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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Keep up-to-date with events that are happening at Holmes! We will post upcoming alumni and student events. Check out what is happening at:

► events.holmescc.edu



New hardwood flooring throughout McDaniel Hall adds to its timeless charm. Holmes is proud to see one of our most historic and iconic buildings restored for generations to come.



McDaniel Hall Renovations

Constructed in 1915, McDaniel Hall is the oldest building on our Goodman Campus. With over 20 years of wear and tear, the last renovation took place in 1992.

Thanks to a generous donation from John and Mary Brock, Holmes Community College was able to do extensive renovations to McDaniel Auditorium during the 2019 summer and early fall. Inside the auditorium, the college refurbished the wood

flooring, added new seats along the outsides, painted all the walls and ceilings, and added new carpet runners between the restored seats and drapery panels that can be opened and closed during productions. A video booth was also built in the back of the auditorium that matched the remaining walls in the auditorium and added two large TVs to enhance the viewing experience. The foyer received

new flooring and paint and the restrooms were totally renovated. The college also added refurbished knotty pine wood flooring with natural finish and paint throughout McDaniel Hall to mirror what was done in the auditorium and foyer.

John Brock is the grandson of Holmes' second president, Major Cyrus McDaniel, who served Holmes as president from 1928-40.

From the College President



Dear Friends,

Our Foundation has been a huge blessing to hundreds of students over the years who struggle to afford transportation, textbooks and needed supplies. A few hundred dollars can be the difference in their ability to attend school and change their lives or a sad alternative of having to quit because their financial responsibilities are too great to afford college.

Community colleges are the most affordable option for all Mississippians and lead to much higher wages, lower crime and improvement in overall health for our graduates. Holmes Community College changed my life, as well as the life of my wife, Rae Anne. It gave us both a fantastic foundation in higher education without being burdened long-term with a lot of student debt. My daughter, Hayley, is now enrolled as a dual credit high school student, and we are thrilled to watch her excitement about college grow. It has been a blessing to watch the confidence of hundreds of high school students grow when they finish a dual credit course and realize that if they are willing to work hard, college is attainable and achievable.

We want to continue to be a leader in athletics and student performance, and several exciting new projects are on the horizon to enhance both. Generous donors like you make the ability to achieve a better life an option for students all across the state.

I humbly thank you for your loyal support of the Holmes Community College Development Foundation and the confidence you continue to place in our institution. I can assure you that we always try to be as frugal as possible and to be good stewards of your donations.

I know that you all agree that there is "No Place Like Holmes."

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Haffey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Jim Haffey, Ph.D.

President, Holmes Community College

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From the Foundation President



Dear Friends of the College,

Thanks to your support, 2019 was another great year for Holmes Community College. I am thankful to be able to follow the leadership of our past Holmes Community College Development Foundation President, Johnny "Bit" Belk. "Bit" continues to be active in the work of the Foundation to support Holmes Community College. We are thankful for our Development Foundation members, who are devoted to supporting Holmes and to continuing the momentum started by the late Foundation President, Dr. Don Phillips. We can only achieve our goals when we have support from you, the financial supporters of Holmes.

Many scholarships have been awarded to deserving students. Numerous improvements have been made on all campuses to make Holmes a more attractive college. You will notice that the building signs and street signs are new on all campuses. McDaniel Auditorium has been remodeled, along with other remodeling and renovations on all campuses. State-of-the art technology continues to be added, sports and exercise facilities continue to be improved and landscaping improvements continue to beautify all campuses.

We are proud to announce that the Holmes Community College Development Foundation has just been named as one of the 2020 grant recipients selected by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) on behalf of the McMorrough library and Archives. The NEH will provide the Holmes Foundation with \$231,849, and the Foundation will be responsible for matching those funds through donations. The library will be renovated and modernized to provide advanced educational services and opportunities.

All of these improvements will provide students with better opportunities to achieve a quality education.

The mission of the Holmes Development Foundation is to provide scholarships to our students and support to the administration, faculty and staff of Holmes. Your generous contributions help to provide opportunities and a quality education for deserving students. As Dr. Jim Haffey stated, a scholarship worth a few hundred dollars can be the one factor that can allow a student to start college and achieve success.

Many of us got our start at Holmes. We all agree that there's "No Place Like Holmes." Thank you again for your continued support as we look forward to another great year at Holmes in 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Jesse E. Leverette Jr." in a cursive script.

Jesse Leverette
Holmes Community College
Development Foundation President



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About The Foundation

Holmes Community College Development Foundation was established more than 40 years ago to represent the nine county district the college serves. Its purpose is to provide funds for scholarships for students attending Holmes and other educational activities of the college, such as faculty development, modernization of classroom equipment, student development activities, and sponsorship of capital improvement campaigns.

Holmes House

Holmes House is a nonprofit entity established by the Holmes Community College Alumni Association. The facility is available for alumni, staff and friends of the college to use. All profits are used for the refurbishment and upkeep of Holmes House. Lodging includes use of the self-catering set up for the kitchen, spacious sitting areas, and a private room with a bathroom.

Lighting the Way

The Foundation conducted the Lighting the Way Campaign in which \$1.5 million was raised to support college programs. The Foundation also raised funds amounting to \$750,000 for the building of the Chapel on the Hill which serves as the centerpiece for the campus and is used for recitals, weddings and other religious activities.

Capital Campaign

In 2016, the Foundation completed a Capital Campaign exceeding \$15 million. The mission of this campaign was to obtain support for student scholarships, instructional technology, program start up, etc.

