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Ridgeland Campus hires Williams to run fitness center

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Holmes Community College is pleased to announce the hiring of Keshia Lewis Williams as the manager of the new fitness facility in Ridgeland.

A graduate of Mississippi College with a degree in kinesiology, Williams previously served as fitness director/manager of Fitness Lady from



(left) Pictured is Keshia Lewis Williams, who was hired to run the new fitness facility in Ridgeland. (above) Pictured is Holmes' new fitness facility in Ridgeland, which formerly housed Fitness Lady. The facility will go through renovations and open its doors to faculty, staff, and students in the spring of 2016.

January 2010-November 2015. After Holmes acquired the approximately 25,000-square-foot building that formerly housed Fitness Lady in No-

ember, the college went through an interview process and decided Williams was the strongest candidate to run the facility for Holmes.

During her five years working for Fitness Lady, Williams oversaw daily operations of the facility, ordered all equipment/products to maintain the center, managed employees, assisted clients with support involved with daily operations

of the facility, developed programs/training activities, taught fitness classes, provided personal training, and performed initial assessments of clients. She has been a NESTA certified personal trainer since 2006, and is CPR certified, as well.

Prior to working at Fitness Lady, Williams served as a fitness specialist at St. Dominic Healthline in Jackson, fitness director of Shape Up Sisters in Vicksburg, a fitness instructor a PowerStation Fitness Center in Brandon, and a floor trainer at Lady of America Fitness Center in Flowood.

Williams and her husband, Justin, reside in Ridgeland with her 6-year-old daughter Jordyn.

Located at 331 Sunny Brook Road, Fitness Lady was one of the largest women's health clubs in the nation, and once renovated, the state-of-the-

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Jade Dalton of Flora named Most Beautiful

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Pictured are (left to right) the Top 10 Beauties: Haley Pate, Tiffany Strain, Audrey Cartwright, Shelby Mansfield, Anna Dufresne, Jade Dalton, Tesslyn Steptoe, Nikki Merchant, Ashlee Blackwell and Kelli Ray.

Jade Dalton of Flora, a sophomore general college studies major on the Ridgeland Campus, was named Most Beautiful in the Holmes Community College Parade of Beauties pageant held Feb. 24 in McDaniel Auditorium on the Goodman Campus.

The Top Five Beauties were (along with Dalton) Anna Dufresne, Goodman Campus; Nikki Merchant, Goodman Campus; Shelby Mansfield, Grenada Campus, and Tesslyn Steptoe, Ridgeland Campus. The other five contestants named to the Top 10 Beauties included Kelli Ray, Goodman Campus; Audrey Cartwright, Ridgeland Campus; Ashlee Blackwell, Goodman

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Pictured are (left to right) Hannah Blaton, Andy Wood, and Jade Dalton.

Holme-Towne Players excel at Theatre Festival

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College Holme-Towne Players drama club was named first runner-up in the Community Theatre/College Division at the 2016 Mississippi Theatre Association Annual Theatre for Youth Festival held Jan. 15 at the Mississippi State University Riley Center in Meridian. The club competed against eight other groups.

"They had about 30 minutes to do the entire play," said Jim Schroeder, director of theatre. "These guys could not have done a better job."

Holmes also had three cast members to earn the designation of All Star Cast. They were Kayte Beliew of Eupora, Courvoisier Jackson of Jackson, and Andrew Nunley of Kosciusko. Usually only one performer is chosen from each cast, so Holmes was especially excited to have three.



The Holme-Towne Players drama club includes: (first row, left to right) Kate Beliew, Olivia Carter, Lizzy McLemore, Brittany Farrell, Tara Fortenberry, (back row, left to right) Greyson Dye, Will Dean, Courvoisier Jackson, Drew Nunley, and Wontavius Rimpson.

Other members of the drama club include: James Ambrose, Chloe Clark, Ali Coker, William Dean, Greyson Dye, Brittany Farrell, Tara Fortenberry, Lashaundra Hardy, Lizzy McLemore, Wontavius Rimpson, Mark'Xavious Ross, and Deborah Tolbert.

The Theatre for Youth Festival is geared toward youth audiences and includes both community theatre and community college groups performing. In addition to Holmes, this year's lineup included Dramatic Harmonies Rankin Little Theatre, Gautier Drama, Meridian High School, Oak Grove High School, Pascagoula High School,

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#OscarsSoWhite: What of it?

By Joshua Dilmore
Growl Editor



The Oscars are once again abuzz after announcement of the 2016 Academy Awards nominees, the majority white, which has prompted a boycott, and more importantly a look at the lack of diversity in this year's awards field. The announcement came as a shock to some-and to some, not, since the same happened in 2015-after all 20 actors nominated for either best lead- or supporting-actor were white. If you are among the two-thirds of American adults who use social media, surely you have come into contact with the hashtag #OscarsSoWhite. The hashtag first came about after BroadwayBlack.com managing editor April Reign created it in 2015; it was revived shortly after this year's nominees were announced.

As USA Today reports, "'Creed' and 'Straight Outta Compton' each picked up a slew of critics' prizes...but received only one Oscar nomination apiece (for supporting actor Sylvester Stallone and screenwriters Jonathan Herman and Andrea Berloff, respectively, all of whom are white)." The article also reports the film "Beasts of No Nation" was excluded entirely. Idris Elba was considered for a supporting-actor for the film; he recently won a Screen Actors Guild Award.

Nevertheless, multiple news outlets have reported that in the Academy Awards' 88-year history, only 14 black actors have won acting Oscars, the last being Lupita Nyong'o for her 2014-win for her role in "12 Years a Slave." Patrick Ryan of USA Today also reports that for other non-white actors, such as Latino actors, just five have won, the most recent being Benicio Del Toro for 2001's "Traffic." For Asian actors, only three have won, the last being Haing S. Ngor for 1985's "The Killing Fields." Likewise, the one indigenous winner, of Cherokee-Irish descent, Ben Johnson won in 1972 for "The Last Picture Show."

Two prominent black actors and director used Martin Luther King's birthday to voice their outrage against the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Actress Jada Pinkett Smith and husband actor Will Smith each announced in an interview with Good Morning American and a Facebook video that they would not be attending this year's ceremonies. Further, in her Facebook post, Pinkett Smith said, "Begging for acknowledgement, or even asking, diminishes dignity and diminishes power. And we are a dignified people, and we are powerful... So let's let the Academy do them, with all grace and love. And let's do us, differently." Some critics have said that the Smiths' boycott is due to Smith not being nominated for his film "Concussion," but both Smiths vehemently deny this accusation. In response to Pinkett Smith's video, however, Jada Hubert, who starred alongside Will Smith in "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air," posted her own video.

CNN reports: "Referring to Pinkett Smith as 'Miss Thing,' Hubert opens her video by asking, 'Does your man not have a mouth of his own with which to speak?' before launching

into her thoughts on the controversy that has drawn so much attention." Hubert follows the criticism with, "I find it ironic that somebody who has made their living and has made millions and millions of dollars from the very people that you're talking about boycotting just because you didn't get a nomination, just because you didn't win? ... That's not the way life works, baby."

Unlike Hubert, honorary Oscar recipient Spike Lee, whose film "Chi-Raq" was among films overlooked by the Academy, chose to lead by example and post on Instagram that he and his wife would not attend the ceremonies either because they "cannot support it...how is it possible for the second consecutive year all 20 contenders under the acting category are white?" CNN reports. White documentary filmmaker Michael Moore told TheWrap he would boycott the Oscars while Oscar-nominated "Spotlight" actor Mark Ruffalo told BBC that he would consider it before ultimately deciding (announcing in a tweet) that he would attend "to support the victims of clergy sexual abuse and good journalism," Ryan reports.

ABC News reported that according to an Oscars producer, Chris Rock, the host of this year's ceremony, "completed his opening monologue for the awards show a week ago, but now he's scrapped it and is re-writing it after the controversy surrounding this year's show." The news channel also reported that television producer Shonda Rhimes, who was awarded the Normal Lear Lifetime Achievement Award in Television "for creating diverse characters in her hit ABC shows, 'Grey's Anatomy,' 'Scandal' and 'How to Get Away with Murder,'" said she should not be applauded because "It's not trailblazing to write the world as it actually is." Many have also taken to Twitter to post about the #OscarsSoWhite controversy.

"#OscarsSoWhite they are looking into adopting an African baby," one wrote. "I hope @chrisrock delivers the most hilarious and uncomfortable #Oscar opening ever. #OscarsStillSoWhite," wrote another. The Los Angeles Times has compiled the best #OscarsSoWhite and #OscarsStillSoWhite tweets, which you can read here: <http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/envelope/la-et-mn-twitter-reacts-to-nominations-oscarssowhite-hashtag-20160114-story.html>.

Cheryl Boone Isaacs, the current President of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and first African American to hold the position, released a statement that she would first "like to acknowledge the wonderful work of this year's nominees" but that she was "heartbroken and frustrated about the lack of inclusion. Isaacs added that "The Academy is taking dramatic steps to alter the makeup of our membership."

Nevertheless, some celebrities have downplayed the controversy. Among those celebrities are Michael Caine and Julie Delpy. British actress Charlotte Rampling, Oscar best-actress nominee for her film "45 Years," also received backlash after telling a French journalist, "perhaps the black actors did not deserve" nominations. Black actress Stacey Dash also made headlines after an controversial interview on Fox News, which she has been a commentator for since 2014. Dash dismissed the #OscarSoWhite

Cyberbullying in today's society

By Jerrell Young
Growl Reporter



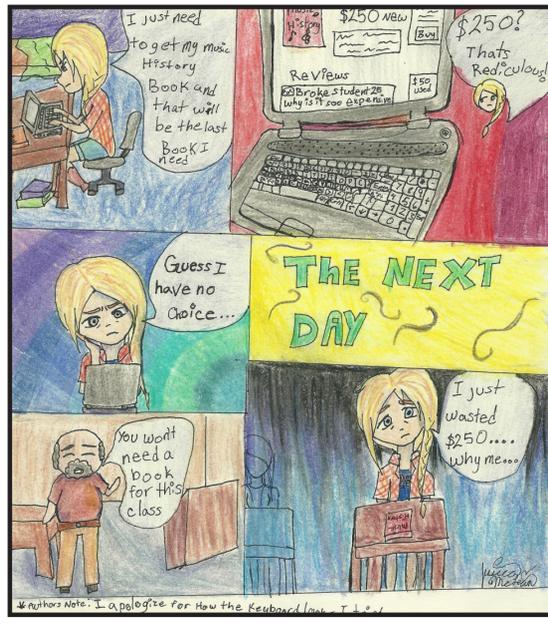
Cyberbullying has gone from an uncommon topic of discussion to now one of the most popular subjects there is. Cyberbullying is bullying another person via technology. There is a story floating around every day via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and so forth. Cyberbullying has ultimately turned into the "it" thing for middle - college aged kids in this society. In most cases of cyberbullying, the persons involved don't know each other in real life, only via the Internet. There are still some cases with cyberbullying where the two parties involved actually know each

other and see each other at school, work, etc. They get on social media sites and they call each other names, expose embarrassing pictures of each other and so forth. Why would you want to embarrass someone you barely even know? Why would you expose embarrassing pictures of someone that could one day back fire on you? Why do people even sit behind a computer and take out time in a day where they could be doing something much more productive? The world may never know. Cyberbullying has been the cause of many suicides over the past few years. Law enforcement agencies have had to get involved in most of these cyberbullying cases that ultimately turned fatal. Parents, siblings and even teachers should stop and take the time to discuss the cons of cyberbullying. There may need to be some cyberbullying education classes implemented in the schools, as well. Every bit of knowledge helps and this topic can never be discussed TOO much.



When you buy a book you don't need

By Jessica McLean
Growl Cartoonist



controversy and even went as far as to say Black History Month should be eliminated. "We have to make up our minds... Either we want to have segregation or integration, and if we don't want segregation, then we have to get rid of channels like BET and the BET Awards and the Image Awards, where you're only awarded if you're black." Dash added, "If it were the only way around, we would be up in arms. It's a double standard... We're Americans, period." Critics found Dash's comments hypocritical, particularly since she starred in "The Game" which last aired on BET in August 2015. Furthermore, The Washington Post reports that there have been numerous white and non-white winners and nominees in past BET Awards shows, including

singers Justin Timberlake and Sam Smith and rapper Iggy Azalea. Once again, Jada Hubert voiced her opinions (this time, aimed at Dash) to HuffPost Live, stating that, "Somebody needs to slap the little bit of black she got on her off of her [Dash]."

This year's Oscars ceremony has been one that has been widely discussed. As Patrick Ryan of USA Today so fittingly wrote, "This month's Academy Awards are more about who won't take home a golden statue rather than who will." Regardless, many look forward to the ceremony (airing February 28) and the imminent #OscarsSoWhite jokes that host Chris Rock will surely deliver.

My Father's Story

By Taylor Vance
Growl Reporter



On Sunday, Jan. 17, we celebrated my father's two year brain-injury anniversary (the day which my father survived a traumatic brain injury - I know, twisted sense of humor. remember the day very vividly. I was called out of my Annual Staff class, taken to the emergency room, and told my father had a bilateral brain bleed on his frontal lobe. My mother looked me in the eyes and said that my father might have to undergo surgery and there was a chance that my father might not make it out alive. She then told me if there was anything I needed to tell my father, that I should do it now because the Air-Evac team was on its way to fly my father to UMMC in Jackson. I was stunned. All I managed to get out of my mouth was, "I love you, Dad." And he quietly responded, "I love you, too." The medical personnel then carried him out onto the helicopter, and I did not know in that moment if that was the last time I would see my father at 17

years old. I remember in that moment praying, "God, I know you are real, and I know you work miracles. I know you are my Heavenly Father, but please allow my Earthly father to live." As I prayed, I felt the Holy Spirit comfort me; and the verse "I will never leave you, and I will never forsake you," came to mind.

Now, God did not perform an instant miracle, nor did the circumstances change overnight. In fact, my father spent ten days in the ICU and a month in the hospital/rehab. However, God did give my family and I strength to face each day with Him. You see, Jan. 17 is not a day for remorse, but a day of the celebration of the work God has done and a reminder that churches state-wide lifted my family up in prayer, regardless of race or denomination. The doctors first told us that my father would not be able to return to work within six months, but God was able to puzzle those doctors when my father's injury healed so quickly that he was able to return to work within two months. Always remember, God is faithful and a miracle worker- I know because I live with a miracle every day.

