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Wilson presents lecture as Humanities Teacher of the Year

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Jay Wilson

Jay Wilson, a history instructor on the Grenada Campus, was selected as the 2018-2019 Holmes Community College Humanities Teacher of the Year. He delivered his scholarly presentation, "Mississippi's Monumental Men: Jefferson Davis and J. Z. George," on Thursday, February 21 at 2 p.m. in the Corey Forum on the Grenada Campus. The lecture was free and open to the public. A reception followed the presentation.

The Humanities Teacher Awards recognize the contributions of humanities faculty at each of the state's colleges and universities. Nominations are made by the college or university president or humanities dean.

"For the last several years there has been much discussion of many of the public monuments raised early in the last century," Wilson said. "A common refrain from the defenders of these monuments and statues has been 'Leave them alone, they are history,' but the majority of people that say this seem to have a limited knowledge of the history they claim to be protecting. They often don't even know what they really mean, why they were really put up and who put them up."

"As Faulkner said, 'The past is never dead. It's not even past.' Southerners are sort of stuck on history and we don't view it as history; we see it as part of who we are today. In North Carolina, the 'Silent

Sam' Confederate monument at Chapel Hill was taken down, and there's a petition at Ole Miss right now to remove the statue to the University Greys. Then of course there's been the ongoing debates about the state flag and the defense, almost uniformly, has been that it's not hate, it is history. The people that say that, though, if you can ask them to tell you about that history, they usually can't answer.

"With the presentation it's not my goal to convince anybody of anything, either way. I'm not coming out as an anti-monument person or a pro-monument person. I just want people to stop and think. With

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Holmes announces Phi Theta Kappa All-MS Academic Team

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Courtney Dees

Bradford James

Lake Shipp

Hallie Westbrook

Abigail Wilkerson

Chelsea Williams

Each year, every two-year college in the state may nominate up to two students per campus to the Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic Team.

Nominations are based on outstanding academic performance and service to the college and community.

Courtney Dees and Bradford James-

were named All-Mississippi for the Grenada Campus, Lake Shipp and Hallie Westbrook were chosen from Goodman and Abigail Wilkerson and Chel-

sea Williams were nominated for the Ridgeland Campus.

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Lily Kate Saxton crowned 2019 Most Beautiful

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured is 2018 Most Beautiful Georgia Watkins crowning 2019 Most Beautiful Lily Kate Saxton.

Lily Kate Saxton of Benton was crowned Most Beautiful during the 2019 Parade of Beauties pageant held Feb. 26 in the Fine Arts Auditorium on the Goodman Campus. She was crowned by 2018 Most Beautiful Georgia Watson of West.

The daughter of Phyllis and Mark Sax-

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Pictured is (center) 2019 Most Beautiful Lily Kate Saxton with the other ladies named to the Top 10. They are: (left to right) Alexis Kahmann of West Monroe, Louisiana; Ivey Devine of Winona; Hartley Files of Mathiston; Jazmin Roman of Forest; Rachel Gray of Eupora; Most Beautiful Lily Kate Saxton of Benton; Rylee Stone of Carthage; Josie Harris of Benton; Trizel Johnson of Ridgeland and Emma Dorris of Yazoo City.

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What if the Electoral College was based on a proportion of votes?

By John Gillon
Grenada Editor



The electoral college is a highly debated system—supporters love it when it works in their favor, but they hate it when it doesn't; especially if their candidate won the

popular vote, as was the case in the 2016 presidential election.

Naysayers argue that it is an affront to democracy. Supporters claim it protects the minority in a constitutional republic—the voice of the little guy. But does it?

Or does the Electoral College's winner-take-all model render the "minority" vote of any state useless? Voters of the candidate who loses a state essentially have their vote become meaningless because the overall popular vote has less teeth than the Federal Election Commission.

All the discussions I've watched about the Electoral College since the 2016 election left me to brainstorm an idea: What if each state's votes were given out in proportion to the percentage of the vote a candidate received? In theory, that method would protect the "minority" by maintaining their votes' power, protecting the little states' importance because large states

would have their votes split, and it would be more "democratic," while still keeping the "constitutional republic" ties.

So what would the system have done to the 2016 election? It would have been a nail-biter. Donald Trump (R), who won easily with 306 electoral college votes, would have received 266 electoral votes, as would Hillary Clinton (D), who won the popular vote (which carried no weight). Gary Johnson (4), Jill Stein (1), and Evan McMullin (1) would have taken the remaining 6 Electoral College votes as third-party and Independent candidates.