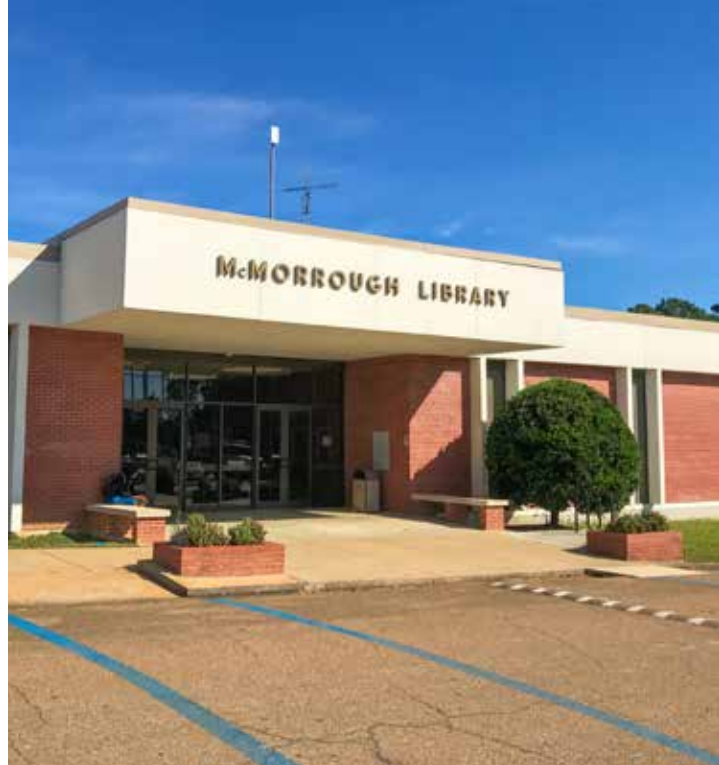
New Ways to Give

We are pleased to announce three new avenues in which you can support Holmes Community College. One way is to purchase a Holmes specialty tag for your car and show your pride on the roads. Also, you can dedicate Holmes as your charity of choice through Amazon Smile, a free service from Amazon.com. Finally, if you buy your groceries at Kroger, you can participate in their Community Rewards Program that includes Holmes. See page 14 for detailed information on each of these new opportunities.

Holmes Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, or age in its educational programs and activities, employment, or admissions. Our Compliance Officer has been designated to handle inquiries and grievances regarding non-discrimination, compliance policies, and procedures for the College and can be reached by phone at (662) 472-9429. Written inquiries can be emailed to: compliance@holmescc.edu or mailed to: Compliance office, 412 W. Ridgeland Ave., Ridgeland, MS 39157.

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The NEH grant will provide the Foundation with \$231,849, and the Foundation will be responsible for matching these funds through donations. The McMorrough Library and Archives Renovation Project is dedicated to the preservation of humanities and seeks to provide an inclusive environment, offering informative programs to cultivate critical-thinking citizens.

"We are very pleased to be awarded these funds," said Holmes President, Dr. Jim Haffey. "This is a premier grant that will allow us to modernize the lifeblood of our main campus, the library. A library should be the epitome of a welcoming place to expand one's knowledge such as the humanities. We have not had a significant renovation of the library in decades so we are elated that we can work hard and raise the matching funds to do a renovation that we can be proud of for generations to come."

As part of the proposed efforts to enrich and diversify the scope of humanities, the Development Foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) organization, has a five-year plan to renovate the 1975 structure's interior spaces and their contents. The new multidimensional spaces projected by the McMorrough Library and Archives Renovation Project will secure the practicality of activities set forth by

the humanities departments as well as advance the library to become an innovative leader among Mississippi's 15 community college libraries.

Individuals who utilize the McMorrough Library and Archives will benefit from this renovation, making the impact of this project vital to secure the long-term perpetuation of the humanities for not only the college but also its neighboring communities. The Foundation will host a kick off to launch a matching campaign for the grant in the near future. The date and time of the event will be released through the Foundation's webpage <https://www.holmescc.edu/foundation> and all Holmes social media accounts.

Tax exempt donations can be made to the Holmes Community College Development Foundation, P.O. Box 527, Goodman, MS 39079. Please contact the Foundation office at (662) 472-9017 to discuss giving opportunities for the matching grant.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

Created in 1965 as an independent federal agency, the National Endowment for the Humanities supports research and learning in history, literature, philosophy and other areas of the humanities by funding selected, peer-reviewed proposals from around the nation. Additional information about the National Endowment for the Humanities and its grant programs is available at www.neh.gov.



NATIONAL
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FOR THE
HUMANITIES

Food, Fellowship and Holmes

Unselfishly feeding Bulldog athletes, Steve Sizemore has won more than cooking competitions, he's won our hearts too.



Steve Sizemore has been exceedingly generous with his time and contributions to the sports programs at Holmes over the years.

As owner of the Longhorn's Steakhouse in Newport, he has graciously provided numerous catered meals for the athletes.

The Longhorn's Steakhouse is famous for the steaks, which Sizemore cooks himself along with his locally celebrated steak sauce. When the restaurant opens on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, it can be difficult to find a parking place. A person can order just about anything, from fried mushrooms to hamburgers to ribeyes, and will not go away hungry.

Sizemore has been cooking for many years and learned his way around the kitchen from his mother. Originally from Cleveland, he started out grilling around the house with some friends, which snowballed into entering bar-b-que competitions.

"At the time, we had never done anything close to competing for our cooking, but we ended up winning the competition," Sizemore said.

After graduating from Cleveland High School, Sizemore went to Mississippi Delta Community College and continued his studies at Delta State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration.