Surviving Winter

By Jay Simpson
Growl Reporter



The groundhog saw his shadow and spring is well on its way -- but what do you do in the meantime? Winter is my least favorite season and all my life I have been jealous of people that thrive during the winter. You know the ones, those lucky few that rock being pale and don't look sickly in the slightest. If you are not one of those fortunate people I have good news, you are not alone! I have compiled a list of products and other remedies that will help you fight whatever winter throws at you for now and the years to come.

1. Wasabi Peas

Who would've think that a simple snack could hold so much power? When I was in Utah for a semester in high school, a teacher noticed that I was dealing with some hardcore allergy problems and he recommended I try these to help clear my sinuses. Cheap and cheerful, these things helped with drainage (gross, I know) and also helped to prevent those persistent stopped up noses I'm so prone to. Nothing sucks worse than only being able to breathe out of one nostril. Since these are high in sodium, you'll want to eat them in moderation.

2. Honey

Another food item, but hey if it works, it works. Every morning, mix warm water with a half a lemon and a little honey and stir, your throat will thank you. Honey is loaded with antioxidants and is also antibacterial and a natural humectant. Score!

3. Simple Micellar water

Winter dries out my skin big time. My long-time friend recently moved to France to study abroad and let me in on a well-kept skincare secret, straight from Parisian men and woman! I won't get too technical but micellar water has these cool little particles in them that pull oil and dirt from the skin, all without having to use water! Just soak a cotton pad in the solution and rub it all over your face to clean your skin without stripping it. It also doubles as a makeup remover for the ladies! For \$6.99 at Target, you can't beat it.

4. Vanicream

Best. Lotion. Ever. Hands down. Vanicream is non-comedogenic (meaning it won't clog your pores) but at the same time immensely hydrating! It is also fragrance and alcohol free for other sensitive-skinned people like myself! Get a huge jar of it at Target for \$13.99, mine has lasted me over a year!

Honorable mentions: coconut oil for hydrating everything, petroleum based lip balm for locking moisture in (Carmex, Smith's Rosebud Salve, and Alba M un petroleum to name a few), and Kleenex cause you never know when your nose is going to turn into a waterfall.

Remember that spring is almost here! Good luck.

Foolproof tips to save money



By Santia Williams
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(image credits to inhabitat.com)

A couple of tips on how to save money are:

1. Never carry cash because you will not like to swipe your card five times a day.
2. Get a savings account and don't go into it.
3. Take out all your expense to last you a week.

Controversy sparks when Kirk Franklin collaborates with Kanye West on A Gospel Album

By Wontavius Rimpson
Growl Reporter



Controversy sparked when gospel artist Kirk Franklin and hip-hop artist Kanye West (Yeezus) decided to collaborate on a gospel album. Many of the listeners of Kirk Franklin are not exactly feeling this upcoming album. They believe that Kirk Franklin is going down the wrong path collaborating with Kanye West being that he thinks he is Jesus! Many have known Kanye West for talking about writing a bible and also referring to himself as Yeezus.

The audience is not exactly pleased with Kirk Franklin but he believes he is doing what is right and Christ-like. Kirk Franklin feels by doing this album he will draw not only Kanye, but his audience as well.

Kirk decided to post on Instagram stating, "Kanye is not me. I am not him. He is my brother I am proud to do life with. No sprints, but Marathons;

like most of us are on. Before one song was released, I was crucified because my brother asked me to take a picture." He also added, "I will not turn my back on my brother. I will love him, prayerfully grow with him. However long he'll have me, and however long the race takes. To a lot of my Christian family, I'm sorry he's not good enough, Christian enough, or running at your pace...and as I read some of your comments, neither am I. That won't stop me from running. Pray we win."

Being that Kirk Franklin has never been the traditional gospel artist, but a contemporary upbeat gospel artist his vision for drawing people to Christ could work or it could cause his reputation to be on the line. Could the audience exactly be upset that Kirk Franklin is working with Kanye or upset that this gospel album is infested with curse words?

Five study tips to make the most of your time

By Miranda Burchfield
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other students, as well as my own experience, I have developed a list of five helpful study tips. By following these tips you can make the most of your available time.

1. Start as soon as possible after the assignment has been given. That way you will have more time to work on it and get help understanding the assignment if necessary. Be sure to contact your instructor if you have any questions regarding the assignment.

2. Stay on topic. Avoid distractions such as your cell phone or television. Choose a quiet and distraction-free location where people will not be coming and going frequently. Check and see if the library on your campus has private study rooms. There is often a variety of places to study on campus aside from your library.

3. Take short breaks. This will help keep you focused and refreshed. Plan what you will do during your break, like take a short walk or eat a snack. Avoid studying

on an empty stomach because hunger will be a distraction. Refrain from using social media, (change to semi-colon) there will be time for this when you are done studying. You will have a better attention (insert span after your break.

4. Make a list of things to study in order of importance. The assignments that are due first should be a priority. Begin studying for tests ahead of time. Be sure to allow yourself plenty of time for reading because it can be time consuming. If you know studying one subject is likely to take longer than another it may be best to begin with that subject.

5. Find a study buddy. Studying with another student who is taking the same class can be beneficial to both of you. Discussing the course material with someone else makes you more likely to understand and remember it. After learning something new you can try explaining it to the other person to see how well you actually know it. Be sure to prepare your materials beforehand to make the most of your time together.



4. Put something away in savings every pay check even if it's \$20 one check, \$50 one check and so on.

5. Learn how to do without things that're really not important. I think those are some good tips on how to save money.



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Parade of Beauties Week

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This week, 20 females from all districts of Holmes Community College (Goodman, Grenada, and Ridgeland) participated in the Parade of Beauties. While many were determined to own the title of "Most Beautiful," many believed the judges already had in mind who they wanted to win. Though many girls have gotten backlash for wanting to compete in pageants, many enjoy doing it. To test the stereotypes that pageant girls are branded with, I enlisted as a contestant to compete for the Most Beautiful title. Watching many girls during the mandatory practice that was set for the Parade of Beauties, I noticed some of the girls were nice and humbled, while some looked at you as competition and weren't interested in getting to know exactly who you are.

After the long practice went smoothly, the next day we were in hopes of seeing each other again to compete for the Most Beautiful crown and status. Unfortunately, due to the terrible weather, we didn't get to see each other until the following day. Finally, the night arrived and all our smiles had to our best smiles as we were preparing for an intense night. Being that females enjoy talking to other females, I thought what better place to go than to the salon to hear what was on the other contestants' minds. After sitting in the shop for two hours many females were excited, while others were anxious to get the event over!

They were highly apprehensive of their interviews which were a huge factor in winning "Most Beautiful." I could feel the intensity and the importance of the interview, therefore I had to really strive to answer all of the questions to the best of my ability. Walking over to where the interview

was taking place many girls were leaving with smiles, while many believed they could have done better. Being that the interview was over and done with, the night that we all were waiting for had arrived! Seeing many girls, many nationalities, and many sizes made me wonder who would leave with the "Most Beautiful" title. The girls did their best walk and their best smile, yet some still felt that they weren't the "it girl" that the judges were looking for.

After songs and performances, the judges had finished their tallies and were ready to announce the winner. Standing behind the curtains the girls danced to shake off their nervous energy, some sat, and some trembled waiting to see who was going to be crowned "Most Beautiful." I reassured every girl that night that they were all beautiful no matter who got crowned! Although some didn't listen, I wanted them to know that a crown didn't define them, but their personality, the things that make them who they are, that was their self-definition.

Doing this story I found that pageant girls are just normal girls who have a drive to be a winner just like everyday people. If we stop and think about it, all of us have a winning spirit in us, and this is why we strive to give what we feel is important our very all! Listening to their bios, pageant girls are very outgoing and have more going for themselves other than makeup and a pretty dress. They have talent, they have athletic skills, they make leadership skills, and they have goals to be aspiring lawyers, surgeons, nurses, educators and so much more. Although we all wanted to win, we all have to lose to win. Our most valuable lessons were when a person told us no or we weren't qualified to do whatever we were trying to do. We used this motivation and grew along the way. For somebody out there who competed last night, this is not over for them, but just the beginning, and with growth and endurance they will succeed and get whatever they set their heart and mind on.

Helpful College Terms

By Taylor Vance
Growl Reporter



To students who may be new to Holmes or to college in general, I thought I would provide a list of terms that I learned from my first semester here at Holmes:

1. Finals: The week where everyone becomes walking zombies from cramming for exams and administering coffee via IV into their system.
2. Counselors: The people who you go and vent/cry your heart out to when you have no clue about what to do with your life or when you're thinking of changing your major from liberal arts to biology
3. Ambassadors (AKA student recruiters): These people are easy to spot because they are usually the people decked out in all Holmes attire. These are the students who politely call you to remind you to make your class schedule that you've been procrastinating for two months.
4. Student Government Association: the organization that sometimes

thinks they're the U.S. Congress. You can usually spot the members because they're usually the best-dressed people on campus because they think they're actual politicians. They put together all the fun activities on campus like Fall Fest and Spring Fling. (For the record, I'm an SGA President.)

5. Academic Dean: The person you get on your knees and beg to let you back in that 8 a.m. class you had too many absences for or to be taken off of academic suspension when you haven't been taking your courses seriously. (Bribing does help-not really. Don't try it.)

6. Work Study: The opportunity to become a wage slave to the college so you can buy gas and Taco Bell.

7. Spring Break: God's gift to college students by allowing us one week to sleep until noon everyday for a week. This verse can be found in Genesis 3:25.

8. Coffee: God's provision to college students for sitting through an 8 a.m. on a Monday. This verse can be found in 4 John 1:4.

This article was merely a satirical view on campus life. It was never meant to shed a negative light on anyone or any activity. Always remember, laughter is the best medicine!

Single Mothers

By Jerrell Young
Growl Reporter



Single mothers during this generation are often times looked at as a charity cases. They're automatically given the stereotype of

being poor, young, African-American or struggling. There are several questions that people had when I asked them what their first thoughts of single mothers were. The first question that was posed was "are they a single mother by choice or by force?" I would say you know what the situation is when you get into it.

My grandmother used to always tell us that if you lay down with a dog you will get fleas. If you notice the person isn't up to par, don't have unprotected sex with the person. It

only opens up a world of craziness. There are chances you can get pregnant, become infected with a STD and much more. The list goes on and on.

Not all single mothers are struggling or poor. I hate that there is a stereotype of that. There are some mothers that are single (more so widowed) and they aren't struggling. They are not struggling and their children's dads aren't in their lives due to death. Most times the deaths are sudden such as military deaths, car accidents, etc.

There is an older lady in my church that is a single mother. She lost her husband in a car accident. She has never come to the church to ask for help and her son always looks up to par. He participates in extracurricular activities at school and in the community. He has never made a fuss about his mom not being able to afford anything that he wanted to do. The thing is that just because they are single mothers doesn't mean that they have to be young, African-American or struggling.

College life: The struggle is real



By Jessica McLean
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Light Skinned vs. Dark Skinned

By Jerrell Young
Growl Reporter



In today's society most African American females live in this "light-skinned, dark-skinned" world. Everything merely revolves around that. A light skinned

girl is considered to be the better looking female between the two due to stereotypes. Light-skinned females are supposed to be prettier, with better hair and lighter colored eyes. Dark skinned females are considered to be ugly, have a bad texture of hair and darker eyes. I personally feel like employers hire

more light skinned females over dark skinned females. It seems as though light skinned females are preferred over dark skinned females in most aspects of life. Some people call it the war of colors. I've never really understood the entire war of colors and why it even started. I think it's safe to say that it all started during slavery time when the darker people worked in the field and the light skinned people worked in the house. Slavery ended, but not the mindset!

Yazoo City location expands course offerings for spring 2016

From Staff Reports/Photos

One of Holmes Community College's newer locations – the Yazoo County Economic Development and Educational Center in Yazoo City – is pleased to announce the addition of new workforce training/community course offerings for the spring of 2016. Located at 637 East 15th St., the facility will serve as the site for an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) seminar, a ServSafe® Manager Food Course, and a Team Leader's Series.

For those needing to earn a 10-hour OSHA card for general industry, a program will be offered March 8-9, from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The OSHA

Outreach Training program costs \$50, and limited seats are available. This program is one of OSHA's main methods of ensuring that workers know about workplace hazards and their rights. Participants will receive an official US Department of Labor OSHA 10 Hour Card upon successful completion of your OSHA course.

The Professional Truck Driving Training Program will begin on March 28. Professional Truck Driving Training is a 6-week program that prepares students to enter the commercial truck driving industry. The program includes classroom, controlled driving environment, and road driving to provide

instruction in operating diesel powered vehicles, DOT rules and regulations, shifting techniques, pre and post trip inspections, loading and unloading cargo, and keeping necessary records.

An employment skills training in preparation for the Governor's job fair will be held at the Yazoo Center April 5-6 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. This event is free.

A ServSafe® Manager Food Course will be offered this spring, details to be announced. ServSafe training prepares participants for ServSafe certification and recertification as a Food Protection Manager. This workshop is for individuals seeking initial certification or

recertification to work in an establishment handling food.

A Team Leadership Series course will also be offered, with details to be announced. The cost will be \$50.

In addition, other community classes/programs with be added per request by business and industries in the area.

For more information about these programs, contact Workforce Coordinator/WIOA Director Earline Russell-Smith at (662) 472-9105 or esmith@holmescc.edu

Attala Center to offer additional Spring workforce courses

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College Attala Educational Center is excited to announce the addition of new course offerings for the spring of 2016.

Located on West Jefferson Street in Kosciusko, the state-of-the-art facility will continue to serve the community through academic, workforce and community (non-credit) course offerings.

The Professional Truck Driving Training program will begin on March

28. Interested persons should call the Center for more information about the course.

For more information about these programs, contact Workforce Coordinator/WIOA Director Earline Russell-Smith at (662) 472-9105 or esmith@holmescc.edu.

For more information about Holmes Community College, call 1-800-HOLMES-4 or visit www.holmescc.edu.

Goodman Campus to offer additional workforce courses this spring

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College Goodman Campus is excited to announce the addition of new course offerings for the spring of 2016.

A ServSafe® Manager Food Course will be offered this spring; details to be announced. ServSafe training prepares participants for ServSafe certification and recertification as a Food Protection Manager. This workshop is for individuals seeking initial certification or recer-

tification to work in an establishment handling food.

In addition, other community classes/programs with be added per request by business and industries in the area.

For more information about these programs, contact Workforce Coordinator/WIOA Director Earline Russell-Smith at (662) 472-9105 or esmith@holmescc.edu.

