fett from "Star Wars." He handmade his costume.

Students and staff enjoyed candy, cupcakes, popcorn and a lot of fun while showing off their most creative looks.

(left) Pictured (left to right) is SGA President Ashlee Bennett with the winner, Phillip Sherman.

(right) Pictured are some of the students who went all out for Halloween on the Grenada Campus.



(left) Pictured are some of the faculty and staff members who dressed up for Halloween.

(right) Pictured are (left to right) Human Resources Director **Julia Brown**, Grenada Vice President **Michelle Burney** and Grenada Director of Career-Tech **Larry Webster** and in their costumes.



## Ridgeland Campus PN program holds annual Culture Fest

*From Staff Reports/Photos*

The Ridgeland Campus practical nursing program, led by Dr. Lakesia Sutton and Heather Roberts, holds an event called Culture Fest each year. The students are divided into groups of 5-6 and they research a certain culture, then present about the food and health habits of that culture in class.

The students also prepare food from their assigned culture and bring it to share with their classmates, faculty and staff. This year, the cultures represented included: Chinese, Mexican, Southern, Muslim and Italian.



Pictured are (left to right) Sheena Max, Yolanda Funchess, Lisa Peterson, Danielle Floyd and Latrenza Thompson. These nursing students presented on the Chinese culture.



Pictured are (left to right) Tiera Mosley, Khorschuylar Williams, Briauna Shelton, Breauana Rawls, Ge'Khilyah Ray and Schleria Gross. These nursing students presented on the Mexican culture.



Pictured are (left to right) Hayley Ragan, Kristin Gordon, Clintnisa Broome and Zianmi Willis. These nursing students presented on Southern culture.



Pictured are (left to right) Kathy Yates, Madison Autry, Emily Mason, Erica Prince, Alexis Carney and Crystal King. These nursing students presented on Muslims' culture.



Pictured are (left to right) Chenequia Coleman, Asia Sandifer, Latonya Simmons, Monjineh Springer, Kayla Austin and Kimberly Davis. These nursing students presented on Italian culture.

## CLASSROOM THEATRICS: A TOUCH OF FLAVOR TO ACADEMIA

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## Student Spotlight

### Danielle Mitchell

**Hometown:** Grenada  
**Holmes Campus:** Grenada  
**Major:** Nursing  
**Post-Holmes plans:** I plan to attend Delta State University where I plan to pursue my nursing degree.  
**Career Ambition:** My ambition is to become a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner. Once I worked as a nurse for a while I plan to either open my own clinic or start teaching nursing school.  
**What are your hobbies?** My hobbies are to read, to dance and to complete do-it-yourself projects.  
**Special talent/skill/ something interesting:** I played piano for six years, I danced for four years, I was a cheerleader and I was in Girl Scouts. Now, I am an Ambassador, Sophomore Homecoming Maid and vice president of SGA.

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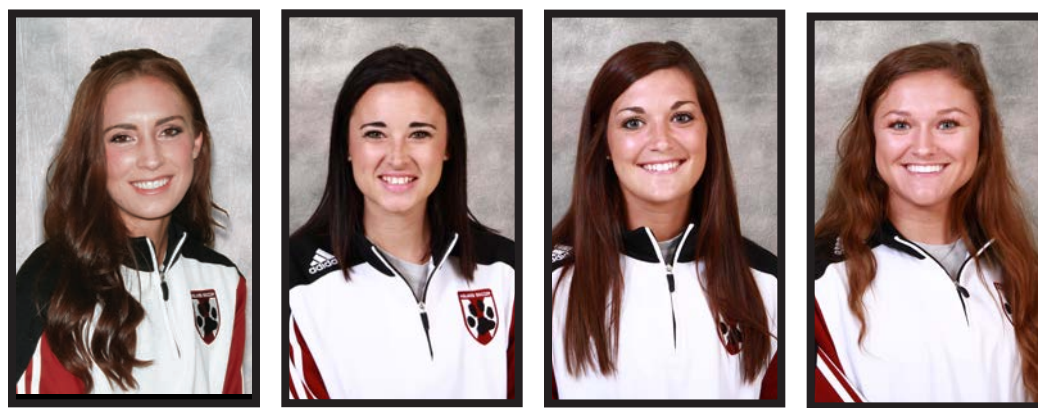
## Four Lady Bulldogs named MACJC All-Stars

*From Staff Reports/Photos*

Four members of the Holmes Community College women's soccer team have been named to the roster of the upcoming 2017 MACJC All-Star Soccer Game at Freedom Ridge Park in Ridgeland on Nov. 11 at 2 p.m.