In 1994, Sizemore married his wife, Stacie, who is from Newport. Stacie is a Holmes alumna who continued on to earn a B.S. from the School of Pharmacy at the University of Mississippi. The Sizemores have three daughters: Alex (23), Cassidy (20) and Rylee (15).

In 1995, they opened a steakhouse restaurant in Kosciusko, later relocating to where the restaurant stands today. The large drawing area for the restaurant has contributed to the Longhorn's

Steakhouse's success, in addition to catering corporate events like the National Wild Turkey Federation Banquet.

"People do not mind a little drive, and our customers just keep coming back," Sizemore said.

In 2008, the restaurant was closed following a devastating fire, but Sizemore steadily continued to cater events for his patrons. In 2013, Sizemore rebuilt and reopened the restaurant, and the tables were full again with loyal customers.

When Sizemore's oldest daughter enrolled at Holmes, he became more involved with the college. As his love of the college continued to grow, he started cooking more often on campus, especially for the athletic teams.

Sizemore has shown his love for Holmes by opening up his restaurant on Tuesday nights in the fall to host the "Jeff Koonz Radio Show." Prior to beginning the radio show, Sizemore was

also instrumental in the Alumni Association's Wild Game Dinners held in the late 1990s.

Sizemore will be recognized at the Sports Hall of Fame Banquet on April 2, at Holmes Community College in Goodman for the Special Service Award. The Special Service Award is an honor Holmes occasionally bestows on an alumnus or non-alumnus who goes above and beyond in service to the college.

The Sports Hall of Fame Banquet will be held in the Frank Branch Coliseum at 6 p.m. Tickets can be reserved by contacting Katherine Ellard in the Alumni Affairs Office at (662) 472-9134 or emailing kellard@holmescc.edu.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Yates Honored with Shelton Award

Holmes employees are nominated by their peers for the Paul & McCrea Shelton Award. This year, Mike Yates won based on his support of the college, dedication to students and community service involvement.

Mike Yates is music coordinator and director of the Holmes Connection! and Coachmen Singers. He is also the Associate Chair for the Fine Arts Division, as well as the advisor and teacher for Entertainment Industry Studies. Referencing his personal experiences on campus, Yates stated, "Holmes Community College has always been a special place for me. I thoroughly enjoyed my time spent here as a student and it was my goal to be able to come back and teach here. I consider it an honor and privilege to be a part of the Holmes family and am thankful that I have been able to spend the last 13 years here as an employee."

Yates is a native of Kosciusko where he graduated from Kosciusko High School. He is an alumnus of Holmes and a recipient of the Elmo and Mary Glenn Scholarship, Presidential Scholarship and

Graduate Assistant Scholarship. He attended the University of Southern Mississippi where he graduated with honors and received his Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music Performance.

At the Holmes Goodman Campus, Yates coordinates daily and nightly rehearsals and directs performances for both the Coachmen Singers, which consists of six singers and musicians, and the Holmes Connection!, which consists of 14 singer-dancers and five crew members. Under Yates' direction, these two groups prepare for the annual Homecoming Show, Carols of Christmas and Pops Concert, as well as other community performance events. Billed as a "must see," these performers are all considered ambassadors of Holmes and perform for the Major Experience, an annual recruiting event that has hosted 350-400 students on campus each year.



Realizing many of his students had a desire to learn about careers they might pursue in the entertainment industry, Yates made it his mission to create and design a program especially for Holmes. Using Yates' design, and with the assistance of Dr. Jenny Bailey Jones and Dr. Tonya Lawrence, his vision of expanding students' horizons in the entertainment industry was finally realized in 2016 when the Entertainment Industry Studies Program was established as the first course of its kind for Holmes.

When not on campus or at a Holmes performance, Yates can be seen playing bass and directing one of Style Entertainment's featured bands, Stylish. They perform in wedding venues throughout Mississippi and neighboring states and have recently been voted "Best of Weddings 2020" by *Mississippi Magazine*, *The Knot* and *Commercial Dispatch* in the Golden Triangle.

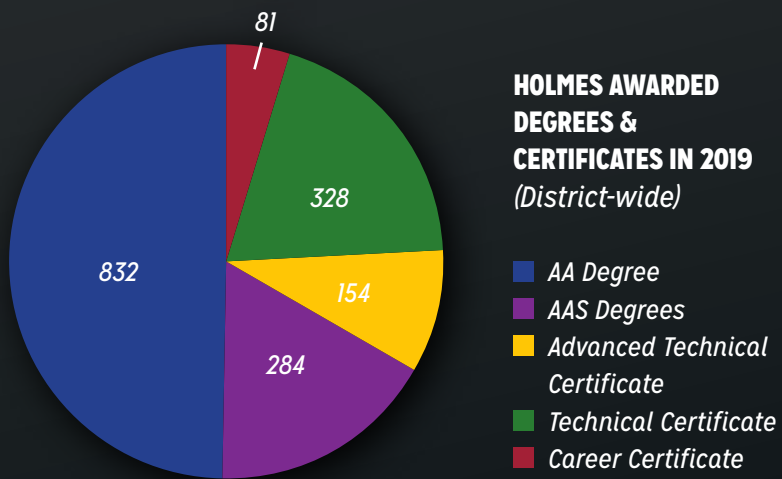
Closer to home, Yates volunteers and assists with sound for The Big Red Band at Kosciusko High School. He and his family are members of First Baptist Church in Kosciusko, where he also serves on the Sound and Communication committee and volunteers his time directing the church's youth praise band, Light Casters.



MISSISSIPPI'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Increasing the Number of Skilled Workers

Over the last 10 years, the number of degrees and certificates conferred at Mississippi Community Colleges has increased dramatically, more than doubling during that time (12,018 in 2010 to 24,846 in 2019).