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art facility will provide much-needed space for multiple purposes. The building will provide a fitness and recreation center for students and employees from all campuses, space for offices, as well as a site for additional community outreach initiatives to benefit local citizens and students. The facility will be open for use as a gym in the next few weeks, initially providing free weights, weight machines, a circuit-style workout set-up, and over 100 pieces of cardio equipment. Group workout classes will also be offered in the near future.

Future plans may include adding a hospitality management program in Ridgeland, and this expansion provides means to make that possible. The additional acreage will also allow for an increased presence for the college along the I-55 corridor.

"We are very pleased to be able to enhance the overall student experience at Holmes Community College," said Dr. Jim Haffey, president of Holmes. "Our college has been the fastest growing community college over the last

10 years, and the success of the Ridgeland Campus and Madison County has fueled that growth. We plan to use the facility to change the health and lives of thousands of students in the Holmes district.

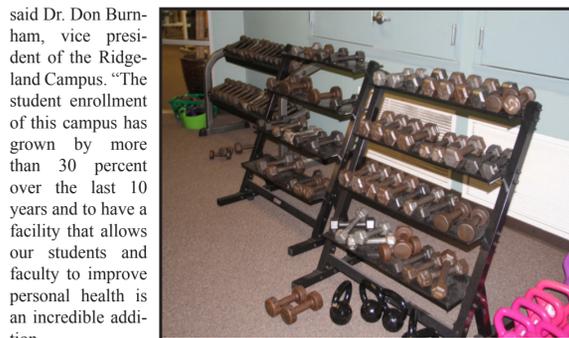
"We are so appreciative of the support the community and our county leaders have provided to us the last several years. Holmes loves being part of this community, and we hope to continue to provide an outstanding and affordable college experience to our local citizens."

The project started approximately one year ago, and culminated with a signing and closing on Nov. 17. The acquisition was made financially possible by the Madison County Board of Supervisors in a recent vote to increase support to the college. Initial plans for the facility are for a student and staff fitness and activities center, as well as expansion of a program to serve the business needs of Madison County.

"We are excited to have such a significant expansion of the Ridgeland Campus of Holmes Community College,"



Holmes Ridgeland Campus students and Bully pose by the front desk of the fitness facility.



"We appreciate the support that community and county leaders have given to us that allows us to improve and expand our facilities in this manner. Our desire is that these fa-

cilities be used to educate and train the workforce in our county so that Madison County continues to experience an increasing standard of living for all of its citizens."

Burnham to receive PTK Distinguished Administrator Award

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured is **Dr. Don Burnham**, vice president of the Ridgeland Campus, will receive the Phi Theta Kappa Distinguished College Administrator Award

Dr. Don Burnham, vice president of the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus, will receive the Phi Theta Kappa Distinguished College Administrator Award during NerdNation, Phi Theta Kappa's annual convention in National Harbor, Maryland (near Washington D.C.), April 7-9.

The award is given to college vice presidents, deans, or directors serving at a postsecondary institution with an active Phi Theta Kappa chapter. Nominees must have served in their position for at least three years and demonstrated during their tenure a strong level of support for the honor society. A college administrator may receive this award only once. Dr. Burnham was nominated by the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa located on the

Ridgeland Campus.

Dr. Burnham, who has served in his current role as vice president five years, has been a part of the Holmes' family since August of 2003. Prior to his current position, he served as a business administration instructor, the Grenada Center evening program director, director of admissions and records, and director of recruiting. Dr. Burnham is currently administratively responsible for the Admissions Department, the Communications Department, and the Ridgeland Associate Degree Nursing Program, as well for the Ridgeland Campus facilities and staff in general. He also engages with public and private entities in Madison County on behalf of the college, among other duties.

Since he took on the role as vice president, Dr. Burnham has been an integral part of the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. The chapter is currently advised by Blair Booker, branch librarian, and Erin Renfro, English instructor. Chapter officers include Mallory Corley of Pelahatchie, president; Jake Hinkle of Madison, vice president of college project; Jessie May of Vicksburg, vice president of outreach; Elise Fullwood of Madison, vice president of hallmarks, and Nathaly Espinoza of Ridgeland, recording secretary. Dr. Burnham will accompany the group to the NerdNation conference in April where he will receive his award.

Attala Center holds Educator Appreciation Day

From Staff Reports/Photos

On Friday, Jan. 29, Holmes held the First Annual Educator Appreciation Day at The Attala Center. The building was packed with district educators learning more about financial aid, admissions, class offerings, club and organizations, and career opportunities for graduates. The attendees enjoyed break-out sessions, door prizes, a tour of the new Attala Center facility, and a performance by the Holmes Coachmen.



(above) **Dr. Jackie Hale**, Goodman Campus academic counselor and **Wyndy Peebles**, Goodman Campus Career-Tech counselor pose for a photo at Educator Appreciation Day.



The **Coachmen singers** provide entertainment at Educator Appreciation Day.



(left, left to right) **Mandy Burrell**, **Jenny Jones**, and **Tonya Wooten** stop for a quick photo at Educator Appreciation Day.



Ridgeland Campus holds Educator Appreciation Day

From Staff Reports
Photos submitted by Nathaly Espinoza

On Tuesday, Feb. 2, Holmes held the First Annual Educator Appreciation Day on the Ridgeland Campus. The McGowan Workforce Training Center was packed with district educators learning more about financial aid, admissions, class offerings, club and organizations, and career opportunities for graduates. The attendees enjoyed a fun, mardi gras-themed day of networking and fellowship.



(above) Ridgeland Campus Engineering Technology instructor **Lynn Boykin** (left) updates a guest about Holmes' programs at Educator Appreciation Day.



Some of the Holmes students who helped with Educator Appreciation Day stop for a group photo.



(left) **Nathan Hutchinson** speaks to a guest about the welding program at Holmes during Educator Appreciation Day.



(right) **Dr. Troy Milliken** speaks to a guest about the science department at Holmes during Educator Appreciation Day.

Three Ridgeland students place in paralegal essay contest

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured is (left to right) **Rachel Munoz**, paralegal instructor **Darleen Dozier**, and **Alexis Bridges**.

For the sixth year in a row, Paralegal Technology students from Holmes Community College's Ridgeland Campus were honored by the Mississippi Paralegal Association (MPA) for placing in the Student Essay Contest. Students from all Mississippi colleges who

have paralegal programs were invited to submit essays discussing someone who influenced them to begin a career in the legal field.

The winners, Rachel Munoz, Alyse Nicole Nichols, and Alexis Bridges, placed first, second and third, respectively. Munoz is a sophomore from Madison, Alyse is a sophomore from Brandon, and Alexis is a freshman from Pearl.

The winners were honored at MPA's luncheon in Jackson on Jan. 28. Additionally, the winners received a subscription to MPA's newsletter, "The Assistant," where the essays are published; a one-year MPA student membership which includes a one-year subscription to Facts & Findings (a publication of

the National Association of Legal Assistants); and cash awards.

We are very proud of their work and representation of Holmes," said Darleen Dozier, program coordinator/instructor for Paralegal Technology. "These awards continue to showcase the excellence of our program and our students."

For more information on the Paralegal Technology program, visit www.holmescc.edu/departments/technical/paralegal_technology/.

Sen. Jackson visits with Grenada ADN students

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Sen. Robert L. Jackson visited with members of the Holmes Community College Associate Degree Nursing program in Grenada at the Capitol on Wednesday, Jan. 28, during their legislative lobbying day.

Pictured (left) with **Sen. Jackson** are (left to right): **Loria Tillis**, **Camille Smith**, **Ashley Chornes**, **Lethea Jackson**, **Arletha Coffey**, MSN, RN instructor, **Brooke Ross** and **Lindsay Hill**.

PTA class attends Mississippi Physical Therapy Association (MPTA) Legislative Day at State Capitol

From Staff Reports/Photos



On Feb. 24, the Grenada Campus Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) class visited the State's Capitol for the Mississippi Physical Therapy Association (MPTA) Legislative Day. The students had the opportunity to meet district legislators, mingle with members of the MPTA, tour the Capitol and visit with other PTA and PT students.



Pictured (left) is the Grenada Campus PTA students and instructors visit with (front, far right) **Josh Farley**, MPTA president.

(left to right) **Meg King**, Grenada Campus PTA Program Director, meets Holmes' Attala County District-two Supervisor, **Charles Fancher**.

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Campus, **Haley Pate**, Goodman Campus, and **Tiffany Strain**, Ridgeland Campus. Most Photogenic went to **Shelby Mansfield**.

Hannah Blanton, who was the 2015 Most Beautiful, was on hand to crown **Dalton**. Goodman Campus Director **Andy Wood** presented flowers to each member of the top five. The Holmes Connection! show choir entertained the crowd during intermission.



Pictured is **Most Photogenic 2016 Shelby Mansfield**.



Pictured is (left) **Tesslyn Steptoe** congratulating **Jade Dalton**.

Ridgeland Campus hosts World Aids Day with local sorority chapter

From Staff Reports/Photos



(front row, left to right) **Daphne M. Higgins**, member of Madison County (MS) Alumnae Chapter - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; **Jennifer Riley**, first vice president of the Chapter; **Katrina Myricks**, president of the Chapter; **Mauda Monger**, director for Mississippi AIDS Education and Training Center at UMMC; and **Gerald Gibson**, prevention outreach manager at My Brother's Keeper nonprofit and panelist; **Makeaba Latiker**, instructor in the Holmes Social and Behavioral Sciences Department; **Othor Cain**, director of communications for Mississippi Faith in Action; (second row, left to right) Chapter members **Jolivet Wallace**, **Angela Gowdy-Clay**, **Verna Myers**, **Yolanda Davis**, (third row, left to right) **Trenyse Roberson-Small**, **Janet Taylor**, **Debra Haygood**, **Nakeitra Burse**, (back, left to right) **Johnlyn Clark**, **Joyce White**, and **Sylvia Thomas**.

The theme, "Getting to Zero," means working toward zero new HIV infections, toward zero discrimination pertaining to the topic, and zero AIDS-related deaths. The speakers encouraged the 70 plus Holmes students (and instructors/staff) in attendance to get tested annually and help break

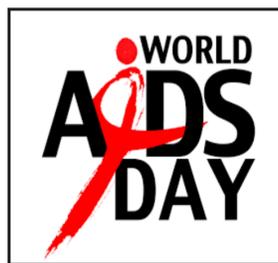
the stigma surrounding HIV. As Cain pointed out, "Women lie. Men lie. Numbers don't lie."

Students had an opportunity to participate in a Q&A with the panel-

ists, giving them the chance to ask the questions they may have previously been too intimidated or uncomfortable to ask. Gibson and Monger also gave detailed information about safe

sex practices, including the medicine PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis), which provides a way for people who don't have HIV to prevent infection by taking a pill every day.

World AIDS Day is an annual event, always held on Dec. 1 that provides an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV while showing support for people living with HIV and remembering those who lost their lives. Held for the first time in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day. Some of the events organizations hold to honor the occasion include remembrance ceremonies, as well as fundraising concerts, 5Ks, bake sales, art shows, among other things. A number of



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Perk Players, Purvis Masqueraders, and Starkville High School. Schools from throughout the region were brought in to see these productions. The Theatre for Youth Festival is also free and open to the public.

Each year, the Holme-Towne Players produce two main stage shows and one touring show to perform at schools in Holmes CC's district. Auditions are open to all Holmes CC students, and scholarships are avail-

able to those who qualify.

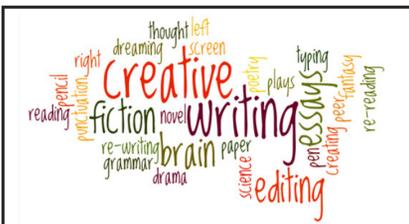
For more information on the Holmes CC Theatre Department or specifically the Holme-Towne Players, contact Jim Schroeder at (662) 472-9029 or jshroeder@holmescc.edu.

Pictured (right) are Holme-Towne Players (left to right) **Drew Nunley**, **Greyson Dye**, and **William Dean**.



Need cash? Enter the Creative Writing contest

By Miranda Burchfield
Growl Reporter



The Creative Writing contest is open to all Holmes Community College students and cash prizes will be awarded to the top three contestants in each category.

There are five categories that may

be entered and each has a first prize of \$25, second prize of \$20, and third prize of \$15. The available categories are Poetry, Short Story, Essay (Creative Nonfiction), Literary Essay and Dramatic Writing. The deadline for entrance is February 19.

Students may enter multiple categories and each work entered must be submitted with a completed entry form. Please contact your English in-

structor for further information on the contest or obtaining your entry form.

Winning entries will be advanced to the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association Student Writing Competition. Students who place in the MCCCWA competition will have the opportunity to attend an awards ceremony and writing workshop held on the Ridgeland Campus of Holmes on April 15.

Department of Wildlife Service and Carson Nelson come to Grenada

From Staff Reports/Photos

The USDA, Department of Wildlife Service and Carson Nelson led an informative class discussion on nuisance animal removal followed by a field demonstration to Grenada Campus' Conservation Law students on Feb. 11. Instructor, James Floyd, is making sure Holmes students are learning from the best!



Ridgeland Campus iCreate Creative Arts Club begins semester with open mic

By Joshua Dilmore
Growl Editor



Pictured are (left to right) **Steve Deaton** (advisor), **Julie Gibbons**, **Joshua Gibbons**, **Daja Hoard**, **Joshua Dilmore** (president), and **Arnetra Pleas** (advisor).

The Holmes Ridgeland Campus iCreate Creative Arts Club held its first open mic lunch meeting Thursday, Feb. 3. The meeting was held in iCreate sponsor and Holmes English and Foreign Language Department Chair and Ridgeland instructor Steve Deaton's classroom. The classroom was transformed into a dim-lit lounge for

club members to perform and showcase their art. The informal environment and "come as you are" theme of the club helps create an intimate setting between artist and audience.

At the first iCreate open mic, familiar faces and fresh ones packed the classroom. iCreate club officer and musician Joshua Gibbons entertained the club by performing magic tricks that left the audience baffled. Ralph Watson, one of the newest additions to the club, shared with club members music and videos that he had created. To see Watson's videos, you can visit his YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqZjw9W_Anj9L575ZC2prw.

The iCreate Creative Arts club would not be made possible without the support of the English Depart-

ment, led by sponsors Arnetra Pleas and Steve Deaton. Open mic lunch meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of every month at 1:30 p.m. in Madison Hall, Room 201. Pizza and soft drinks are provided. Students are encouraged to come and to perform songs, poems, stories, and other creative works, as well to bring visual art to display. Anyone is welcome to just come look and listen, including faculty and staff.

For more information about the iCreate Creative Arts Club, please contact sponsors Steve Deaton at 601-605-3358 or Arnetra Pleas at 601-605-3424. You can also contact President of iCreate Joshua Dilmore at 601-259-0743.