Players named include: Brooke Burrell, sophomore midfielder from Madison; Madison Deslatte, sophomore forward from Madison; Kendal Walsh, sophomore forward from Brandon; and Britain Welzien, sophomore defender from Ridgeland.

Burrell finished her sophomore season with one goal and seven assists on 35 shots. Deslatte had 12 goals and nine assists on 74 shots. Walsh had 15 goals and four assists on 94 shots. Welzien had two goals and four assists on 18 shots.



**Brooke Burrell**

**Madison Deslatte**

**Kendal Walsh**

**Britain Welzien**

## Three Bulldogs named MACJC All-Stars

*From Staff Reports/Photos*

Three members of the Holmes Community College men's soccer team have been named to the roster of the upcoming 2017 MACJC All-Star Soccer Game at Freedom Ridge Park in Ridgeland on Nov. 11 at 4:30 p.m.

Players named include: Jacob McNeely, sophomore forward from Jackson; Rolando Sanchez, sophomore midfielder from Covington, La.; and Skyler Schmidt, sophomore midfielder from Madison, Ala.

Sanchez finished his sophomore season with seven goals and eight assists on 34 shots. McNeely had six goals and one assist on 27 shots. Schmidt didn't score but played in all 13 games for the Bulldogs.



**Jacob McNeely**

**Rolando Sanchez**

**Skyler Schmidt**

## MACJC All-Star Soccer Matches set for Nov. 11

*From Staff Reports/Photos*

The 2017 MACJC Men's and Women's Soccer Matches will be played on Saturday, Nov. 11 at Freedom Ridge Park in Ridgeland. The women's match is set for 2 p.m. with the men's match to follow at 4:30 p.m.

The North Division Women All-Stars include: Brooke Burrell, Madison Deslatte, Britain Welzien and Kendal Walsh, Holmes; Holley Moore, Madison Davis and Isaura Camacho, Hinds; Karoline Jaggars, Malarie Scott and Morgan Dennis, Itawamba; Mary Catherine Hutchens, Madison Thrasher and Tempest Shepherd, Northwest; and Aubree Patterson, Ashley Lang-

ham and Cailee Helen McClain, East Central. Gray Massey of East Central Community College is the head coach.

The South Division Women All-Stars include: Mia Holmes, Angel Ryals, Judith Verdaguer, Jones; Mellie Snyder, Abbi Henderson, Karsen Gildea, Caroline Grafe, Pearl River; Janiya Watkins, Laterika Borden, and Ailin Franzante, Southwest; Casey LaFontaine, Erin Longsdon, Riann Brock and Jess Shepherd, Gulf Coast; and Briann Benson and Alandria Smith, Meridian. Jackie Rhodes of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College is the head coach.

The North Division Men All-Stars include: Tyler White, Andrew Bernard, Hector Mendoza and Jacob Thomas, East Central; Jacob McNeely, Rolando Sanchez and Skyler Schmidt, Holmes; Colby Bogle, Chase Huddleston, Logan Little and Luis Garcia, Itawamba; Cesar Peterson, J.P. Burke, Mohammed Ibrahim and Victor Freitas, Hinds; and Cayman Blount, Northwest. Charlie Baldwin of Northwest Mississippi Community College is the head coach.

The South Division Men All-Stars include: Owen Betz, Case Sloan, Jordan Hall and Windham Whatley, Gulf Coast; Michael Godley and John

Andrew Hawkins, Jones; Pedro Dutra, Thallison Alex and LaRico Lewis, Meridian; Michael Escobar, Jaime Delor, Connor Smith and Cameron Stanovich, Southwest; and Mark Johnson, Spencer Martin, Kyle Estess, Pearl River. Mike Smith of Meridian Community College is the head coach.

Admission is \$7 and \$5 for students with photo ID. Awards for Most Valuable Players from each division will be given out following each match.

## Lady Bulldogs fall in season opener to Co-Lin

*From Staff Reports/Photos*

The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs fell 81-65 in the season opener to Copiah-Lincoln Community College at home on Thursday, Nov. 2.

The Lady Bulldogs will play at home on Thursday, Nov. 9, vs. Baton Rouge Community College at 6 p.m.