832 + 847 = 1,679

Academic Degrees

Career-Technical
Degrees/Certificates

Degrees/Certificates
Awarded in 2019

The Paul and McCrea Shelton Scholarship

Paul and McCrea Shelton established the scholarship to be awarded to both employees and students.

EQUIPPING MISSISSIPPI'S WORKFORCE

Four out of five students who complete non-credit workforce training courses live and work in Mississippi after training.

Taking Care of Their Own

Holmes CC employees are giving back to a place they love to work.

Through the Payroll Deduction program, Holmes employees have helped raise approximately \$20,000 during 2019 to benefit technology, professional development, classrooms and supplies throughout the district.

Of our 364 full-time employees, 24% donate from their paychecks to the Development Foundation. If you are a Holmes employee, please consider joining us in our efforts to support educational innovation by making a contribution through the Payroll Deduction program.

Any donation can make a HUGE difference and 100% of all funds received are returned to Holmes.



GOODMAN CAMPUS

First Row: LaShonda Levy, Sonja Arnett, Dr. Lindy McCain, Caroline Barton, Diane Harman, Brandy Culpepper, **Second Row:** Mallory Weeks, Nancy Parkerson, Ashley Broyles, Kay Bates, Kimberly Fowler, Dr. Stephanie Diffey, Dr. Jim Haffey, **Third Row:** Rosemary Self, Tish Stewart, Jay Cheatham, Dr. Jenny Jones, Ethel Moore, Wanda Casey, Suzanne Lawshe, Dana Nichols, Clate Holleman, Sonny Sparks. **Not pictured:** Dr. Gail Beggs, Dr. Fran Cox, Brad, Bustle, Dr. Jaqueline Bell, Dr. Christi Blair, Amber Bell, Angela Boyd, Julia Brown, Brittni Dickerson, Terrell Hammett, Rhonda Jeffcoat, Dr. Luke Jones, Jeff Koonz, Ben Lewis, Matt Surrell and Andy Wood.

Legacy Club

Legacy Club members pledge a minimum of \$1,500 annually. These gifts help bridge the gap between Holmes' essential needs and available funding.

Advanced Distributor Products
AMR HoldCo, Inc.
Chevron Humankind
Doris Belk
Elizabeth & Jonny Belk
Mary & John Brock
Dr. & Mrs. Edward Bryant
Reta & Danny Chandler
Dr. & Mrs. Alton Cobb
Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Corey, Jr.
Margaret Davis
Anne Elozory
Clytice Gardener
Maggie Garrett
Grenada Rotary Club

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Gennie Kay & Robert Rose
Debbie & Frank Shaw
McCrea & Paul Shelton
Julie & Gerry Taylor
Mr. & Mrs. John Wallace
Walmart #8271
Dr. Amy & Mr. Frank Whittington

GRENADA CAMPUS

First Row: Rachelle Moore, Amber Mabus, Shae Wang, Heather Wood, Trent Little, Ginger Meriwether, Tracy Herring, Cynthia Abel, Dr. Larry Webster, **Second Row:** Jennie Pegg, Debbie Harville, Francis Nix, Dean Savage, Dr. Michelle Burney, Dr. Kathy Nipper, **Not Pictured:** Kevin Baker, Norman Faulkner, Jimmie Hall, Dr. Myra Harville, Teresa Hargett, Amy Land, Diann Parker-Barr and Chanda Sykes



RIDGELAND CAMPUS

Front Row: Dr. Alice Austin, Makeaba Latiker, Laura McMahon, Kristin Daniels, Dees Britt, Lisa Anglin, Stephanie Wood, Dr. Amy Whittington, Heather Mooney, Tammy Collins, Jennifer Smith, **Back Row:** Matt Convertino, Dr. Tonya Lawrence, Dr. Stacey Coulter, Marshall McCain, Bronwyn Martin, Michael Pawlik, Dr. Don Burnham, Ryan Beggs, Darleen Dozier, **Not Pictured:** William Fitts, Morgan Bondurant, Lynn Boykin, Cindy Bridges, J. R. Hall, NaTunya Johnson, Cynthia McCoy and Dr. Santosh Parakkal



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Started on the Ground, But the Sky Was the Limit

Mark Galtelli was raised in Clarksdale but found his calling in Emergency Medical Sciences right here at Holmes Community College.

Galtelli's resume is impressive with degrees from The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC), The University of Mississippi and Louisiana State University-Shreveport. It is apparent Galtelli is passionate about his field of study, as he is a published expert on EMS and has researched

areas of medical rotor-wing aircraft and intubation.

It all began when Galtelli was going to school at Holmes during the day and working at night as a paramedic with American Medical Response in the Jackson area. When Galtelli started in the EMS industry, there were no ambulance stations, as the ambulance itself was the station for the entire shift.

"Looking back, I would not trade it for anything," Galtelli said. "I can remember working as a paramedic seeing the ECO units from Jackson Fire Department breezing in and out. They looked so cool. Little did I know that was the next step in my career, and now almost 30 years later, I am still here."

Galtelli has just under 10 years with AirCare, a medical flight program associated with The University of

Mississippi Medical Center. During this time, he has served as a flight paramedic, worked as the community outreach coordinator and was a former senior flight paramedic.

Currently, Galtelli holds two positions: one with Med-Trans Corporations out of Texas as their program manager and the other with Holmes Community College as our EMS program director. Galtelli accepted the position at Holmes in 2008, and since that time, the EMS program has expanded to two of the campuses, Ridgeland and Grenada.