Ridgeland Campus inducts 21 into honor society

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are: (front, left to right) **Anna Williams of Hinds County**; **Nathaly Espinoza**, recording secretary; **Elise Fullwood**, vice president of hallmarks; **Mallory Corley**, president; **Jake Hinkle**, vice president of college projects; **Jessica May**, vice president of outreach; **Allee Carroll of Madison**; (second row, left to right) **Ashley Wicker of Madison**; **Andrew Vaughn of Madison**; **Ashlynn Banks of Madison**; **Jade Dalton of Madison**; **Tiah Jones of Scott**; **Hari Patel of Hinds**; **Brianna Ford of Hinds**; **Kaylyn Arnold of Hinds**; (third row, left to right) **Nicole Torrey of Madison**; **Toni Mitchell of Rankin**; **Payton Earley of Rankin**; **Simone Lewis of Yazoo**; **Claire Hobson of Madison**; **Sara Hill of Madison**; (third row, left to right) **Willis Barrett of Scott**; **Matthew Hawn of Rankin**; **Mikael Amos of Madison**; **Winston Boswell of Rankin**, and **Ryan Ball of Madison**.

The Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) in Ridgeland inducted 21 new members into the honor society on Feb. 8 in the McGowan Workforce Training Center auditorium.

The ceremony included a welcome by Mallory Corley, president of PTK;

an invocation and recognition of chapter officers and guests by Blair Booker, branch librarian and PTK advisor; remarks by guest speaker Dallas Bryant, and the induction of new members by Corley. Other PTK officers – Elise Fullwood, vice president of hallmarks, and Jake Hinkle, vice president of

college projects – shared the meaning behind the symbolic rituals of the PTK induction ceremony, as well.

Booker presented PTK advisor and English and reading instructor Erin Renfro with a Five Year Service Pin for her service to the organization. She also announced that Dr. Don Burnham, vice president of the Ridgeland Campus, will be honored with the Distinguished College Administrator Award at NerdNation, PTK's annual convention in Washington D.C., April 7-9.

The speaker, Dallas Bryant, is a '12 Holmes alumni who lives in Jackson with his wife, Staci. While at Holmes, he served as president of PTK in Ridgeland and was named to the Department of Business Administration Hall of Fame. Following graduation from Holmes, he attended Mississippi College and graduated with his bachelor's in business marketing in 2014.

"There are so many opportunities for you, and I wish you the best," Bryant told the new inductees. "I remember somebody saying one time, the reason a lot of people don't have power is because they don't realize they have it. You do have the power, the ability to influence others for good so I encourage you to use it, put it to your advantage."

Bryant talked about how much PTK impacted his life, and how excited he was to learn about the current chapter's project with the drones.

"There are really impressive things coming out and I want to thank you all who are on the cutting edge," Bryant said. "You have the ability this year to make a difference. Take it and run with it. We past alumni, we're gone. Not dead and gone, but we're a memory. We hope we are not only a memory, though; we hope that we have built a foundation to build something really great on," Bryant said. "I heard a saying one time that a leader goes into the future, sees what it's like, and brings it back to help lead others there. So Phi Theta Kappa, Class of 2016, that's your job. Go into the future. Go into the place that nobody else has gone, nobody else has been yet, and bring it back for the rest of us. So the most important question for every one of you today is, 'What will my future be? What is your future going to hold?'"

PTK is the international honors scholastic society for community colleges that recognizes intellectual achievement and promotes character, leadership and fellowship among community college students. Membership is by invitation to full-time students having a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher at Holmes. Invitations are extended both the fall and spring semesters.

For more information on the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), contact Blair Booker at bbooker@holmescc.edu.

Holmes holds first panel for Holmes at War series

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are panelists (left to right) **Caroline Burton**, **Laura McMahon**, **Thomas McMahon**, **SFC Timothy Harper**, and **Christopher Gunn**.

As part of the History and Political Science Department series, Holmes At War, the Ridgeland Campus hosted a panel discussion titled "Warfare: A Soldiers Journey Leaving Home,

War, and Family Behind" on Feb. 9 in the D.P. "Pat" McGowan Workforce Training Center. The panel included: Christopher Gunn, SFC Timothy Harper, Thomas McMahon, Laura McMa-

hon, and Caroline Burton. All panel members were either acting and retired members of the armed forces or a spouse of someone in the armed force. Each member of the panel either works at Holmes, was a student at Holmes, or has a spouse that works at Holmes. During the panel discussion, the participants discussed the challenges of going to war and returning home from war. They also discussed the obstacles and difficulties faced by the families that are left behind. J.R. Hall served as moderator for the event.

Christopher Gunn spoke about his experiences in Iraq during the panel discussion.

"One of the hardest things about the whole experience was that my son was only 6 months old when I left so when I returned, he didn't know who I

was," Gunn said. "There were positive times, though, such as seeing all the soldiers help these Iraqi children, and everyone come together despite their differences."

SFC Timothy Harper, Magnolia GOLD instructor at Holmes, shared his experiences gained from working with the Marines and the National Guard for 20 years.

"In WWII, when America went to war, America went to war," SFC Harper said. "Now, when we go to war, the armed forces go to war and America goes to the mall. I don't mean to criticize anyone, it's just the way things are today."

I will say, I truly believe my spirituality was strongest when I was overseas, SFC Harper said. "I witnessed

Ridgeland Campus nursing students attend summit

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are the **Ridgeland Campus ADN students** at the 22nd Annual Statewide Nursing Summit on Feb. 9.

The Holmes Ridgeland Campus Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) students attended the 22nd Annual Statewide Nursing Summit sponsored by the Mississippi Nurses' Association and the Nursing Organizations Liaison Committee at the Jackson Convention Complex on Feb. 9.

Over 1,200 registered nurses and nursing students attended the Summit to meet with legislators, hear nationally recognized speakers, and participate in this once-a-year event which brings nurses from all over Mississippi to Jackson.

Holmes alumna Dickerson-teaches Art at Attala Center

From Staff Reports/Photos



Thanks to Inez Dickerson, bright, colorful paintings of bulldogs and scenic landscapes, as well as abstract pieces, adorn the walls of the beautiful new Holmes Attala Educational Center. A 1965 alumna of the Holmes Goodman Campus cosmetology program and an artist who has been painting for over 20 years, Dickerson was more than thrilled to paint a number of canvases to decorate the Center, which opened its doors on Nov.

19. She was also excited to accept the offer to teach an art class for Holmes.

Dickerson is currently teaching a six-week art course focusing on acrylics. "Some students have found a hidden talent in my classes," Dickerson said. "In fact, many of my students have gone on to become great artists."

After earning her cosmetology degree at Holmes, Dickerson studied art and sharpened her artistic abilities at Millsaps College. She has always held Holmes close to her heart, and is excited to have an opportunity to give back to the school that means so much to her.

To check out some of her work, visit the "Inez Originals" page on Facebook.

To find out when Dickerson's class will be offered again, contact the Attala Center at (662) 662-290-0808.

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people individually and collectively doing some pretty awesome things. Especially during Hurricane Katrina, when some of these guys couldn't go home to their families, you saw these men taking care of each other."

Thomas McMahon shared his experiences from the military, and the adjustments of returning.

"It can be tough to adjust to family, to life, to culture when you return," McMahon said. "I know it took me a while before I wanted to be in crowds again; I just had gotten used to a different pace of life."

One thing I would say was that being over there makes the world a lot smaller, Thomas said. "It gave me confidence in humanity to see people from all walks of life unite for one purpose...everyone has something to give, and you see this at work."

Laura McMahon, psychology instructor at Holmes and wife to Thomas, spoke about her experiences of being married to and having children with a man in active military.

"One of the hardest parts of being a military wife is that they can change things on you in a second," McMahon said. "As a young bride trying to plan my wedding, I did not handle it well when he was supposed to be home and

we had engagement parties planned, etc., and then at the last minute he could no longer come that week."

It was also a tough in that I would essentially put life on hold when he was gone., Laura said. "I would put off going to movies, to trying new places, because I wanted to wait and go with Thomas. I wanted to share all of life's experiences with the person I love. Once he was home, he wasn't always ready to go into big crowds so I had to reevaluate what life would look like, even when he was home."

Another strange thing is, you're essentially meeting a stranger at the airport - they've been gone six months to a year, and they're coming back a person who has experienced growth since they left," Laura said. "It's not all bad though; Thomas worked as a combat medic, and I got to hear about all of the wonderful things he did to help those in need, even during his downtime, when he didn't have to do it."

Holmes history instructor Caroline Barton shared her experiences of being married to her husband David when he was on an active duty. Barton was also in the Air Force herself right after high school.

"One thing that I remember so vividly is the sense of isolation I would

sometimes feel," Barton said. "You go to church with your children, and see all these families discussing what they'll eat for lunch afterward and think, 'Does anybody know why my husband's not here and that he's over there fighting a war?' You feel like the world should stop, but it doesn't and everyone is going on with their daily lives."

I also struggled with the news media...I don't think they understand how hard it is on military families and I believe they share too much information, Barton said.

The toughest situation I faced was when my daughter straight up asked me, 'Is daddy going to die?' I said no, you're daddy's going to be fine.' Then she said, 'Are you sure?' So I had to back track and say 'If he does, he'll go to be with Jesus and we'll see him again one day, but I really think your daddy's going to be okay, we just need to pray.' There's things you just cannot control in life, so you do the best you can, and that's what we did; we prayed and we did the best we could."

Following the panel discussion, a reception was held in the McGowan Center lobby and light refreshments were served.



Pictured is **J.R. Hall** moderating the panel.



Pictured is History and Political Science Department Chair **Laura Canard** serves cakes to attendees of the panel.

Adcock, Coulter recognized at HEADWAE

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are (left to right) **Taylor Adcock**, **Dr. Jim Haffey**, and **Dr. Stacey Coulter**.

Each year, the Mississippi Legislature hosts the Higher Education Appreciation Day - Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) banquet to recognize and honor the academi-

cally-talented faculty and students of Mississippi's higher education institutions who have made outstanding contributions in promoting academic excellence. This year's HEADWAE banquet was held on Feb. 2 at the Jackson Marriott Hotel.

Holmes honorees for 2015-16 included Dr. Stacey Coulter, English instructor on the Ridgeland Campus, and Taylor Adcock, a 4.0 pre-pharmacy student from the Goodman Campus.

Dr. Coulter, who has taught at Holmes since 2006, was named

Holmes Humanities Teacher of the Year in 2014. In addition to her role as an instructor, runs the Writing Center in Ridgeland.

Adcock is he College Projects Head for Phi Theta Kappa, a HolmesPlus scholar, an Ambassador, a work-study student, a tutor, and a member of BSU. She plans to attend the University of Mississippi upon graduation from Holmes and earn a Doctor of Pharmacy.

Milliken contributes to online chemistry textbook

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College chemistry instructor Dr. Troy Milliken made his mark in the world of science after serving as one of several contributors to an online chemistry textbook titled simply, "Chemistry." It was published in 2015 by OpenStax College.

"Chemistry" is designed specifically for two-semester general chemistry courses. As the opening of the textbook states, "For many students, this course provides the foundation to a career in chemistry, while for others, this may be their only college-level science course. As such, this textbook provides an important opportunity for students to learn the core concepts of chemistry and understand how those concepts apply to their lives and the world around them. The text has been developed to meet the scope and sequence of most general chemistry courses. At the same

time, the book includes a number of innovative features designed to enhance student learning."

Dr. Milliken has taught Organic and General Chemistry at Holmes on the Ridgeland Campus for a little over two years. Prior to working at Holmes, he taught the same courses at Jackson State University for eight and a half years. Dr. Milliken holds an impressive array of degrees: he earned his Bachelor of Science in Polymer Chemistry at Penn State University before completing both his Master of Science and his PhD in Polymer Chemistry at the University of Massachusetts. He also holds a Master of Divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary. Dr. Milliken is a member of the American Chemistry Society.

The other contributors to the textbook include: Paul Flowers, PhD, University of North Carolina - Pem-

broke; Klaus Theopold, PhD, University of Delaware; Richard Langley, PhD, Austin State University; Mark Blaser, Shasta College; Don Carpenetti, Craven Community College; Simon Bott, University of Houston; Andrew Eklund, Alfred University; Don Frantz, Wilfrid Laurier University; Paul Hooker, Westminster College; George Kaminski, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Jennifer Look, Mercer University; Carol Martinez, Central New Mexico Community College; Jason Powell, Ferrum College; Vicki Moravec, Trine University; and Tom Sorensen, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

For more information about the book or the Natural Science program at Holmes, contact Dr. Milliken at kmilliken@holmescc.edu or 601-605-3366.

Grenada Campus Gets on Track

By Taylor Vance
Growl Reporter



The Grenada Campus at Holmes Community College will be getting a walking track for students, faculty, and staff to utilize at their convenience. "The walking track is a T.A.P. grant from the Mississippi Department of Transportation," according to Grenada Campus Vice President Mi-

chelle Burney. The Mississippi Department of Transportation's (MDOT) website states that T.A.P. stands for Transportation Alternative Program. As its name suggest, the grant is geared toward creating alternative means of transportation such as walking tracks and bike trails. MDOT will cover 80 percent of the initial cost of the track and Holmes will cover the remaining 20 percent of the cost. Burney also shared, "the track will be a little over a quarter of a mile, the track will be paved and lit, and part of the track

will be between the hospital and the campus in order to be more secure."

However, as the old adage goes, "good things come to those who wait," such will be true with the walking track. Administrative officials at Holmes said unfortunately, the projected construction for the track would not begin until the summer of this year. Although, many are disappointed that they won't get to use the walking track to fulfill their New Year's Resolutions, everyone is excited, nonetheless, for the walking track.

Reception and Quilt Show held for Jackie Watkins

From Staff Reports/Photos

On Friday, Feb. 19, a reception was held in honor of Jackie Watkins, administrative assistant/inventory specialist on the Ridgeland Campus. Watkins will retire this year, and faculty and staff on the Ridgeland Campus wanted to let her know how much she is appreciated and will be missed.

Watkins is also an award-winning quiltmaker, so this reception gave her an opportunity to display her quilts, as well. The quilt display showcases her talent for creating beautiful, usable artwork.

Quilts made by Watkins were also featured in the Mississippi Arts



Commission Folk Art Apprenticeship gallery November-December in 2015. Well-known for her exquisite quilt-making, one of them served as the backdrop for the live musical performances during the opening art show reception for the exhibit held on Nov. 18.