Larger swing states like Florida and three Great Lakes swing states Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin, which Donald Trump won by a combined 3.8 percentage points, would have been effectively split. The chunk states—California, Texas and New York—would still be overwhelming for one candidate, but also contribute healthily to the count of the opponent. Gerrymandered states show just how close they are (North Carolina and, once again, Pennsylvania).

The result—between the three candidates who received the most electoral votes (Trump, Clinton and Johnson)—would have been up to the House of Representatives with each state delega-



President Donald Trump

tion receiving just one vote, for a total of 50 votes.

In the House, the odds would have significantly favored Donald Trump—Republicans held a majority of the Representatives from 32 of the 50 states, while Dems had 17 and Maine was split. Only Colorado and Arizona were close enough in delegates to be considered "swing," which leaves Trump with a strong coalition of 30 votes.

While it's technically possible that the Republican Party in the House could have rejected Trump for Gary Johnson, I wouldn't predict it. The easiest, most-common sense hypothesized outcome is Donald Trump coasts to the

presidency.

Going to a proportional allocation would be "fair" to all voters. It would also increase partisanship. And hostility to third parties and independents. There would also be more bickering and name-calling and baseless accusations of cheating. In an era of headline-grabbing verbal sparring bouts, a dead-locked presidential election would probably drive everyone mad, so maybe the current system saves us a larger headache by keeping it as a classic American system we all love to hate but won't be changing.

Visit <http://blog.holmescc.edu/> for the full table of Trump and Clinton votes.

The Debate of Astral Projection

By Malik Jamileh
Ridgeland Editor



For many, the term "Astral projection" is merely a fantasy, one created in the mind, while others swear to have out-of-body experiences in the night. Science theorizes that this occurs when the body is asleep and the mind is still awake.

Further, scientists have described these out-of-body experiences as merely lucid dreaming into your reality.

Astral projection is not a phenomenon just recently discovered; in fact it has been practiced for thousands of years. It has been reported that Native Americans were skilled in this practice and used to leave their bodies to know

which directions to hunt and travel. Thousands of stories can be found all over of people who claim to recall events they saw while sleeping. So, which is it? Is Astral projection merely the manipulation of the mind, or is it a spiritual door to the other side?

Here are the facts. In 1937, psychologist Dr. Charles Theodore Tart welcomed his contestant, Miss Z, to stay in the sleep laboratory located in California. The test was conducted for four nights in which he challenged to see if Miss Z could leave her body and read a series of numbers hidden on a sheet. Miss Z claimed to have been observing the clock in the room out of her body, which did correlate with unusual brain spikes during the times she claimed. On the fourth night, she was successful in projecting and correctly recalled the



numbers hidden in the room, 25132.

Several tests have been conducted on different individuals since then and have added to the research. However, at this age of science we still have not gathered enough evidence to back up the theory that one can separate from their body. The unsolved mystery has

left a long debate of whether the mind and body are separate. So, what do you think? Do you think leaving your body is possible?



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The Green New Deal is a Pipe Dream

Democratic presidential candidates rally behind a proposition that will overhaul the entire infrastructure and increase government spending by trillions over the next decade

By Nathan Wildhaber
Staff Reporter



Getting rid of air travel, guaranteed government jobs for all, and renovating every building in our infrastructure are just a few of the radical steps that were included in Alexandria Ocasio

Cortez's latest proposal for her Green New Deal. The deal sounds noble with goals such as: moving to 100 percent renewable energy by the year 2030, investing massive amounts of money into sustainable businesses and ending unemployment entirely. It just sounds too good to be true.

It is estimated that the Green New Deal will cost between \$700 billion and \$1 trillion per year. The plan is to pay for it by cutting the military budget in half, enacting a \$60 per ton carbon tax that would increase annually and increasing taxes on the wealthy. Right off the bat, \$400 billion would go to creating new public jobs and \$200 billion would go to transitioning to clean energy annually. This includes renovating buildings to make them operate on clean energy and also to build a complete-

ly new public transportation system.

The main concept of the Green New Deal is to phase out fossil fuels, fracked gas and nuclear power in favor of renewable energy, all within the next decade. Renewable energy (wind, solar, and hydro) only make up 18 percent of the U.S. energy supply currently. It is projected that renewable energy will increase to 30 percent of our supply by 2050 at our current rate. The resolution states that massive amounts of money would be invested into offshore wind power generation in order to make up for the loss of nonrenewable energy sources. Many critics believe it is an impossible goal to reach especially with nuclear power being excluded from the plan.