"Holmes has a large impact with the industry as we wrote and helped design the [Mississippi] Critical Care Paramedic curriculum along with crafting a new design for EMT and paramedic," Galtelli said. "We are the cutting edge of EMS and have a positive influence throughout the state."

The EMS program is offered August through July, and Holmes is the only community college to have two paramedic programs. Holmes prepares students for a variety of roles in the field of emergency medicine by way of dedicated faculty. The program offers its graduates several opportunities of work schedules with a wide range in base salary.

Students who complete the one-semester EMT course at Ridgeland or Grenada and receive licensure are prepared for direct patient care and serve as the support personnel as well as ambulance operators. They also have qualifications to work in emergency departments, fire departments and physician offices. Current licensure as an EMT often provides points toward entry selection into other allied health programs.

"We don't ever let our students go," Galtelli said of Holmes. "Some students might be taking a refresher and others just continuing their professional growth, but they just keep coming back. It is home."

Galtelli established a scholarship with the Holmes Community College Development Foundation, which will be endowed this year, called the Holmes EMS Scholarship. Scholarship recipients must have a minimum ACT score of 18 and be enrolled during the second semester of the EMS Paramedic Program on the Ridgeland or Grenada Campus.

Galtelli and his wife, Susan, reside in Canton. They have two daughters, Grace (23) and Sara Donnelly (26), along with their first grandchild, Della Rae.





B&B Gives Lineman Program 'A Lift'

The Holmes Community College Electrical Lineman Program has added another bucket truck to its fleet thanks to a donation from B&B Electrical and Utility Contractors, Inc. out of Brandon.

"B&B recognizes the importance of investing in our future generation of utility professionals," B&B Recruiter Chad Simmons said of the 2004 Freightliner FL70 with an Altec aerial lift donation. "We also believe strongly in supporting our community and giving back.

Our relationship with Holmes is an integral part of B&B's long-term strategy of identifying, recruiting and onboarding the very best crop of young utility professionals

each year," he added. "Holmes has continued to provide an excellent platform for training these young recruits year after year, and we place an extremely high value on fostering our ongoing partnership in the future. The community college setting in Mississippi is one of the lifelines for the utility industry and for workforce development as a whole.

"Holmes has taken a vision and created a reality of excellence. For over 10 years,

Holmes has provided Central Mississippi with educated, well-trained and well-suited apprentice lineman. The 16 week course is an excellent environment for preparing young recruits for employment in a very competitive, technical and demanding field. The classroom and practical education that these apprentices receive is second-to-none.

"Quality leadership, state-of-the-art tools, equipment and a wealth of staff knowledge will produce another fine class of future lineman that will be head-and-shoulders above their peers as they begin their careers. As always, Holmes sets the standard in all of its practical programs, and we look forward to the opportunity of making B&B their home after Holmes."

Simmons said employee safety is a main concern and having the right equipment is key.

"As we continue to strive

for safety excellence, safer work practices have replaced the 'gung-ho' mentality of days past," Simmons said. "As we move into the future of power maintenance and restoration, doing the job safely is our top priority. There will always be a need for climbing poles, but the truck and bucket have quickly become the default for performing our work in a more safe and timely manner. We hope that our truck will provide an opportunity to educate on safe set-up, operation and the working platform for all future Holmes apprentice lineman recruits."

The Holmes workforce training department is more than grateful for B&B's generous donation. "B&B donating this truck to our electrical lineman program is huge," said Workforce Coordinator/Attala Center Director Mandy Burrell. "It is a big asset to our program."

Three New (Easy) Ways to Give



Scan here to find out how to get your Holmes specialty tag.

New Specialty Car License Plate

Show your pride wherever you drive! The Holmes Community College Development Foundation has launched a new opportunity for Mississippi residents, especially alumni, employees and friends to show their support of Holmes through their daily travels.

Danny Chandler, a 1989 graduate of Holmes and member of the Legacy Club, recently suggested Holmes partner with the Mississippi Tax Commission to promote the college and raise funds by establishing an official Holmes specialty license plate.

"In a very difficult economy where so many worthy charities are competing for the same dollars, the Holmes Community College specialty tag is a way of receiving passive income for the school, while at the same time allowing students, faculty and staff to show Bulldog (Go Dogs) pride," Chandler said. "Holmes graduates are dispersed throughout Mississippi. The tag will be a way of identifying our extended family more easily. The truth is there is 'No Place Like Holmes.'"

The Holmes specialty license plate has a clean, simple design that clearly highlights the Holmes brand and includes the college's prominent catchphrase "No Place Like Holmes." Tags are numbered as they are purchased. Once the tag is purchased, the Holmes Community College Development Foundation, Inc. will receive \$32.50.

Dr. Lindy McCain, vice president of institutional research and student affairs and executive director of the Holmes Development Foundation stated, "The money generated from the Holmes license plates will help the Foundation ensure the ongoing success of its many efforts of support."

STAYING ROOTED

Three out of four students who graduate from a community college live and work in Mississippi after graduation.



Kroger Community Rewards

The Holmes Community College Development Foundation is enrolled in Kroger's Community Rewards Program. If you have not already indicated an organization for Community Rewards through Kroger, we would love for you to indicate Holmes. It is really easy to enroll through your Kroger account. There is a footer link at the bottom of Kroger.com, Kroger Community Rewards. Once you sign into your account, all you need to do to enroll is **enter our code: MW962** for The Holmes Community College Development Foundation.



Scan to go to Kroger's Community Rewards website.



HOLMES CC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Total Contributions 10 Year Trend

We could not be more proud of our donors and alumni! Over a 10 year period, contributions to the Development Foundation have tripled. Your continued support keeps Holmes headed in the right direction.