(left) Pictured is **Jackie Watkins**, administrative assistant/inventory specialist on the Holmes Ridgeland Campus, at the reception held in her honor on Feb. 19

Holmes opens PTA Program on the Grenada Campus

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes Community College recently launched the Physical Therapist Assistant program on the Grenada Campus. The mission of the program is to improve the quality of life in the community by implementing a quality education program to educate knowledgeable and marketable physical therapist assistants. The PTA program will prepare graduates to assist physical therapists in various healthcare settings.

The first cohort of 14 students selected for the two-year program began in January. Housed in the recently-dedicated Donald E. Phillips Hall, the program has a curriculum that includes a distribution of both general education and PTA courses to maximize the intellectual, psychosocial, and cultural development of each student. Emphasis is placed on the pro-



Pictured is the inaugural PTA cohort. They are (front, left to right) **Raven Boatman**, **Shaquira Gayden**, **Mandy McCluskey**, **Heather Crouch**, **Kayla Dees**, **Alaina Vance**, **Leianne Tindall**, (back, left to right) **Jamie Gant**, **Katey Beth Harbin**, **Hope Williams**, **Anna Grace Turner**, **Shelby Ferguson**, **Rehana Sajjad**, and **Mykel Hawes**.

responsible and accountable for their own actions and continued learning.

"We have a great group of students in our first

student has so much potential to really impact the lives of patients in Mississippi. We are excited to be part of their transformation to become physical therapist assistants, and we are proud to have them as part of the Holmes Community College Family."

A new cohort of students will begin at the start of each year, and applications for the January 2017 cohort are available at this time via the Holmes website. The program is extremely competitive; a maximum of 15 students will be selected each year.

All who are interested in applying are encouraged to go to www.holmescc.edu and put PTA in the search bar to find detailed information on our program. For more information, contact King at (662) 227-2379 or myking@holmescc.edu.

cess of learning and critical thinking in order to produce graduates who are

PTA class," said Meg King, director of the PTA Program at Holmes. "Each

President's/Dean's Lists named for 2015 Fall Semester

From Staff Reports/Photos



Academic and technical students with exemplary quality point averages are recognized at the end of the fall and spring semesters by being named to the President's or Dean's list. To be eligible for such recognition a student must be enrolled in at least twelve semester hours.

To be placed on the president's list, a student must have a grade point average of 3.7 to 4.0 while a dean's list student must have a grade point average of 3.4 to 3.69.

Students to both lists have been named following the 2015 Fall Semester at Holmes Community College.

- President's List:**
Ackerman
 Tonya Cutts, William Janssen
Belzoni
 Stephan Henderson, Kinsey Moler, Sara Weaver
Benton
 Davis Merritt, Christina White
Bentonia
 Napoleon Lampkin, Mary Senior
Brandon
 Zainab Ahmed, Jacob Alford, Linsay Austin-Marrelli, Ben Brasher, Kaylee Butts, Kayla Collum, Jessica Cunningham, Whitney Fitzgerald, Jessica Fortin, Peyton Francis, Brittany Graham, Joshua King, Cody Kirtley, Caleb McClain, Carmen McClendon, Kaylon Monahan, Katelyn Murphy, Kevin Nguyen, Julia Niemeyer, Taylor Ozborn, Suniorea Page, Brandon Poore, Kaitlin Simmons, Alexandra Simmons, Emily Slay, Brett Thomason, Autumn Walker, Kumari Wojcik
Brookhaven
 Micah Redd
Bruce
 Kirsti Turner
Byram
 James Bullard, Terrance Hairston, Jada Harris, Marshall Horn, Chelsea Miller, Hanna Pittman, Katherine Ryan, Gloria SALTERS
Calhoun City
 Gabriella Bearden-Thompson, William Easley, Felicia Edwards, Hannah Goodson, Hunter Harris, Wesley Long, Chelsea Vance, Eloise Virges
Canton
 Verlincia Alexander, Harold Barr, Byron Bellipanni, Gabriel Bridgeman, Pamela Chapman, Carly Hammack, Chelsey Harlow, Michelle Hicks, Luke Leblanc, John Ledbetter, Hannah McLain, Jason McMaster, Trenton Milam, Marcus Moss, Jeremy Plummer, Evelyn Spencer, Sarah Spinks, Selby Thames, Curtis Washington, Azhia Watkins
Carrollton
 Dameond Brown, Payton Goss, Zakiyyah Parnell, Ashley Roberts, Kendred Sanders
Carthage
 Mabry Dye, Heather Freeny, Grace Manning, Wanda Wilson
Cascilla
 Santanna Potts
Charleston
 Jacob Pharr, Hannah Simmons

- Clinton**
 Jessica Blackledge, Joshua Bryan, Blake Devellis, Brianna Ford, Allison Frock, Alicia Guice, Mark Halderman, Natasha Hunt, Shelby Johns, Kirsten Jones, Nathan Lucero, Chelsey Osborn, Jennifer Porter, Ashley Pre-witt, Maria Ramirez, Gabriel Watson
Coffeeville
 Jonathan Bell, Austin Brown, Frederick Burns, Dustin Golden, Khadija Myers
Coila
 Lexis Frith, Dakota Smith, Hannah White, Joseph Wilshire
Crystal Springs
 Keith Miller
Duck Hill
 Joshua Boyle, Emily Harbin, Amber Montana, Hannah Waters
Durant
 Thomas Eskridge, Kiara Morgan, McShelle Williams, Joe Wilson, Donald Winters
Enid
 William Rogers
Ethel
 Anna Dufresne, Stefanie Dufresne
Eupora
 Kayte Beliew, Savanna Bell, Taylor Cade, David Canterbury, Madison Hawkins, Anna Littlejohn
Fayette, Ala.
 David Taylor
Flora
 Tianna Hathcock, Todd Ingle, Karsten Kelly, Anna Mullins
Florence
 Gerald Anderson, Marchelos Chase, Amanda Hunt, DeAnna Starnes, Carles Walker
Flowood
 Lashonda Barnes, Mary Campbell, Lashaundra Johnson
Georgetown
 Gymbriana Christmas
Goodman
 Molly McCleskey, Teri McKibben, Thomas McKibben, Major Sheard, Akia Washington
Greenwood
 Austin Brower, Albert Dodd, Lester Holman III, Gabrielle Merchant, Bradley Rodgers, James Stallings
Grenada
 Selby Ackman, Laura Adkins, Christopher Allread, Sierra Allread, Kaleb Baker, Mary Boyd, Kathy Bridges, Ebony Brown, Iyonna Collins, Shelby Craddock, Miranda Daniels, Aryn Denley, Hunter English, Mason Gettys, Hayden Grantham, Troy Gregory, Leandra Griffin, Jabari Hardwick, Dionte House, Frank James, Etta Jennings, Tabitha Jones, Britnee Kirk, Emily Lamkin, Kaitlyn Legge, Amber Lindsey, Katelyn Little, Tina Lott, Grant Martin, Brook McCluskey, Katelyn McNutt, Cedriculus Monger, Alton Moore, Dakota Mullen, Paige Olah, Elizabeth Parks, Alexandra Perry, Marquitiis Perry, John Prewitt, Diamo-niqua Robinson, Jennifer Robinson, Morgan Smith, Angela Tucker, Jonathan Upp, Taylor Vance, Abby Vance, John Walker, Tesheena Walker, Latoya White, Carla Wilkinson, Kayleen Fly, Ashley Hatch
Hazlehurst
 Steward Thurmond
Hernando
 Luis Hernandez

- Hickory**
 Stephen Pugh
Holcomb
 Erin Beck, Joshua Crouch, Elizabeth Denton, Bethany Donahoe, Luke Dun-gan, Madison Flanagan, Patty Galvan, Jeremiah Graves, Casey Hill, Tammy Orrell, Charles Shaw, Jennie Williams
Itta Bena
 Denishia Riley
Jackson
 Joseph Lattimore, Sean Adair, Ra-kiam Allen, John Bryant, Jonita Cooper, Lindsey Crutcher, Darrin Flagg, Jaylon George, Shiquita Haralson, L'Shay Hayes, Dionne Heisser, Ariel Hilliard, Randy Keith, Jomekeia Mar-tin, Darrion Mitchell, Shayna Moore, Breanna Odie, Jessica Pamplin, Hari Patel, Karishma Patel, Darlene Smith, Sarah Smith, Jessica Strickland, An-drew Taylor, Antoinette Walker, Rena' Walker-Adams, Anna Williams, Sham-iar Williams, Ashton Florence
Kilmichael
 Alaina Dismukes, Joseph Leach
Kosciusko
 Steven Ables, Brandon Aughtman, Darnell Campbell, Austin Dodd, Cus-tus Ford, Danny Gray, Harrison Grif-fin, Benjamin Hudson, Austin Hutchin-son, Dylan Lowe, Charlotte McBride, Anna McCrory, Brette McDaniel, Timothy Merchant, Brittany Moffett, Adam Myers, Jenna Parker, Catherine Petrow, Edwin Plunkett, Susan Rose, Adam Weaver, Vanessa Ramirez
Lambert
 Schronda Webster
Enid
 William Rogers
Lena
 Willis Barrett, Robert Hines, Jerry McDill
Lexington
 Carlis Gatson, Gerrica Adams, Muhammad Azeez, Shyla Curry, Sena Hope, Chas Pitchford, William Spell, Kassidy Winstead
Maben
 Rhiannon Hammons, Kelli Ray
Madison
 Chad Allgood, Brooke Alvis, Katie Anthony, Robert Apfel, Robin Bell, Avery Burns, Alexandria Carroll, William Cummins, William Dean, Victoria Deel, Mittie Field, Matthew Foley, Kyle Foster, Briana Hearn, Sara Hill, Lyndia Hobson, Sam Hollomon, Ashley Holsenback, Tatiana Kuriger, Cayla Lloyd, Colbee Lloyd, Renee Martin, Olivia Meeks, Rachel Munoz, Richard Murray, Madison Rademacher, Matthew Smith, Leonard Swilley, Jordan Tew, Rachel Tompkins, Cathryn Tritschler, Bailey Turbville, Madison Wallace, Madison Welch, Lori Wilson, Joseph Woody, Matthew Zimmerman, Alyssa Allen, Austin Drake, Julee Sudduth
Magee
 Jafus Lockett
Mantee
 Haley Pate
Mathiston
 Kayla Neal
McCarley
 Wesley Davis, Miranda Lott
McCool
 Addie Winters
Mendenhall
 Monica Brown, Whitney Walker
Morton
 Caitlyn Bennett, Cassidy Lloyd
Natchez
 Kayla Gilmore
North Carrollton
 Shelby Hoover
Oxford
 Philip Tracey, Joelle Young
Pascagoula
 Kaleia Lillis
Pearl
 Jonathan Aaron, Crystal Griffing, Tamara Khoury
Philipp
 Jacob Davis
Pickens

- Terrell Wynne**
Raymond
 Elizabeth McPhail, Emily Skinner
Ridgeland
 Bailey Madigan, Victoria Bailey, Fatima Bracamonte, Patricia Castane-da Gunn, Madeline Hall, Wyatt Horne, Amina Jatoi, Valencia Moses, Amy Quarles, Jesus Renk, Christina Rush-ing, Ellen Springer, Erika Stewart-La-tiler, Lukas Vali, Andrew Yaul
Sallis
 Taylor Adcock, Trekiya Brown, Grayson Jobe, Alex Sizemore, Gary Tucker, Griffin Turner, Stephen Wozencraft
Sartaria
 Hunter Woods
Scobey
 Jeraldine Harris-Rice
Sharon
 Shytiara Johnson
 Kaitlyn Bryant
 Star Mckenzi Bynum
Starkville
 Kenneth Aasand, Tyler Barnes
Stewart
 Kaitlin Jones, Kayla Narmour
Taylorsville
 Andrew Pankratz
Tchula
 Russell Scott, Rodriecka White
Terry
 Jacey Jarnagin, Matthew Strickland
Tillatoba
 Fred Jackson, Kendra Umfleet
Tucson, Ariz.
 Nickolas Allgood
 Dupelo
 Darlisia Topps
Vaiden
 Blake Holly, Chelsea Huggins, Chanta Hughes
Vardaman
 Hunter Harmon, Wanda Jones
Vaughan
 Kristin Alexander, Jimmy Barton
Vicksburg
 James Gerache, Frederick Harris, Mercedes Taylor
Walthall
 Jennifer Tehan
Water Valley
 Melissa Ledford, Harley Sharp, Jen-nifer Stewart, Marquita Walton
West
 Rachel Bishop, Jason Howard, Jared Potter, Daniel Settlemer
Wiggins
 Timothy Nations
Winona
 Jarvarious Baskin, Maya Caradine, Jared Glasner, Angelica Guzman, Tanner Jackson, Joseph Mims, Valerie Mooney, Christian Murphy, Anthony Murphy, Austin Pearson, Elizabeth Pollard, Hannah Ritchie, Gabrielle Saffold, Hannah Sullivant, Macario Sawyer
Yazoo City
 Austin Hanna, Susan Jenkins, Sim-one Lewis, Arbresha Wheeler, Dene-sha Wheeler
Dean's List:
Batesville
 Anfernee Benson
Belzoni
 Princeton Clayborne, Marvin Wig-ley
Benton
 Katherine Middleton
Bentonia
 Dalton Burton, William McGraw, Alice Thornton
Brandon
 Kayla Austin, Travis Baker, Allan Boswell, Virginia Boswell, Winston Boswell, Whitney Broadway, Britta-ny Burney, Madeline Castle, Caitlyn Couch, David Gunter, Briana Hocutt, Sarah Liberto, Cassie May, Kaitlyn Meadows, Ronald Neihaus, Tanner Pennington, Jimmy Purser, Austin

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Byram
 Delaney Kluge, Erica Logan, Jimmy Logan, Jessica Marsman, Elena Pope
Calhoun City
 Ashlone Glaspie, Kayla Denton
Camden
 Lashonda Lyles
Canton
 Devontae Booze, Sucely Cardona, Fredetria Carson, Tabitha Chambless, Tara Fortenberry, Hannah Grantham, Lauren Harrison, Fredericka Luckett, Kayla Mckenzie, Kristiina Viitkin, Ondra Williams
Carrollton
 Kimberly Parker, Regina Shelton
Cascilla
 Hannah Burchfield
Cleveland
 Austin Killion, Reagan Walker
Clinton
 Kaylyn Arnold, Daniel Crabb, Lauren Craft, Joshua Dilmore, Cait-lin Jiles, Mia Jones, Rufus Leflore, Ashunti Nolden, Jessica Orcutt, Jenni-fer Rogers, Jaylyn Smith, Virenkumar Patel
Coffeeville
 Kayla Hamann
Coila
 Dustin McGehee
Columbus
 Brandy Petty
Corinth
 Michael Farris
Cruger
 Collin Different
Duck Hill
 Timothy Benton, Tara Grantham, Bridget Williams
Durant
 Tynesha Benford, Donald Winters
Enid
 Jessica Jones
Ethel
 Lauren Bouchillon, Miranda Burch-field, Chloe Clark, Hanna Dallas, Ryan McKinley
Eupora
 Courtney Beam, Lindsey Hankins, Mitch Shaw
Flora
 Victoria Dalton, Daniel Pinegar, Gabrielle Robuck