Another step to eliminating carbon emissions would be to radically overhaul our means of transportation. Travel by plane and the internal combustion engine would be eliminated and replaced by a national mass transit program, which would increase travel time exponentially. Phasing out internal combustion engines would force automobile manufacturers to only produce electric vehicles.

In addition to eliminating carbon emissions, the resolution also promises to end unemployment by guaranteeing a govern-



ment job to anyone who needs one. They claim these jobs will be created in sustainable energy, mass transit, regional food systems, and other public services.

Presidential candidates Kamala Harris (D-CA), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Jeff Merkley (D-OR) and Bernie Sanders (Independent Socialist—VT) have co-sponsored the Green New Deal.

Many opponents are personally against the involvement the government will take in our economy in order to enact this resolution. Not to mention the jobs that

will be lost in the energy sector and the inconvenience and cost of switching to electric cars and mass freight instead of planes. Also, the U.S. is already naturally decreasing its carbon emissions through technological innovations in the private sector. It seems ludicrous to overhaul the U.S. economy just to slightly hinder the rate of climate change, especially when the worst offenders of man-made climate change are actually third world developing countries. I believe the world will one day run on renewable energy, but the cost and time frame to enact this plan is unfeasible.

Journey to a Career

By John Gillon
Grenada Editor



She's silently grading one of the many stacks of student assignments, shaving away at the conglomerate, piece by piece.

Her life—bouncing from

being an English major, to working in a bank vault, to practicing law on a whim, and finally returning to teaching—embodies the saying “life changes”—summarized in a song by Thomas Rhett:

“Ain't it funny how life changes? You wake up ain't nothing the same ... you make your plans and you hear God laughing. Life changes, and I wouldn't change it for the world.”

Most know her as Melanie Hopper (Mrs. Hopper to students), the teacher and mother, but she had to experience a series of twists and turns, doubts and whims—encapsulated by jobs that weren't meant to be her forever.

Hopper has been teaching for over a decade now—she thinks it is 13 years but admits that she stopped counting—but her journey did not follow a traditional, cookie-cutter format.

After graduating college with a degree in English, she landed a nepotism job as the Quality Control Officer in an underground vault for a BancorpSouth in Tupelo because she wasn't ready to teach or go to law school, which she viewed as her only two options.

However, a “Legally Blonde” moment and old-fashioned boredom led her to the first door in her search to find her career calling.

“I was bored working underground in a vault everyday—I knew it wasn't what I wanted to do with my life,” Hopper says.

Her “Legally Blonde” moment would be going to law school. And, she would add, that the movie is surprisingly accurate in terms of the cases she studied in her first year of law school. Hopper loved the study of law—she was excellent at the necessary skill of exploring all options and possibilities of any scenario—but her interest did not extend to the practice of law.

Ironically enough, the exit into teaching was opened up to Hopper by a move—a move to Grenada, where she still lives and teaches.

Making the decision to become a teacher would prove to be one of the

best decisions of her life. With teaching, Hopper found not only a job but a passion and a career that she cherishes.

“I've loved every minute of it,” she exclaims.

But the journey wasn't over when she entered the teaching profession, far from it. She changed jobs two more times, leaving her post as a freshman and sophomore English teacher at Grenada High School for a one-year stint at Oxford High School before returning to fill the AP Literature and Language post for juniors and seniors at Grenada.

Hopper has been equal parts teacher and student, going back to school to get a third degree—a master's degree in teaching—and become a specialist.

While her journey is far from reaching its final destination, she appears to be putting the car in park for a while, though she has considered taking the step to become an administrator.

“There are days where I think I would be really good at it [being an administrator], with my law background, but I would miss my student interaction,” Hopper says. “And I'm intrigued by the idea of possibly teaching my oldest son Daniel.”

Student interaction is big for Hopper. She loves an interactive classroom and

when her students feel comfortable to express themselves, as long as they are respectful to other students and her. To this, I can attest from personal experience.

Nonetheless, she is intrigued by the idea—maybe for reasons you would not expect.

In a field where 77 percent of teachers are female, Grenada High School's principals are 80 percent male. A couple Google searches show that district-wide, from elementary school through the high school, only 26.6 percent of principals are women (just four of 15). From sixth grade on, nearly 78 percent (7 of 9) principals are male—a time, one would argue, where students' perceptions of leadership are firmly entrenched.