2019	\$9,413,314
2018	\$7,923,291
2017	\$7,888,987
2016	\$7,004,237
2015	\$6,439,569
2014	\$6,234,923
2013	\$3,817,521
2012	\$3,817,606
2011	\$3,446,980
2010	\$3,317,929
2009	\$3,034,693

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Community colleges have a multi-billion dollar impact on Mississippi's economy.

AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon online store you already know. All you need to do is indicate Holmes Community College Development Foundation as your charity through AmazonSmile, and Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to Holmes. It will not affect your Amazon Prime account, and you can purchase the same products at the same prices with the same service.

It is easy to get started. Scan the QR code above with your smartphone, and you will see that our Development Foundation is already selected as your charity. Log in to your account, and you should get a notification that your charity has been chosen. Please consider supporting our Foundation by shopping with smile.amazon.com. Since most of us make regular purchases, the magnitude of this donation could be significant if we all pool our efforts in support of the college we love.



Scan to go to the Holmes Development Foundation AmazonSmile website.

Music & Holmes was Their Love Language

Depending on who you ask, Becky or Jesse, the story may be a little different, but either way, it is a sweet one.

COACHMEN ON VINYL?

1967 Holmes CC Coachman Director Foster Hollingsworth had a Coachmen record created, which Jesse saved and his children framed.

The Leverettes are a prime example of people who love what they do, and it shows. Both Becky and Jesse Leverette are graduates of Holmes where they met and fell in love in 1966 while attending the Goodman Campus.

Jesse, a Duck Hill native, was a student-athlete with scholarships for basketball,

baseball and track. He had a hearty class schedule but still needed an elective, and choir was his only option.

"I was in math class at Holmes one day and gazed out the window to see a beautiful girl driving a red sports car around the hill," Jesse said. "She later introduced herself in the Holmes choir, and the rest is history."

Becky, a Pickens native, was a student at Holmes Agricultural High School located on the same campus and sang in the college choir. Becky later attended Holmes on a voice scholarship.

Jesse and two other classmates started the Coachmen Singers in 1965. The next year, the group expanded by adding four ladies, including Becky. Jesse and Becky have been together ever since.

Holmes was a great experience for Becky and Jesse, as it provided a good transi-

tion out of small high schools into mid-sized college classes before heading on to a larger, four-year university.

"I gave her my letterman jacket when she was cold one day in choir, and she never gave it back," Jesse said.

The Leverettes were married in the summer of 1967. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Hattiesburg for Jesse to go to the University of Southern Mississippi.

After Southern, the

"I gave her my letterman jacket when she was cold one day in choir, and she never gave it back."

Leverettes moved back to Pickens to live and start a family. Jesse's first job in the insurance industry was with Lamar Life Insurance, and he traveled every day, getting home around 9 p.m. most nights.

"Before there were cell phones, I can remember stopping at phone booths and local businesses to use their phones to check on Becky and the children," Jesse said.

Speaking with Jesse about his professional career is engaging, giving a person the opportunity to learn the unique history of the insurance industry. He



A CUTE COUPLE

A visit with the Leverettes is lighthearted and fun. They joked freely as their photos were snapped.

has seen many changes and has worked with several different insurance companies and agencies throughout the years. His experience in his field is priceless, and his love for what he does is obvious, as he continues to do it today.

Together with his family, Jesse runs an insurance business known as The L Group in Ridgeland. The L Group is a successful, nationally-recognized company that has experience in many areas of insurance, known for providing financial help and solutions for over 40 years.

"We focus on training our agents to better serve our clients," Jesse said. "Our agents come to our office for training, and we don't let them go until they know the products and the needs of the clients."

Jesse and Becky have two children, Laura and Jay, and two grandchildren. Jesse serves as the Holmes Community College Development Foundation president. Music continues to be an important part of their lives, with both singing in their church choir. Becky plays the piano, and Jesse still plays the guitar for family occasions.





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Thank you to all the generous donors who contribute to the Holmes Community College Development Foundation each year. We could not fulfill our mission without you!

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graduating high school.*

Scholarships & Grants

For more information about establishing a scholarship at Holmes Community College, contact Dr. Lindy McCain at (662) 472-9017 or lmccain@holmescc.edu

Newly Established Scholarships

Colby Kyle Electrical Lineman Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Colby Kyle, who was a transmission journeyman lineman, by his wife Jennifer. The recipient must be enrolled in the electrical lineman program and demonstrate a financial need.

James Baggett Scholarship

This scholarship was established by James Baggett, a former surgical technology student at Holmes Community College on the Ridgeland Campus. The recipient must be a surgical technology student on the Ridgeland Campus with a financial need and academic potential.

Establishing a Holmes Scholarship

Endowed Scholarships

Established with a minimum donation of \$15,000 to the Holmes Community College Development Foundation. The gift will constitute the initial principal for the endowment and only the income earned will be awarded in the form of scholarships.

Patronage Scholarships

Patronage scholarships are established with an annual gift. The amounts can be gifted one time or the Development Foundation will work with donors over reasonable periods of time to meet the requirements for scholarship amounts. All gifts are fully tax deductible.

LOCAL CORPORATIONS PARTNER WITH HOLMES

Atmos Gas, BankPlus, Trustmark Bank and Walmart each donated a grant check to the Holmes Community College Development Foundation. Dr. Lindy McCain, Executive Director of the Foundation, requested and was approved for funding through these external partners' grant programs. The monies were used for the purchase of STEM lab supplies district-wide.