- Florence**
 Chynna Courtney, Kylee Laird, Ben-jamin Marino
Flowood
 Daniel Barnette, Tabitha Owens
Forest
 Tiah Jones
Goodman
 Keywonzola Hughes, Candasia Kitchens, Stephanie Thrasher
Gore Springs
 Kayla Denley
Greenwood
 Daniel Haley, Callie Jennings, Mary Neill, Angela Stowers
Grenada
 Angela Ballard, Marianna Baugh, Emily Brown, Jordan Childs, Shelia Cook, Kayla Dees, Taylor Faulkner, Laura Gaskin, Napoleon Green, Ken-yatia House, Haley Hudson, Macey McDaniel, Tameiah Mitchell, Clayton Nelms, Rycha Perry, Keara Rogers, Jennifer Simpson, Mckenzie Spear-man, Kesner Spencer, Jonathan Tatum, Kayla Watts, Jolesha Holloway, Tif-fanie McIntire
Gulfport
 Jaci Murphy
Hazlehurst
 Kaylie Carpenter
Holcomb
 Julia Hood, Nathaniel Martinez, Kijrsten Whitsell, Cheyenne Whitaker
Horn Lake
 Anna Garza
Jackson
 Mayo Alexander, Patrice Alexander, Crystal Anderson, Zaccheaus Brown, Shailla Davis, Mary Gross, Christo-pher Henry, Jada Hubbard, Chlymera Hughes, Audrey Jeffrey, Kayla John-son, Justin Jones, April Jordan, Quidel Kelly, Samantha McGarity, Carlos Perez, Ciara Ragsdale, Lashumbe Reed, Samuel Ross, Jessica Simmons, Erica Smith, David Thompson, Edal-it Viveros, Valencia Wallace, Robert Wells, Aretha White, Paris Williams
Kosciusko
 Kyle Alderman, Kristiana Allen, Ashlee Blackwell, Ashleigh Blakely, Akaia Brown, Samuel Cain, Cade Colletta, Amber Gilmore, Tiffany Hill, Cassyetta Hughes, Ashley Hughes, Victoria Swinney, Robert Threet, Tay-lor Woodfin, Jessica Wright

- Lexington**
 Anthony Anderson, Darius Brooks, Ronnie Dickard, Jasmine Gibson, Le'Onicus Kimble, Whitney Mat-thews, Nathan McCloskey, Ashley Self
Long Beach
 Sydney Green
Madison
 Samantha Abrams, Mikael Amos, Riley Baker, Ryan Ball, Bailee Barret, Amber Cavaliere, William Crosby, Rachel Cruse, Morgan Daniels, Sarah Fitts, Matthew Green, Kristen Hamil, Thomas Hanson, Cody Hawks, Anna Haynie, Qu'Sheba Henderson, Tyler Hinds, Nicole Lewallen, Caleb Mat-thews, Megan McCoy, Auburn Patter-son, Jeffrey Patterson, Carlos Perez, Shari Perkins, Candice Prestridge, Sandra Rowland, Bradley Smith, Josh-ua Tate, Tanner Tate, Jeremy Tkach, Kelvin Toney, Andrew Vaughn, Anna Williams, Ashley Wicker
Magee
 Michael Harrison
Manhgam, La.
 Karley Poindexter
Mathiston
 Sam Naron
McCarley
 Keely Herbert
McCool
 Brittany Farrell, Natalie Henson, Heather Mitchell
Memphis, Tenn.
 Cortrice Golden
Moore, Okla.
 Sam Miller
Mt. Olive
 Dejjeric Bryant
Pearl
 Ashley Bush, Kenren Cornelius, Payton Earley, Yolonda Lewis
Pickens
 Veronica Rivers
Port Gibson
 Gerald Glass
Raymond
 Sarah Pittman
Richland
 Melody Boone, Matthew Hawn, Taylor Sullivan
Ridgeland
 Joseph Abbott, Evelyn Aviles, Philip Bell, Jesse Brown, Olivia Cole, Lorin Crawford, Alejandro Hernandez, Rebecca Holder, Jacqueline James,

- Devante Martin, Oscar Olguin, Sam-uel Perry, Philip Reynolds, Markeis-ha Stewart, Shirley Watkins, Jessica Woodruff, Erick Zapata
Sallis
 Kiundria Malone
Schlater
 Shrea Raby
Senatobia
 Toya Turner
Sherman
 Bayle Bryant
Tchula
 James Cobb, Kentrai Hogan
Terry
 Rachel Smith
Tillatoba
 Joshua Tipton
Tupelo
 Reagan Aldridge
Tylertown
 Rachel Bond
Utica
 Jessica Grace, Gavan Redfield
Vaiden
 Sara Goss, Brittany Dance
Vaughan
 Molly Davis, Youlanda Garrett
Vicksburg
 Torey Daniels, Karl Kolb, D'Ange-lo Richardson, Evelise Ross, Latreshia Selvy
Walnut Grove
 Laffletcher Windham
Water Valley
 Cody Greer, D'Cedric Hairston
Weir
 Matthew Davis, Joseph Tobia
Wesson
 Gregory Busby
West
 Adam Alexander, Jonathan Burrell, Samantha Erving
Winona
 Payton Acy, Brittany Arnold, Chris-topher Blaylock, Shelby Ferguson, Dexter Glover, Jacob Golding, Angela Keel, Kyle Krauzyk, Coreia Ratliff, Austin Thornburg, Chasity Boykin
Woodland
 Dustin Langley
Yazoo City
 James Hicks, Tony Martin, Amy McCoy

Holmes hosts Below 100 law enforcement seminars

From Staff Reports/Photos

On Tuesday, Jan. 5, and Thursday, Jan. 7, the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus hosted area law enforcement for "Below 100" seminars. Below 100 is an initiative that aims to reduce the line of duty deaths to below 100 annually, a number not seen since 1944. 147 area officers attended the seminar at Holmes on Tuesday, and approximately 155 on Thursday; record numbers for Below 100 seminars. To learn more about Below 100, visit <http://below100.org/>.



Pictured at the Below 100 seminar on Jan. 7 are (left to right) Ridgeland Police Officer Brad Carter and Holmes Chief of Police Christopher Dill.



Pictured is Tommy Loftis, Law Enforcement Coordinator for the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of Alabama, leading a Below 100 seminar. Since 2012, he has presented this information to more than 70 law enforcement groups.



Holmes hosted Below 100 law enforcement seminars on Jan. 5 and 7 in the McGowan Workforce Training Center. Pictured is Special Agent Steve Godfrey, Training Coordinator at the FBI's Jackson office, presenting on Jan. 7.

SkillsUSA, Ridgeland Fire Department donate to Sunnybrook Children's Home

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are (front, left to right) Shelby McNeese, Sabrina Summers, Casey McDonagh, John McKinnon, Yancy Jayroe, (back, left to right) Joshua Scott, Brent Thomas, Ashton Florence, Tonia Dotson, Jacquie James, and Heather Mooney.

The Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus SkillsUSA chapter, along with the Ridgeland Fire Department, recently collected Christmas gifts for Sunnybrook Children's Home, and delivered them on Dec. 10. Located on Sunnybrook Road in the heart of Ridgeland, the children's home is a Christian ministry-based, professional childcare organization that seeks to meet the needs of abused and neglected children. House parents reside in each home with the children, and while they provide as much as possible for the children, they are extremely appreciative of donations/donated items to help out with Christmas presents.

The Holmes Ridgeland SkillsUSA

SA chapter, headed up by instructor Heather Mooney, has collected gifts for Sunnybrook the past few years. SkillsUSA is an organization open to all students enrolled in Career/Technical courses that helps foster social and leadership abilities as well as skills needed to succeed and be competitive in the workforce. Scholarships are available to students who competed and placed in district, state, and/or national competitions in SkillsUSA.

For more information about Sunnybrook Children's Home, visit <http://www.sunnynh.net/>.

For more information about the Ridgeland Campus SkillsUSA chapter, contact Heather Mooney at hmooney@holmescc.edu.

Rotoract Club brings Christmas cheer to The Home Place

From Staff Reports/Photos



Representatives from the Holmes Ridgeland Campus delivered gifts collected by Rotoract. Pictured are (left to right) Holmes student Jaylon George, Head Librarian Blair Booker, Assistant Librarian Jennifer Smith, History and Political Science Department Chair Laura Canard, and Financial Aid Advisor Mary Haralson with some of the gifts collected.

The Holmes Community College Rotoract Club, advised by Assistant Librarian Jennifer Smith, recently collected Angel Tree items for The Home Place and delivered them on Friday, Dec. 11. The Home Place is an assisted living facility in Madison, and over the past several years, different Holmes organizations from the Ridgeland Campus have helped make sure the residents there have a merrier Christmas.

The Rotoract Club is a service organization that is in the process of being chartered at the Holmes Ridgeland Campus. Sponsored by the Madison-Ridgeland Rotary Club, Rotoract brings students together to do service activities in Madison County and the surrounding areas. The club meets twice a month to promote leadership, professional development, and service

among college age students. With more than 8,000 clubs in 167 countries, Rotoract members are helping to lead change in communities around the globe. With the club being brand new this fall, the Angel Tree collection for The Home Place was the first community service project Rotoract conducted.

For more information about Holmes Rotoract, contact Jennifer Smith at jensmith@holmescc.edu.

Ridgeland PTK addresses use of drones in today's society

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are (left to right) PTK advisor Erin Renfro, officer Nathaly Espinoza, officer Jessie May, officer Jake Hinkle, president Mallory Corley, officer Elise Fullwood, Jessie May, and advisor Blair Booker.

Ridgeland Campus' Phi Theta Kappa Chapter has taken on the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems as their Honors in Action project for this year and recently published an article in the American Civil Liberties Union on drone awareness.

"The Phi Theta Kappa officers on the Holmes Ridgeland Campus have done a thorough job of researching Unmanned Aircraft Systems this semester, and they have discovered

that the widespread use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems could potentially impact aviation in such a way that humans change the way they travel, conduct business, and complete day-to-day activities," PTK advisor Erin Renfro said. "Since this topic has the potential to impact humanity so greatly, it is important to stay informed as UAS regulations are created and implemented. The officers hope that the publication of this white paper will

help others to become more educated about this topic."

The five officers, Mallory Corley from Pelahatchie, Jake Hinkle from Madison, Jessie May from Vicksburg, Nathaly Espinoza from Ridgeland, and Elise Fullwood from Lowville, NY, conducted research on the future of drones, specifically examining the potential benefits and/or dangers their growing use could cause.

The officers met with former Air Force Commander Mo Rolfs, who is currently the Chief Operations Officer for KMR Holdings, LLC, an aviation management and business development company involved with the commercial development of UAS.

Through this meeting, the officers learned that there will likely be widespread use of drones for commercial purposes in the near future. It is predicted that drones could be used for everything from search and rescue missions to pizza delivery. In fact, it is probable that within the next ten years, we could see as many drones in the sky as we currently see airplanes.

With the discovery that drone use is projected to increase so quickly, the officer team spoke to the Federal Avi-

ation Administration (FAA) to inquire about how drones will be managed in such a way to ensure the safety of the public. Representatives from the FAA revealed that currently, "unmanned aircraft are flying in the national airspace system under very controlled conditions," but that "once the regulatory structure is developed and industry standards have been established, [they expect] a commercial UAS market to mature rapidly." The FAA is working to develop this regulatory structure by the summer of 2016.

The officers' next step was to contact the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Mississippi to determine the extent to which drones could potentially invade the public's right to privacy. Through the correspondence with the ACLU, a white paper was written and published on the ACLU's website. The white paper highlights Holmes's Phi Theta Kappa officers' questions and provides the answers. This document is available to the public and is intended to address concerns that citizens may have regarding their right to privacy as it relates to widespread drone use.

Honoring Agent Lee Tartt

By Taylor Vance
Growl Reporter



Agent Lee Tartt

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, there were many people packed in Emmanuel Baptist Church in Grenada to honor the life and legacy of Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics Agent Lee Tartt;

but the emotion people felt was reflected among the only color visible: blue. Mississippi Department of Public Safety Spokesman Warren Strain stated, "Tartt was killed in the line of duty during a standoff in Tishomingo County early Saturday morning. Tishomingo Sheriff Deputies responded to a domestic situation at a residence. The Mississippi Highway Patrol, Mississippi Bureau of Investigation, and Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics responded at the request of the Tishomingo County Sheriff." The suspect (who will not be named because he does not deserve attention) was holding his wife and daughter hostage in their residence. When the suspect would not comply with officers' orders, Tartt and other officials entered the house where Tartt was fatally shot.

At the funeral, Rev. Sherman Barrette said, "words that describe Tartt are Christian, sacrifice, mentor, kind, honest, and loyal." Many law enforcement officials remarked that Tartt was

a hero, and a ten-year-old girl is alive because of him.

Grenada Mayor Billy Collins had the following to say on his Facebook account: "I was awakened Saturday morning to some sad news. [Tartt] was doing his job while we were sleeping. MBN and the city has lost a good, honest law abiding officer."

Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant, who was in attendance at the funeral, stated, "The death of Agent Lee Tartt is a tragic reminder that [law enforcement officers'] willingness to serve can exact the highest price. Deborah and I ask all Mississippians to join us in praying for the family of Agent Tartt."

This was a day that showed the best of humanity and the worst of humanity. It is horrible that a monster chooses to hold his own wife and daughter hostage then open fire on another human being; but it's heroic when an officer lays down his own life to protect someone he did not even know. It's touching that when the most vitriolic

of circumstances occur, Mississippians band together, love, and pray for a family who lost a father, husband, and brother. As Marshall Ramsey, Clarion Ledger cartoonist, says, "When things get bad, we get good [sic]." Regardless if you are conservative, liberal, a champion of the black lives matter movement, or a defender of all lives matter, we can all agree that Agent Tartt was a hero. So the next time you see your Campus Police officers in the hallway, you might want to thank them for what they do.

Deweese named City of Ridgeland Diplomat of the Month

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College Career Technical Counselor Allison DeWeese was honored as Diplomat of the Month by the City of Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce for December.