Co-Lin led 22-18 after one period and 36-35 at halftime. Co-Lin led 60-53 after three periods.

Sophomore Nina Carpenter led the Lady Bulldogs with 16 points while sophomore Kamelia Lacy had 14 and

sophomore Aneisha Evans had 11. Carpenter pulled in 10 rebounds for the Lady Bulldogs.

Pictured are (left to right) **Nina Carpenter**, who led the Lady Bulldogs scoring 16 points; **Kamelia Lacy**, who scored 14 points and **Aneisha Evans** who scored 11.



## Bulldogs fall in season opener

From Staff Reports/Photos

The No. 25 Holmes Community College Bulldogs fell 87-75 in the season opener to Copiah-Lincoln Community College at home on Thursday, Nov. 2.

The Bulldogs will play Baton Rouge Community College on Thursday, Nov. 9, at 8 p.m. in Goodman.

Co-Lin led 41-35 at halftime and outscored the Bulldogs 46-40 in the second half to preserve the win.

Freshman Winford Ross led the Bulldogs with 16 points while fresh-

man Kassim Nicholson had 14 and freshman Javon Franklin had 13. Franklin led the Bulldogs with eight rebounds.

Pictured is (left) Winford Ross, who led the Bulldogs scoring 16 points.



## Bulldogs end regular season with 6-3 record after loss at ICC

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Itawamba Community College Indians took advantage of several miscues by the Holmes Community College Bulldogs early and went on to defeat the Bulldogs, 61-16, in the final regular season game of the year.

With the loss, the Bulldogs finished 6-3 overall and 3-3 in the North Division. After the final regular season game of the year, the Bulldogs had the nation's leading rusher in sophomore running back Cameryn Brent. Brent

leads the country in rushing yards (1,373) and yards per game (152.6) and is second in total carries (194), third in touchdowns (15) and seventh in yards per carry (7.1).

After the regular season finale, freshman linebacker Lorenzo McCaskill was fourth in the NJCAA in tackles with 106 while sophomore linebacker Vada King was seventh with 102.

The Indians jumped out to a 33-0 lead in the second quarter before freshman quarterback Jesse Wilson got the Bulldogs on the scoreboard on a one-yard touchdown run with 16 seconds left to play in the second quarter. Wilson carried the ball in on the two-point conversion.

The Bulldogs scored in the third quarter on a two-yard run by Wilson to make it 33-16 with 9:11 left to play

in the third. Wilson connected with sophomore running back Rashad Pittman on the two-point conversion. The Indians then outscored the Bulldogs 28-0 down the stretch for the win.

Brent finished the game with 109 yards on 16 carries while Wilson had 78 yards on 19 carries, Pittman 60 yards on seven carries and sophomore quarterback Josh Dodd had 48 yards on eight carries. Sophomore receiver Kavonte Younger had three catches for 66 yards with Wilson throwing for 61 yards and Dodd for 42.

McCaskill and freshman defensive back Brent Price each had nine tackles in the game.

## Lady Bulldogs drop heartbreaker in state/region finals; end historic season at 13-1-1

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are the 2017-18 Lady Bulldogs soccer team, getting the student body pumped up at Fall Fest on Oct. 26 to see them play in the MACJC State/Region XXIII Tournament on Oct. 29.

The No. 16 ranked Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs battled with the Jones County Junior College Lady Bobcats at home on Sunday, Oct. 29, at Freedom Ridge Park in the MACJC State/Region XXIII Tournament and came up short, 3-2, in their quest for their first state/region championship.

The Lady Bulldogs ended the season 13-1-1 capturing their second straight North Division Championship. The Lady Bulldogs finished as consecutive MACJC/Region XXIII runners-up. Holmes got the finals Sunday after defeating Northwest in the semifinals, 3-1. The Lady Bulldogs only gave up two goals in the whole North Division regular season.

Jones County jumped on the scoreboard first in the 4th minute on a goal from Mikayla Banks.

Holmes tied the score on a goal from Nikki De La Garza and assist from Madison Deslatte. The match was tied at one at halftime.

In the second half, the Lady Bobcats went up 2-1 in the 50th minute on a goal from Aimee Durn.

Deslatte tied the score for the Lady Bulldogs in the 72nd minute on a goal from Deslatte. The Lady Bobcats went up for good in the 79th minute on a goal from Durn. The Lady Bulldogs had their chances in the final minutes but were unable to put one in the back of the net.