“And that's a shame because students need to see strong female leadership, especially in a field that is nearly 80 percent female, and where they could also benefit from the daily interactions with the strong male teachers that you just don't find as often,” Hopper contends.

But for now, Hopper isn't taking that step—she has followed the journey made by the changes in her life, and she is ever-so thankful for that journey. She wants to cherish the moment.

Find your place

By Regina Gray
Staff Reporter



Being in college, especially when you are going full-time, can defiantly be overwhelming at times. In order to be successful, students need to find a quiet and calm place where

they can have enough space to study

and work on assignments outside of school. I found a few places around town that have helped me when the house was just not cutting it anymore.

1. The local libraries

The library is a perfect place to get the peace and quiet one is looking for in a place to study. Not only is the library quiet, but it is full of information that can help a student with their studies.

2. Cups coffee shop

This is place where you can wind down while you wind up on some fresh coffee or a nice cup of hot tea. They offer free Wi-Fi to the public and have super comfy couches and seating areas with personal tables and outlets to plug in the dying electronics.

3. The outdoors

On pretty, sun-shining days, a student could grab an old blanket or sheet and go and to a local park around town

like Winter Circle or pick a spot by the Reservoir. There is something about being in the fresh air and hearing the beautiful sounds of nature, that really helps focus and destress a situation.

Whether it is from the comfort of your own bed, or from the underneath of a Magnolia tree it is important to find your own perfect little place where you may go to focus on the seemingly never ending amounts of school work.

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that in mind, this presentation is aimed at recounting the history of the two men memorialized by Mississippi in the National Statuary Hall Collection in the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington D.C.; Jefferson Davis and James Z. George. These statues were donated by Mississippi in the 1930s, are standing in the nation's capital and were supposed to represent the two Mississippians who have contributed the most and best represent what Mississippi is.

"While I'm okay with the idea that maybe in 1933 those two men represented what most Mississippians thought our state was, or should be, this isn't the same state it was 100 years ago. We certainly don't have the same society that we did. Congress has recognized that several states might have made submissions to the collection that they regret so they changed the law to allow them to change out their statues to people more representative of everybody.

"People walk through the nation's Capitol and they see Virginia's got George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, Kansas has got Eisenhower, and then they get to Mississippi and we've got Jefferson Davis, who most everybody recognizes and probably has a negative opinion of, and J.Z. George, who quite honestly nobody's heard of unless you live in Carroll County and your children went to J.Z. George High School. George's claim to fame was being the guy who single-hand-

edly came up with what historians referred to as the Mississippi Plan, a way to disenfranchise African-Americans to make sure that white men got to vote and black men did not get to vote, maintaining Democratic Party control of southern states. I just think folks need to have an awareness of what we as a state are using as representation of great men."

A member of the Holmes family since 2014, Wilson teaches U.S. History and World Civilizations and serves as an academic advisor for history, pre-law and criminal justice students in Grenada. Prior to joining the Holmes faculty, Wilson taught at Winona High School, Mississippi Delta Community College and J.Z. George High School. He also served as a company officer for the City of Greenwood Fire Department and as assistant to the executive director of Cottonlandia Museum in Greenwood.

Wilson also served as a soldier in the U.S. Army from 1986-1992. He was a canon crewman and later a fire direction specialist in a field artillery battalion in the Mississippi National Guard, then activated to federal service during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He even received an Army Achievement Medal for meritorious service in Desert Storm, in 1991.

A man of many achievements, Wilson is a member of multiple honor societies, was named a STAR Teacher at Winona High and was named a William Winter Scholar by the Natchez Literary Council in 2016.

He holds a specialist in educational leadership and administration from the University of Mississippi, a master's in history education from Delta State University, as well as a bachelor's in history from Delta State.

"Jay has been a great addition to the faculty at Holmes," said Grenada Campus Academic Dean Dr. Myra Harville. "He has such a strong knowledge of history and finds interesting ways to share that knowledge with his students. He is always willing to teach whatever course I ask him to teach and, for an administrator, that is a real blessing."

Outside of teaching, Wilson is an avid

hunter, fisherman, gardener, reader and gamer.

"I love to be outdoors; I'm a country boy who grew up on a farm," Wilson said. "Let me hunt until the season is over then I'm ready to fish. I also love gaming of all kinds; video games, board games, card games, you name it."