Each month, one of the city's diplomats is chosen for this honor based on their service to the chamber and to the City of Ridgeland. The recipient is honored with a certificate and treated to a luncheon.

"Allison is such a great community

advocate for Holmes," said Director of Career Technical Education Amy Whittington. "She understands how important it is for us to have strong community relationships, and she does a great job of making and fostering those relationships. I could not think of a better person to serve as a representative for Holmes, and it is an honor to have her as a member of our Career Technical staff at Ridgeland. On behalf of my faculty and staff, I would like

to congratulate her on receiving this honor."

For more information on Holmes Community College, visit www.holmescc.edu.

Rain, rain, go away!

By Joshua Dilmore
Growl Editor

February has been a cold, wet rainy month, with dry sunny days few and far between. Most people know the saying "April showers bring May flowers," but it looks like those April showers have come early this year. In fact, record-setting rainfall began in January, when the Mississippi River crested, flooding most river towns along its coastline. This flood was one of the worst since the 2011 flood, reports the National Weather Service.

This month alone, each thunderstorm

has brought between two and 12 inches (in some cases more) of rainfall throughout the state of Mississippi, from Tupelo to Hattiesburg, according to AccuWeather. In less than two months, Mississippi has experienced heat advisories, thunderstorms, flooding, tornadoes, and even below-freezing temperatures. Of course, most Mississippians may be used to weather extremes, but what about the rest of the country?

Severe weather has pelted the United States, from the West Coast to East Coast over the last month. Thunder-

storms which produced tornadoes in Louisiana and Mississippi are moving into Florida, reaching all the way into the Carolinas and even Virginia. Reportedly three people are dead and dozens injured after last night's storms "hammered" the Gulf Coast, according to the Weather Channel. People are growing weary of this weather trend, having to cleanup every other weekend because of severe weather. Most are asking, "How much more?"

There might be a light at the end of this tunnel, but unfortunately it is clouded by a storm cloud. Local news

stations such as WJTV and WAPT and even the National Weather Service are reporting more storms in the next week. 2015 went down in the record book as the hottest year, perhaps 2016 will go down as the wettest.

To see the path of tornadoes from the last 48 hours, click here. To view live Doppler radar for your area, visit the National Weather Service.

Flint Michigan Water Crisis



By Wontavius Rimpson
Growl Reporter

After contaminated water caught many by surprise, the City of Flint, Michigan called for a state of emergency. The state has been facing water issues since April 2014 and is currently under investigation.

The state called an emergency in January 2016 and is currently working to fix this issue. While many were affected from this water crisis, children have a higher risk of lead contamination. In fact the children were found to have lead in their blood.

The state is being advised to drink water out of bottles to avoid further contamination.

Holmes holds Birthday Bash for Bully

Photos by Wontavius Rimpson
Growl Reporter

On March 23, the Goodman Campus celebrated Bully the Mascot's 90th birthday. The students enjoyed hotdogs, hamburgers, cupcakes, a concert by the Jazz Band and the Holmes CC Photobooth. Happy Birthday Bully!



Alumna Ariel Wolfe wins Holmes' 90th birthday giveaway prize

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes recently celebrated its 90th birthday, and as part of that celebration, held a social media contest with fantastic giveaway prizes. Ridgeland Campus alumna Ariel V. Wolfe of Jackson, an elementary education graduate who is now a student at Jackson State University, was the lucky winner of a Yeti 45 cooler adorned in the Holmes logo. All she had to do to win this coveted prize was share Holmes' 90th birthday celebration video on Facebook or Twitter.

"I couldn't believe I actually won!" Wolfe said. "I never usually win anything, but when I was scrolling through Holmes' Facebook page and saw the contest I decided to give it a shot. I didn't know it was Holmes' birthday until I watched the video. I'm proud to be a Holmes graduate, and I encourage current students to never give up; you can do anything if

you put your mind to it and believe in yourself."

The social media contest, which lasted Nov. 2-13, reached a total of 11,720 people, with 418 people sharing the post to user timelines. Three were 215 plays of the video via Vimeo, which is an outstanding reach for one week of promotion, and the Twitter performance for the week of the contest was Holmes' highest media Tweet ever at 954 impressions. It was also the most successful Facebook campaign Holmes has had yet, with the highest number of likes, shares, reach, and engagement. Needless to say, the Holmes community enjoyed taking part in the celebratory contest.

The college also celebrated Holmes' 90th birthday through a variety of events during Homecoming 2015, celebrated on Oct. 24.

In just 90 short years, more than 20,000 alumni have received an edu-

cation and/or trained for the workforce at Holmes. Holmes has grown from an agricultural junior college in Goodman into a multi-campus institution that offers the Associate of Arts degree, Associate of Applied Science degree, technical and career certificates, and workforce training. The college offers more than 50 academic majors, approximately 30 professional programs, over 50 extracurricular activities, 10 athletic sports, and

a variety of student support services. Holmes Community College. 90 Years Strong. Solid Foundation. Bright Future.



Student Spotlight



Doug Chambers

Hometown: New Orleans, La.
Holmes Campus: Ridgeland
Major: General Studies
Post Holmes plans: Branch off to a four-year university...my career ambition is to be a sports coach.
Hobbies: Collecting a variety of sneakers and playing/watching sports. I play basketball and baseball, and won two championship rings for basketball while in high school.



Craig Robertson of Robertson+Associates speaks to Holmes Community College Paralegal Studies students Monday, Jan. 25, in Ridgeland.

Basic photography class offered at Attala Center

By Miranda Burchfield
Growl Reporter

Are you interested in photography and want to learn the basics? You can enroll in the basic photography community enrichment course offered at the Attala Center of Holmes Community College. This class is offered to anyone in the community and the cost is \$50. The class will meet each Thursday from March 3-31. Participants must own or have access to a camera that they can bring to class and use to take photographs outside of class. It would also be advisable to bring a flash drive to store



photographs on. Students will learn the basics of camera operation, the advantages of different types of cameras, and how to use various types of photo editing software. It is a beneficial class that will help you improve your photography skills.

Auditions for Holmes Connection! set for March 21

From Staff Reports/Photos



Auditions for the Holmes Community College show choir group Connection! are set for March 21 at 5 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building

on the Goodman Campus. For more information, contact Michael Yates at myates@holmescc.edu, or 662-472-9061.

Ridgeland Campus holds Career Fair

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured is (right) Ken Lowery, human resources manager for Hunter Engineering Company in Durant, speaking with Holmes student and SkillsUSA member Gavan Redfield about job opportunities at the Second Annual Career Fair held in the Holmes Community College McGowan Workforce Training Center in Ridgeland on Feb. 18.

The Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus Career and Technical Education Department held its Second Annual Career Fair on Thursday, Feb. 18, from 8:30 a.m.-noon in the McGowan Workforce Training Center. The event gave Holmes students the opportunity to discover career opportunities and internships and network with local professionals.

The 27 companies and agencies recruiting included: Aegis Therapies, AMR, BankPlus, Benchmark Medical Staffing, CF Industries, Inc., City of Madison Firefighters, Comcast, C-Spire, Elwood Staffing, Hunter Engineering Company, Ingalls Shipbuilding, Madison Police Department, Mississippi Center for Justice, Mis-



Pictured are (left to right) Engineering Technology instructor Heather Mooney, SkillsUSA members Mandi Edwards and Cameron Brown, and Surgical Technology instructor Shea Coleman greeting attendees at the entrance of the Career Fair on Feb. 18.

issippi Department of Information Technology Services, Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), Mississippi State Personnel Board, OpPLUS: Office Products Plus, Outback Steakhouse, Reservoir Police Department, Ridgeland Police Department, Sprint Mart, TrustCare Express Medical Clinics, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Venture Technologies, Waffle House, WJTV, and Working Solutions: The Staffing

People. Members of Holmes' SkillsUSA chapter were also present to welcome those attending the fair, and give students the opportunity to join the organization.

For more information on the Holmes Career and Technical Education Department on the Ridgeland Campus, please contact Amy Whittington at awhittington@holmescc.edu or 601-605-3313.



(left to right) Officer Jimmy Finnegan speaks with Holmes student Jaylon Robinson while (center) student Demetrius Flax speaks with Officers Andre Minter and Carzell Cavett about opportunities with the Ridgeland Police Department at the Second Annual Career Fair held in the McGowan Workforce Training Center on Feb. 18.

H-Club (Continued from Front Page)

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Holmes Community College Athletics has a long and storied history. All former student-athletes and coaches share a common bond, and we want you to stay connected to your alma mater and your former teams and coaches.

Holmes and the H-Club will host numerous events throughout the course of the year and you will receive invitations through e-mail and social media so that you can be a part of what's happening now at Holmes.

Eligibility in the H-Club Alumni Chapter of the Holmes Community

College Alumni Association is open to all former athletes, managers and trainers of any intercollegiate sport sponsored by Holmes Community College. The H-Club Alumni Chapter invites all qualified individuals to join our organization to support the College, the Alumni Association and its H-Club Alumni Chapter.

For a \$30 annual fee, H-Club members get a car decal, a window cling, a complimentary varsity club t-shirt annually, invitations to all athletic events, events on each Holmes campus and future alumni events.

Members also get connected with former teammates and coaches via the H-Club website and Social Media outlets, and passes for one admission to sporting events held at Holmes CC.

To download the H-Club form, go to: <http://www.holmesathletics.com/H-Club/index>

To send in H-Club dues, mail \$75 by check or money order to: Holmes Community College, Attn: Steve Diffey, P.O. Box 369, Goodman, MS 39079.

Bulldogs basketball finish season sweep of Lions, 72-61

From Staff Reports/Photos



With a 72-61 win over East Mississippi on Feb. 15, the Holmes Community College Men's Basketball Team stood atop of the North Division going into the final game of the regular season on Feb. 18 at Northeast.

With the win, the Bulldogs went to 17-5 overall and 8-3 in the division. The Bulldogs secured a spot in both the MACJC and Region XXIII Tournaments. The State Tournament will be held at Itawamba while the Region XXIII Tournament is at Mississippi College.

Holmes led 36-25 at halftime and then both teams each scored 36 in the second half.

Daryl Macon led the Bulldogs with 24 points while D'Angelo Richardson had 19.

Holmes shot 56.5 percent from the floor, 40 percent from the three-point line and 70 percent from the free-throw line while East shot 35.5 percent from the floor, 26.9 percent from the three-point line and 62.5 percent from the free-throw line.

Nine Bulldogs receive pre-season honors from the NJCAA

From Staff Reports/Photos



in 43 1/3 innings with 23 strikeouts.

On the Top Returning Position Players list, the Bulldogs had Tyler

Holmes Community College's baseball team had nine players to receive pre-season honors from the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Holmes had players on the Top Incoming Freshman list, Top Returning Pitchers list and Top Position Players list.

On the Top Returning Pitchers list, the Bulldogs had Michael Harrison from Magee and Cody Greer from Water Valley. Harrison finished last season at 3-3. He went 24 2/3 innings with 30 strikeouts. Greer finished 2-4

Hines from Morton, Jarvis Griffith from Taylorsville, Geoffrey King from Southaven and Carr McMorris from Taylorsville. Last season, Hines batted .321, Griffith batted .234, McMorris batted .308 and King batted .326.

On the Top Incoming Freshman list, the Bulldogs had Chase Allen, a right-handed pitcher from Florence, Dylan Creel, a right-handed pitcher and infielder from Clinton and Scott Shearer, a left-handed pitcher from Independence.

Lady Bulldogs to face East Central in the Region XXIII Tournament

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Lady Bulldogs come into the NJCAA Region XXIII Tournament on March 2 as the Region's No. 7 seed and will be facing the MACJC Champion and Mississippi No. 1 seed East Central.

Holmes, who fell to Jones in the MACJC State Tournament at Itawamba 69-58, is 17-7 while East Central, who won three games and the state title 75-63 over Itawamba, is 24-2 on the season. You can watch the game live at www.holmesccmedia.com or listen on breezynews.com or 101.1 FM.

Holmes is led by sophomore guard Aja Williams, who is averaging 19 points per game. Sophomore Tiffany Jones is averaging 14.8 points per game while sophomore Minyone Hill is averaging 9.3 points per game, sophomore Cortice Golden is averaging 8.6 points per game and sophomore Kawaii Perry is averaging 7.8

points per game. As a team, the Lady Bulldogs are averaging 73.5 points per game and are shooting 43.6 percent from the floor, 26.6 percent from three-point range and 59.7 percent from the free-throw line.

Holmes is giving up 62.91 points per game.

East Central is led by sophomore Alexis McDonald, who is averaging 16.2 points per game. Samantha Duncan is averaging 15.9 points per game, Kalybriah Haskins is averaging 12 points per game, Miracle Rushing is averaging 11.8 points per game and Johntha Hughes is averaging 7.8 points per game. As a team, The Lady Warriors are averaging 78.7 points per game and are shooting 43.9 percent from the floor, 33.9 percent from three-point range and 56.1 percent from the free-throw line.

East Central is giving up 61.57 points per game.

Lady Bulldogs get win over East Miss., 83-69

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Lady Bulldogs repaid the East Mississippi Community College Lady Lions for a loss earlier in the season with one of its own Feb. 15 as the Lady Bulldogs won, 83-69.

With the win, the Lady Bulldogs went to 16-6 overall and 7-4 in the North Division and are tied with East

Mississippi for third place. Each team won the head-to-head matchups by identical 14-point spreads.

The Lady Bulldogs are guaranteed a spot in the MACJC State Tournament at Itawamba.

Holmes led 21-13 after the first period and 37-36 at halftime. Holmes then outscored East 25-14 in the third and 21-19 in the fourth to pull out the double-figure win.

Minyone Hill led the Lady Bulldogs with 20 points while Tiffany Jones had 19 and Aja Williams had 13. Jones had 10 rebounds while Williams had eight.

As a team, the Lady Bulldogs shot 50.7 percent and 41.7 percent from the three-point line and only 50 percent from the free-throw line. East shot 45.8 percent from the floor, 50 percent from the three-point line and 78.6 percent from the free-throw line.

Baseball takes three of four from Southeastern Ill.

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Bulldogs Baseball Team pulled their record to .500 at 4-4 with three of four wins over the weekend versus Southeastern Illinois College.

On Feb. 20, the Bulldogs fell to Southeastern, 10-3 and then won 4-0. Holmes then defeated Southeastern, 11-1, and 4-1 in game two on Sunday.