On behalf of the Foundation, Ridgeland Campus Vice President Dr. Don Burnham accepted grant money from Trustmark President Barney Daly.

On May 1, Foundation Executive Director, Dr. Lindy McCain and Foundation Secretary, Diane Harman accepted the check from Kosciusko Walmart Manager Robert Hawkins.





Memorials & Honorariums

Memorials and honorariums are great ways to celebrate an alumni or friend of the college. Place an engraved paver in the Chapel on the Hill courtyard, or donate to a cause your friend or loved one held dear.

Memorials

B.W. Brown Sr.: ADN Ridgeland Faculty

Marilyn Castle: Carolyn Thomas

Fred Collins: Maggie Garrett

Mark Donald: Carolyn Thomas

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Honorarium

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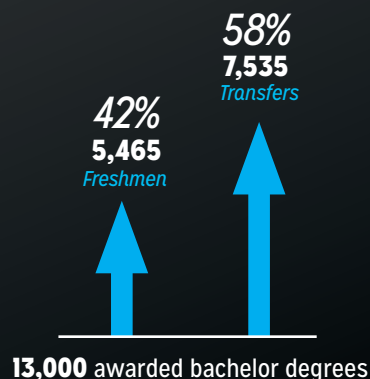
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Of the approximately 13,000 undergraduates awarded degrees annually from Mississippi public four-year universities, about 58 percent of the graduates have previously attended classes through one of Mississippi's community colleges.

Your contributions directly serve Mississippi's higher students in higher education... at the community college level and beyond.



Mini Grants Enrich Learning

The Development Foundation is reinvesting in Holmes to provide our students with the best tools for learning.

SEE A NEED AND FILL IT.

These faculty and staff members applied for a Foundation mini grant based on student needs, and were awarded the items for use in their departments.



Mary Leigh Poole

Biology Dept.

Specimen Survey sets (animal, plant, etc.)

Mary Leigh Poole

Biology Dept.

Distillers and filters

Roger Wade

Public Safety Dept.

Weapons and gear

Roger Wade

Public Safety Dept.

8 jump boxes, 3 floor jacks, and 3 unlock kits

Jeffery Brown

Band Dept.

1 Yamaha Euphonium and 1 Top Action Tuba

William Fitts

Industrial Maintenance Dept.

Sharp Aquos Board

Jamie Sample

Biology Dept.

3 of "The Crime Scene Investigator" PCR Basics Real-Time Starter Kit

Dr. Rekam Giri

Physical Science Dept.

Telescope, iPad with pencil & applications

Jennifer Smith

Library

Equipment for visually impaired students

Kris Wilson

Fine Arts Dept.

15 Klopfenstein CH100 Challenge easels

Dr. Samuel Dasary

Chemistry Dept.

Chemistry Lab equipment

Wendy Grace

Academic Dept.

Furniture and materials to create a Teaching and Learning Center for instructors and staff

Alan Kinsley

eLearning Dept.

Furniture and materials to create a Teaching and Learning Center for instructors and staff

Arnetra Pleas

Literature Dept.

Fieldtrip to Birmingham, AL to visit historical places related to her African/American Class

Greg Wilson

A&P

Heart monitor with connector, pre-gelled electrodes, etc.

Dr. Antoine Gates

Science Dept.

20 LED microscopes for science labs

Dyer Leaves a Legacy

Nita Hardin Dyer bequeathed a portion of her estate to Holmes Community College Development Foundation. She was extremely passionate about children, youth missions and music.

Dyer was born in Calhoun County and grew up surrounded by music her whole life. While attending Mississippi College, she earned a Bachelor of Arts in sociology and psychology with a minor in music. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Houston where she served as the organist/pianist for many years. Dyer also formerly served as the director of the children and youth choirs as well as the handbell choir.

When Dyer's husband of 40 years, Dr. John D. Dyer, passed away, she moved to be with her daughter, Amelia Leigh Dyer, in Grenada. It was then that her love of Holmes was nurtured as she became involved with the Grenada Arts Council who held their events at the Corey Forum on the Grenada Campus.



Dyer was greatly impressed with what Holmes was doing on the Grenada Campus and continued to be actively involved with college events. She loved the students and would occasionally go to campus to visit with them when time allowed.

"Mother always had a way of inspiring young kids, making them feel important, no matter where they came from," Amelia said.

Dyer also enrolled in a few college classes to be more engaged with the campus and its students, encouraging others within the community to participate in these opportunities.

Most importantly, Dyer proudly noted herself as a mother of three children, Amelia, Susan and Ed, and as a grandmother of two grandchildren plus one great-grandchild. Dyer was also an avid gardener and enjoyed cooking.

Bequests & Trusts

The following people have named Holmes Community College in their estate planning and have provided appropriate confirming documentation:

Clytice & the late Burnis Gardner
Mrs. Freda B. Harper & the late Billy Harper
Margaret & the late John T. Keeton, Jr. (4)
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Bequests - leave a gift without diminishing the assets available to you during your lifetime.

Charitable Remainder Trusts - give to Holmes while providing a life income for yourself or beneficiaries.

Gift Annuities - receive life income without a huge donation or complicated agreement.

Life Insurance - make a substantial gift through relatively modest annual payments.

Retained Life Estate - transfer the ownership of a home or farm while retaining the right to use the property during your lifetime.

Holmes Community College is ready to work with you and a financial advisor or attorney in confidence and without obligation, to help you explore the best possible method of giving for your circumstance.

2019 Golf Classic

The Holmes Community College Development Foundation Golf Tournament will be celebrating its 20th year at Deerfield Golf Club in Canton on May 6, 2020.