Wilson and his wife, Kristy, have five adult children: Hunter, Christopher, Katherine, Katie and Courtney.

After presenting his lecture at Holmes, Wilson was recognized by the Mississippi Humanities Council at the 2019 Public Humanities Awards Gala in Jackson.



(left to right) Humanities Teacher of the Year **Jay Wilson** accepts his certificate from **William "Brother" Rogers**, director of programs and communication at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

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Courtney Dees of Grenada, a nursing major, is president of the Alpha Mu Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (on the Grenada Campus) and was inducted into the 2019 Hall of Fame. She is also an Ambassador, on leadership team for Baptist Student Union and secretary for Student Government Association. Additionally, she was elected as Class Favorite both as a freshman and as a sophomore.

Dees plans to attend Delta State University after Holmes to pursue her BSN and eventually become a nurse practitioner. A fun fact about her is that she has been to Guatemala four times on mission trips.

Bradford James of Gore Springs, who serves as vice president of scholarship for Phi Theta Kappa, was also inducted into the Hall of Fame. An accounting major, he is Mr. Holmes for the Grenada Campus, a President's List Scholar, an Ambassador, a Student Government Association representative and a member of the Baptist Student Union. He has served as a math tutor and works at Grocery Basket, his family farm (James

Farm) and John Mark King, CPA.

Upon graduation from Holmes, James plans to attend the University of Mississippi to earn a bachelor's and master's degree in accounting. His career goal is to become a CPA.

Lake Shipp of Benton, an educational psychology major on the Goodman Campus, has been a member of the Holmes cheerleading squad both years. She is a President's List Scholar who received a Scholar Athlete Award and was nominated for the All-USA Academic Team. Shipp is a Math Mastery Tutoring Lab tutor who has participated in numerous community service activities.

After graduating from Holmes, Shipp plan to attend Mississippi State University to pursue a degree in educational psychology. After earning her bachelor's, she plans to obtain a master's degree in speech-language pathology and pursue a career in speech pathology in the Mississippi school system.

Hallie Westbrook of Pickens, vice president of the Kappa Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, completed her AAS degree in Architectural Engineering

Technology in December 2018 and will complete her AA degree in Accounting in May 2019. A student on the Goodman Campus, she was inducted into the 2018 Hall of Fame and received the Architectural Engineering Tech Award in 2017, the English Composition Award in 2018 and the Phi Theta Kappa Golden Key Award in 2018. She was chosen as the 2019 HEADWAE student recipient for Holmes, as well.

Westbrook was also a member of the 2016-17 SkillsUSA Opening and Closing team that won the Golden Medal at the state competition and Bronze Medal at nationals. In 2018, she won a Silver Medal at state-level for Technical Applied Mathematics. She is also president of Goodman Campus SkillsUSA Chapter, a Get2College FAFSA Corps member and a work-study student in the Holmes Financial Aid Office.

Abigail Wilkerson of Madison is the vice president of Honors and Action for the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter for Phi Theta Kappa. An engineering major on the Ridgeland Campus, she has been on the Dean's List or President's List

every semester and was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Wilkerson works as a barista at Mocha Mugs and serves as a leader for the youth group at Vertical Church. After Holmes, she plans on transferring to Mississippi State University to earn a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

Chelsea Williams of Clinton, who serves as College Project Coordinator for the Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter, is a pre-physical therapy major. She is also a Get2College Corps member, Focus Factor member and President's List Scholar on the Ridgeland Campus. Williams was nominated for the Hall of Fame and serves as vice president of Usher and Youth Ministry at Nazareth MB Church in Jackson.

Upon graduation from Holmes, she plans to attend Mississippi State University and major in kinesiology with a concentration in neuromechanics.

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ton, she is a graduate of Benton Academy, where she was the 2017 Homecoming Queen. She is a pre-med major on the Goodman Campus and plans to attend Mississippi College after Holmes to pursue a bachelor's degree in biology. At Holmes, she is involved in the choir and Connection!

In addition to Saxton, the Top Five for Parade of Beauties included Beauties Hartley Files of Mathiston, Rachel Gray of Eupora, Josie Harris of Benton and Rylee Stone of Carthage. The Top 10 included Saxton, Files, Gray, Harris, Stone, Ivey Devine of Winona, Emma

Dorris of Yazoo City, Trizel Johnson of Ridgeland, Alexis Kahmann of West Monroe, Louisiana, and Jazmin Roman of Forest. Files was also named Most Photogenic.