In game one Saturday, Michael Harrison suffered the loss and went 5 1/3 innings. He gave up five runs on five hits. Dylan Creel came into the game in relief and went one inning and gave up five runs on three hits while Justin Hutton pitched 2/3 innings. Geoffrey King and Carr McMorris each had a double.

In game two Saturday, Cody Greer picked up the win and went six innings. He gave up one run on two hits with six strikeouts and two walks. Chase Allen pitched one inning and struck out two and walked one. King had two hits.

In game one Sunday, Scott Shearer picked up the win. He went 4 2/3 innings and gave up one run on eight hits with three strikeouts. Peyton Sullivan pitched 1/3 inning and had a strikeout. Christian Smith led the Bulldogs with three hits while Tyler Hines and Lambert had two.

In game two, Shelby Craddock picked up the win. He went 5 2/3 innings and gave up one run on five hits. Allen came in the game in relief and

went 1 1/3 innings and had one strikeout. McMorris had a double.

In games at Wallace-Selma, Ala. on Feb. 5 and 6, the Bulldogs defeated Faulkner University JV, 6-1 and fell to Wallace-Selma, 11-8, 6-5 and 3-2.

Versus Faulkner, Sloan Dieter picked up the win and went six innings. He gave up one run on three hits with seven strikeouts. Allen pitched one inning. Jaylan Baker and Hines each doubled.

Against Wallace-Selma on Friday, Scott Shearer started the game and gave relief to Craddock, Will Hyche, Sullivan and Ryan Sticker. Shearer went two innings and gave up four runs on five hits. Craddock suffered the loss and went 1 1/3 innings and gave up three runs on one hit. Hyche went 2/3 inning and gave up four runs on five hits while Sullivan and Sticker each went one inning. Lambert, King, Baker and McMorris each had two hits with McMorris adding a double.

Against Wallace-Selma, Harrison got the start and went 4 2/3 innings and gave up two runs on three hits and suffered the loss. Allen went two innings and gave up four runs on two hits. King and Jarvis Griffith each had two hits with King adding a double.

In game two, Greer got the start and went 6 2/3 innings and gave up five hits. Brodie Threet went 1/3 of an inning and suffered the loss. He gave up three runs on one hit. Corbin Jamison had two hits with a double.

Lady Bulldogs fall to 5-3-1 on the season

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs went 0-1-1 in two games at Hinds Community College on Saturday, Feb. 20. The Lady Bulldogs fell 8-1 to Bossier Parish, La. and tied 6-6 with Hinds.

The Lady Bulldogs went to 5-3-1

on the season. Holmes host LSU-E on Saturday at 1/3 p.m.

In game one versus Bossier, Karley Poindexter suffered the loss. She gave up five runs on six hits with one strikeout and one walk. Reagan Alldridge pitched one inning and gave up three runs on two hits with two strikeouts and two walks. Micah Redd led the Lady Bulldogs with three hits.

In game two, Kassey Ard and Blair Little each pitched in the game. Ard went three innings and gave up four runs on five hits with one strikeout and two walks. Little went four innings and gave up two runs on four hits with one strikeout and two walks. Kalecia Lillis and Redd each had two hits. Anna Garza added a double.

The Tigers are giving up 75.5 points

Football Program establishes the Milton Lee Olive Courage Award

From Staff Reports/Photos



Jevante McAdory, fourth from the left, received the first-ever Milton Olive Award named for Milton Olive from Holmes County, who was killed during the Vietnam War. Pictured with McAdory are Holmes Head Coach Jeff Koonz, Athletic Director Andy Wood, former Holmes Head Coach Robert Pool and cousins of Olive including Leonard Hampton, Wilna Geans, Bonita Spurlock, Gaynelle Redmond and Geraldine Fryer.

A hero is a person who is endowed with great courage and strength; celebrated for his bold exploits.

In the fall of 2015, the Holmes Community College football team and college at large decided to honor a true American hero, Milton Olive III, with an endowed scholarship. Olive, who was the first African American to ever be awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor in the Vietnam War, sacrificed his life to save his platoon during a conflict in Vietnam. Although he was born in Chicago, Olive has strong ties to the community as he was reared in Holmes County near Ebenezer.

Robert Pool, a retired Holmes coach and administrator, is responsible for bringing Olive's legacy to light. Since retiring from the college, Pool has taken an interest in Vietnam War history and has read over 100 books on the war.

"Around 8-10 years ago, I picked up a book and start reading," Pool said. "I learned so much through reading those books that I met a ton of good people. You'd be surprised what you can learn by reading these books."

"He was a hardened combat veteran," Pool said of Olive. "He witnessed more death in that four months than most people see in a lifetime. Because of his makeup, he was respected by enlisted men and officers. He had a positive sense of humor which inspired other people around him."

Known by his fellow soldiers as

"Preacher," Olive was often seen reading his well-worn Bible.

After learning more about Olive's story, Pool shared his findings with Holmes Head Football Coach Jeff Koonz and continued to research the war hero's life. A decision was made to make sure that Olive was never forgotten.

"We use the word hero all the time," Pool said. "Every day... every week. Have you ever looked up the definition? I hadn't either until this week. "Milton Lee Olive was a real American hero. When you are talking about medal of honors, those things are very, very rare."

According to Pool, from the early 60s to 1975, there were 2,709,918 military in-country in Vietnam and a total of 9,087,000 were on active duty. "Of that total number there were only 244 medal of honors given," Pool said, "Of that 244, 153 died performing that act of valor. I'm telling you that to tell you how important this is."

In May 1963, the U.S. Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade became the first major combat unit to arrive in Vietnam. As the Army's only action-ready unit in the Pacific at that time, it was only a matter of weeks before the "Sky Soldiers" of the 173rd encountered the enemy firsthand. Again and again, these soldiers would struggle to secure and keep the 60-square-mile area known as War Zone D.

Also known as the "Iron Triangle,"

this territory would be Pfc. Milton Lee Olive III's final battlefield. The quiet young man from Holmes County was, like so many of his fellows, already a hardened combat veteran at the age of 19.

Thus, the men of Company B's 3rd Platoon considered their Oct. 22, 1965, moved through jungle brush, they tried to spot Viet Cong operating in the area. At different times, they were under varying degrees of enemy fire, sometimes pinned down temporarily. Olive, by all accounts a good-humored, hardworking soldier, was constantly up front, exposing himself to enemy fire.

Olive and four others, including his platoon commander, were quietly and steadily pursuing one band of Viet Cong through the tangled growth. Suddenly, one of the enemy turned and threw a hand grenade into the middle of the platoon.

Olive dashed forward and grabbed the grenade. Yelling "I've got it," he tucked it into his middle and moved away from the others, falling on the grenade and absorbing the full blast.

"Knowing what it was going to do, he picked that grenade up and hit the ground," Pool said fighting back tears. "He saved those people, and it cost him his life. His lieutenant said it was the most incredible display of selfless bravery I've ever witnessed. Milton Lee Olive should never ever be forgotten."

Koonz said he and his staff didn't hesitate to do their part to make sure Olive's legacy was never forgotten. The college chose to honor his life through an endowed scholarship and through establishing the Milton Lee Olive III Courage and Character Award to be presented to a Holmes football player annually.

"The neat thing for us and for the legacy is that we are going to do this every year," Koonz said. "His legacy and story can be told on an annual basis. He didn't attend Holmes, but he grew up right down the road. One of Holmes County's true legacies should never be forgotten."

The first-ever Milton Olive Award was given to Jevante McAdory, a sophomore defensive lineman from French Camp, who was born with the use of just one of his arms. McAdory didn't let this keep him from excelling in the classroom and on the field.

"This young man inspires me on a daily basis," Koonz said. "He's mean, he's tough. What I love is that there was not a single day when he complained or made an excuse to not play football the way it's supposed to be played."

"His other arm, I sure don't want to get hit by it," he said. "He was a valuable member of our defensive line. He had a knack for batting down passes. So it's a great honor and pleasure, and I don't know of a more deserving young man than Jevante McAdory."

Pool expressed how privileged he felt to present the Milton Olive Award.

"This is without question the biggest honor I've ever had," Pool said. "First thing I want to tell is I'm not a veteran. I've got two or three regrets in my life and one of them is I'm not a veteran."

Proceeds from the Sept. 17 Military Appreciation Game at Grenada High School between Holmes and East Central Community College were used to help endow the Milton Olive Scholarship through the Holmes Community College Development Foundation, Inc.

Olive's legacy has been honored in various ways across the nation, as well.

In 1979, the city of Chicago recognized Olive by naming Olive Park on Lake Michigan in his honor Olive-Harvey College, one of the City Colleges of Chicago, is named after both Olive and fellow Medal of Honor recipient Carmel B. Harvey. The Milton L. Olive Middle School in Wyandanch, Long Island, New York, is also named in his honor. In 2007, a State Historical Marker was erected for Olive in Lexington. The dedication ceremonies included an address by the Adjutant General of the Mississippi National Guard. Additionally, Fort Campbell has a recreation facility named in Olive's honor, and a convention center has also been named for him.

Donations to the Milton Olive Scholarship can be sent to the Holmes CC Development Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 527, Goodman, Miss., 39079.

Men's basketball to meet Northeast in Region XXIII quarterfinals

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Bulldogs and the Northeast Mississippi CC Tigers will square off for the third time this season as they meet in the quarterfinals of the NJCAA Region XXIII Tournament March 3 at Mississippi College.

Holmes is 18-6 overall while Northeast is 15-9. You can watch the game live at www.holmesccmedia.com or listen live at breezynews.com or 101.1 FM.

Holmes and Northeast each are coming off losses in the MACJC State Tournament this week at Itawamba Community College. Holmes fell to Gulf Coast, 100-88, in the quarterfinals while Northeast fell to Jones, 67-63, in the quarterfinals.

The Bulldogs and Tigers have already met twice on the hardwood with Holmes winning both contests 83-65 in Goodman on Jan. 25 and 99-94 in overtime on Feb. 18 in Booneville.

Holmes is led by sophomore guard Daryl Macon, who is averaging 23.5 points per game. Sophomore D'Angelo Richardson is averaging 13.2 points per game and Sophomore Cedric Harper is averaging 10.6 points per game. As a team, the Bulldogs are averaging 75.8 points per game and are shooting 48 percent from the floor, 35.4 percent from three-point range and 69.6 percent from the free-throw line.

The Bulldogs are giving up 67.8 points per game.

Northeast is led by freshman forward Wesley Harris, who is averaging 18 points per game. Freshman guard LeRoy Buchanan is averaging 14 points per game. As a team, the Tigers are averaging 81.6 points per game and shooting 42.3 percent from the floor, 32.1 percent from three-point range and 63.1 percent from the free-throw line.

George, Saenz named NSCAA Scholar All-Americans

From Staff Reports/Photos



Jaylon George

Rene Saenz

year from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

To be selected: a student-athlete must have at least a 3.30 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) throughout his or her career; start more than 50 percent of all games and be a significant contributor to the

Two members of the Holmes Community College men's soccer team have been named NSCAA Scholar All-Americans following the first semester.

Jaylon George, a sophomore from Murrah High School, and Rene Saenz, a sophomore from Lake Cormorant, were two of 22 awarded this

team; be nominated by an institution that is a current NSCAA College Services member; be a junior or above in academic standing at the current institution or be in his or her second year at the current school.

George holds a 3.84 cumulative GPA while 3.56 cumulative GPA.



Meet The Growl Staff Spring 2016



Joshua Dilmore, Editor
 Hometown: Clinton
 Major: English
 Campus: Ridgeland
 Future Plans: I plan on attending Mississippi College to major in English. My ultimate goal is to earn a masters in English and teach on the college level.
 About me: I am a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and president of iCreate Creative Arts club. I work as a tutor in the writing center at Holmes. In my off time, I enjoy reading, writing, painting, cooking, and watching movies-I'm a huge movie buff! My biggest dream is to become a published and successful author.



Miranda Birchfield
 Hometown: Ethel
 Major: Business Administration
 Campus: Goodman
 Future plans: To continue my education at a university.
 About me: I am a Holmes Ambassador, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Horizons Yearbook Editor, and was Miss Holmes 2015. I enjoy creative writing and photography.



Justin "Jay Dee" Dawson
 Hometown: Columbus
 Major: Business
 Campus: Goodman
 Future Plans: Being on TV.
 About me: I enjoy watching sports and playing sports. I am humble and well liked.
 "I wouldn't dare wasting my time lying to when I could tell the truth."



Jessica McLean
 Hometown: Grenada
 Major: General Studies
 Campus: Grenada
 Future Plans: I plan to go to Savannah College of Art and Design in Atlanta, Georgia. There I plan to major in animation and minor in fashion.
 About Me: I enjoy Cosplay, drawing, painting, crafting, sewing, writing, and reading. I also enjoy dressing up as fictional characters and going to anime conventions in the costumes.
 "What good are dreams, if all you do is work? There's more to life than hitting the books, I hope you know." -Tamaki Suoh (Ouran High School Host Club)



Wontavius "Tay" Rimpson
 Hometown: Clinton
 Major: Elementary Education
 Campus: Goodman
 Future plans: I plan to attend the University of Southern Mississippi and receiving a bachelors in elementary education.
 About me: I enjoy reading, making YouTube videos, singing, acting, photography, and building my brand.
 "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."
 - Isaiah 40:31



Johnathan "Jay" Simpson
 Hometown: Haughton, Louisiana
 Major: General Studies
 Campus: Ridgeland
 Future plans: Who knows?
 About Me: I enjoy reading and binge watching Netflix shows.
 "I'm bad, and that's good. I will never be good, and that's not bad. There's no one I'd rather be than me." - Wreck-It Ralph



Taylor Vance
 Hometown: Grenada
 Major: English
 Campus: Grenada
 Future plans: I plan to attend Ole Miss and major in Journalism.
 About me: I enjoy reading, hunting, and following politics. I also make it a point to wear crazy socks almost every day.
 "There's only one requirement of any of us, and that is to be courageous. Because courage, as you might know, defines all other human behavior." -David Letterman



Santia Williams
 Hometown: Jackson
 Major: Pharmacy Tech
 Campus: Ridgeland
 Future plans: To find a job in pharmacy technology.
 About me: I'm the youngest of three other siblings. I don't have any children, I love to shop, I love to work and make my own money, and love to hang out with friends and family.



Jerrell "Rell" Young
 Hometown: Canton
 Major: Business Administration
 Campus: Ridgeland
 Future plans: To attend a four-year university (hadn't decided on which one) and one day own my restaurant
 About me: I enjoy cooking, fishing and enjoying life...I'm very spontaneous.



Rex Ford
 Hometown: Grenada
 Major: Liberal Arts
 Campus: Grenada
 Future Plans: Undecided.