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Renasant Insurance, Inc.
S&S Recovery
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The L Group
Valley Foods



1st Flight Winners

1st Flight Winners Mitchell Metals

Brad Love, Trent Adams, Charly Williamson, Austin Taylor

2nd Flight Winners Premier Medical

Wes Carter, Brady Richardson, Greg Browning, Robbie Hedgepeth

3rd Flight Winners JH&H Architects

Chris Bryan, Niles Bryan, Jeff McGee, Steven Blaylock



2nd Flight Winners



3rd Flight Winners

The Holmes Foundation Golf Classic Turns 20

In 1999, Dr. Starkey A. Morgan, Sr. was the president of Holmes. Dr. Marilyn Burrell was the executive director of the Development Foundation and Steve Diffey was the assistant director of alumni. Diffey noticed that many of the other community colleges were hosting golf tournaments and knew Holmes had a lot of avid golfers in the district, so a tournament might be successful.

"You have to have a good base of alumni to have a suc-

Foundation Golf Tournament was held at the Redbud Springs Golf Club in Kosciusko. The event hosted 14 teams and raised approximately \$5,000.

In the following years, several executive directors and directors of alumni have overseen the tournament and moved its location to different courses. At one point, a three-person committee within the Development Foundation was formed to organize the tournament, comprised of Dr. Jim Haffey, Allison DeWeese



and fellowship. Immediately after the tournament, there is an after-five social for the golfers and Holmes employees to enjoy an end-of-year celebration.

Allison DeWeese has voluntarily organized the golf tournament since 2010 and now serves as the primary contact. Over the last 10 years, DeWeese has been responsible for the growing number of teams participating in the golf tournament (averaging 25) and for bringing in numerous sponsors from our district as well as grant support. Her leadership has resulted in a significant increase of the tournament's contributions to the Development Foundation.

"The event is a good fundraiser for our Development Foundation, and, at the same time, it is a great way to support Holmes," DeWeese said.

DeWeese grew up in Raymond and now lives in

Madison with her husband, Bryan, and son, Thomas (14). They have been married 16 years and enjoy golfing as a family and attending Mississippi State University sporting events.

Before coming to Holmes, DeWeese helped other community organizations with their charities, so she has always had a passion for outreach and enjoys a good fundraiser.

She works constantly throughout the year to secure corporate sponsors for the tournament but would love to see a title sponsor in the near future.

Please contact Allison DeWeese at (601) 605-3430 or adeweese@holmescc.edu for details regarding the Holmes Development Foundation Golf Tournament.

This year's event will be held at Deerfield Golf Club in Canton on May 6.

"The event is a good fundraiser for our Development Foundation, and, at the same time, it is a great way to support Holmes."

cessful Alumni Association so that's what we were focusing on," Diffey said. "We wanted to come up with some events that interested our alumni and would get Holmes back on their minds."

The first Holmes Community College Development

and Todd Kimble.

The golf tournament continued to grow thanks to the ongoing commitment of others.

Today, the tournament continues as a four-person scramble, with participants enjoying its fun, laid-back atmosphere

HOLMES CC FOUNDATION

Scholarship Recipients

One of the main goals of the Development Foundation is to provide funds for scholarships for students attending Holmes. Thanks to our generous donors, we have been able to provide these scholarships for over 45 years.

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Our Heartfelt Thanks

Diane Harman retired in 2019 after 18 years of joyful service to Holmes Community College. She lovingly served the Office of Institutional Research and Student Affairs and the Holmes Community College Development Foundation.



As the administrative assistant for institutional research and student affairs, Harman dedicated her time to numerous activities relating to grant development and institutional effectiveness, including planning and evaluation, instructional research and compliance with accrediting agencies. Working closely with Holmes employees across all disciplines and areas of the institution, she was a supportive voice that everyone looked forward to hearing.

In her position with the Development Foundation, Harman identified outstanding students who met the criteria of their scholarships, while ensuring the recipients followed proper protocol to maintain their awards. She managed the Development Foundation's mini grant processes, such as grant proposal documentation, purchase order requests and procuring items awarded to Holmes employees.

A reception was held in the President's Dining Room on the Goodman Campus hosted by the Holmes Community College Development Foundation to celebrate her and her years of commitment to the college and the Development Foundation. Family, friends and Holmes employees, both past and present, attended the event to show their sincere support of Diane.

Legacy of Leadership

The Foundation is governed by an 18-member Board of Directors, who annually elect officers from its membership. In addition to the Board of Directors, there is a Foundation Board of Governors with representation from the nine counties served by the college.

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The Alumni Association is proud to offer these services: record maintenance, alumni relations, alumni development, homecoming activities and the annual golf tournament. The association is also responsible for the Holmes Alumni House, the Holmes House and the Chapel on the Hill.

Alumni Association Executive Committee

Elected Members: Rev. James Young (*President*), Derek Starling, Sr. (*Vice President*), Kay Asken (*Secretary*), Hilliary O'Briant (*Treasurer*), Katherine Ellard (*Director of Alumni Affairs*), Rev. Gene Richardson (*Past President*)

Ex-Officio Members: Jesse Leverette (*President, Development Foundation*), Doris Belk (*Secretary, Development Foundation*), Wirt Hayes (*Treasurer, Development Foundation*), Dr. Jim Haffey (*President, Holmes Community College*), Dr. Lindy McCain (*Executive Director, Development Foundation*), Dr. Don Burnham (*Vice President, Ridgeland Campus*), Dr. Michelle Burney (*Vice President, Grenada Campus*), Andy Wood (*Vice President, Goodman Campus/Athletic Director*)



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MAY 6**

**HOMECOMING
OCTOBER 22**