## Brent named MACJC Offensive Player of the Week

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes Community College sophomore running back Cameryn Brent was named the MACJC Offensive Player of the Week for his play in the win against Northeast Mississippi Community College on Oct. 21.

Brent from Lawrenceville, Ga. finished with 271 yards on 21 carries and five touchdowns. For the season,

he has 1,264 yards on 178 carries and 15 touchdowns. He currently leads in the nation in rushing yards and rushing yards per game (158) and is first in rushing touchdowns with 15.





# The Growl Staff



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Editor

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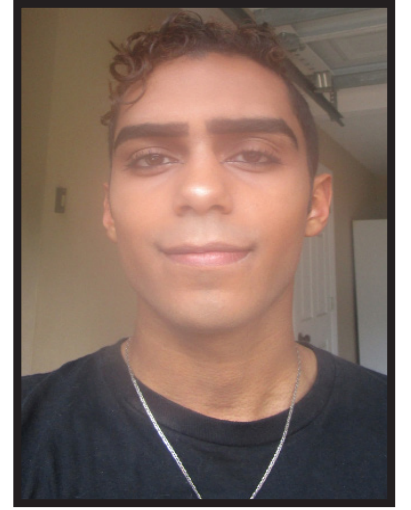
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**About me:** I enjoy public debates and Martial Arts.



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**Hometown:** Jackson  
**Major:** Psychology  
**Campus:** Ridgeland  
**Future plans:** I plan to attend the University of Mississippi to receive my Bachelor of Arts, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in psychology. Upon graduating from the University of Mississippi, I plan to attend the University of Mississippi Medical School to obtain my Doctor of Medicine.  
**About Me:** I enjoy the social and natural sciences, so that is why I decided to study psychology with a concentration in neuropsychology. I am also vice president for the Natural Science Club.



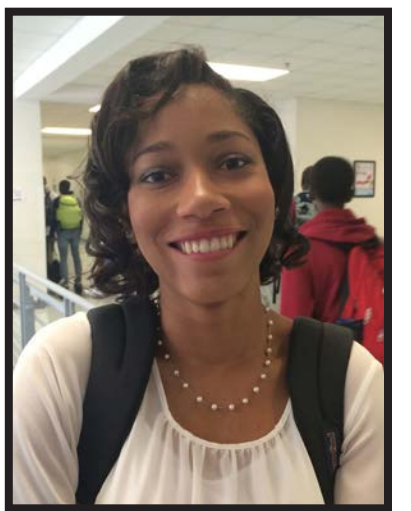
**Tamera McCook**  
**Hometown:** Jackson  
**Major:** Mass Communications  
**Campus:** Ridgeland  
**Future plans:** My career ambition is to become a sports analyst for ESPN.  
**About Me:** My hobbies include spending time with my children, traveling, cooking and watching/discussing basketball and football. I am also team mom for the Byram Knights football team and cheerleading squad. I am excited to finally be fulfilling my dream of being a mass communications major.



**David Randall**  
**Hometown:** Brandon GO DOGS  
**Major:** Sports Journalism  
**Campus:** Ridgeland  
**Future Plans:** To go to Ole Miss and continue my studies. My ultimate dream is to be on ESPN one day, but my main goal is to do sports for a local tv station.  
**About Me:** I love to play videogames in my free time (mostly FIFA), I like to play football, soccer and basketball, and I love watching movies and TV shows!



**Matthew Wolak**  
**Hometown:** Born in Las Vegas, Nevada, raised in Brandon  
**Major:** Liberal Arts  
**Campus:** Ridgeland  
**Future Plans:** After two years of studying at Holmes I will transfer to Southern Miss to pursue a major in media production.  
**About Me:** I have a strong passion for the arts, including acting, photography, creative writing and most notably film. When I'm not on campus you can most likely find me at your local coffee shop. I'm currently a work study for the Holmes Marketing and Recruitment Department and also an intern for Red Squared Prod. in Midtown, Jackson.



**Kanisha Wade**  
**Hometown:** Ridgeland  
**Major:** Photojournalism  
**Campus:** Ridgeland  
**Future Plans:** I always thought I would be a teacher, but a love for writing and photography led me to my major with the help of my high school journalism teacher. I still would like to teach so maybe I will in the future.  
**About Me:** I love to travel especially to the beach and I also love reading.