Student Activities Director Tina Boyette directed the pageant and Holmes alumna Nikki Merchant, Miss Catfish 2018, served as Mistress of Ceremonies. Britt Grace and Chris Nalls served as escorts for the contestants and the Holmes Connection! show choir, under the direction of Mike Yates, provided entertainment at intermission.



Contestants smile for the judges during Parade of Beauties 2019.

Holmes announces 2019 Hall of Fame

From Staff Reports/Photos

Each year, faculty and staff from the Goodman, Grenada and Ridgeland campuses of Holmes Community College select the winners for the prestigious Hall of Fame. This year, the Hall of Fame inductees were as follows.

From the Goodman Campus, honorees were: Alexis McBride, Christopher Nalls, Vivian Lake Shipp, Tyler Sylvester Sloan and Mary Morgan Stafford.

Hall of Fame inductees from the Grenada Campus included: Macie Craddock, Courtney Dees, Bradford James and Kendall Preston.

Finally, Ridgeland Campus honorees included: Victoria Alexander, Victoria Hines, Josh Hinkle, Abby Hudson, Savanna Moore, Frank "Buck" Oakes, Robert Oakes, Aurora Sant'Angelo, Abigail Wilkerson and Chelsea Williams.

Alexis McBride of Kosciusko is a pre-nursing major and President's List Scholar. The daughter of Angela and Percy Witt, she is active on campus as an Ambassador, Student Government Association (SGA) secretary and member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. She also serves as a MOSAIC tutor and received the MOSAIC Academic Award her freshman year.

McBride has also volunteered to work at the Holmes basketball games, and helped with other activities on campus. Upon graduation from Holmes, she plans to go to nursing school and become a Registered Nurse (RN). As she grows in her career, she'd like to become a surgical nurse.

"As a determined young woman I put my all in everything I do," McBride said. "I try to help as many students as I can on campus. That is why I choose to tutor. I like to help people, and I like to be involved in all Holmes's activities."

Christopher Nalls of North Carrollton, the son of Jacqueline and Lorenzo Nalls, is a marketing major. He is extremely active on campus, serving as Holmes Marching Band Drum Major, an Ambassador, director of Voices of Praise, a representative for SGA, a lead soloist, a member of the Indoor Percussion Ensemble and a member of MOSAIC.

Nalls has participated in quite a bit

of volunteer work, including work as a Goodman Breast Cancer Awareness volunteer; work as a Domestic Violence Awareness volunteer; service as a North Carrollton Holiday Committee volunteer and service as a volunteer musician at Saint Peters Church two Sundays each month.

"After finishing at Holmes, I plan to continue my education at Mississippi State University," Nalls said. "There I will pursue my master's in marketing while also studying fashion to enhance my skills with my business I opened in 2018, 'The Christivity.' I also plan to continue my career in band at Mississippi State, hoping to be Drum Major!"

Vivian Lake Shipp of Benton, the daughter of Dana and Trey Shipp, is an educational psychology major and President's List Scholar. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Holmes cheerleading squad and serves as a Math Mastery Tutoring Lab tutor. Shipp has also received the Scholar-Athlete Award and was nominated for the All-USA Academic Team.

After graduating from Holmes in May, she will attend Mississippi State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in educational psychology. After receiving that degree, she plans to further her education with a master's in speech-language pathology.

"I have chosen this field of study because I have always felt called towards a field where I can change the lives of children," Shipp said. "With this degree, I plan to work in the Mississippi school system to better the lives of children I am able to work with."

"Also, it is such an honor to be inducted into the Hall of Fame," Shipp said. "Being a part of Holmes Community College has blessed and enriched my outlook on furthering education. The teachers and staff have instilled in me the desire to help others and to never settle for anything less than the goals I have set for myself."

Tyler Sylvester Sloan of Choctaw, son of Crystal and Anthony Sloan, is a mechanical engineering major and member of the Holmes Plus Program. He is also president of Phi Theta Kappa and on leadership team for the Baptist Student Union (BSU). For BSU, he

serves as Head of Missions and teaches weekly Bible studies to college students at Holmes. He also assists with local church camps, Disciple Now and has gone on quite a few mission trips, including ones to Texas, China, Cambodia and India, to name a few.

Sloan is also employed as a work-study in the Holmes Business Department and tutors Holmes students through MOSAIC. Upon graduation from Holmes, he plans to continue his degree at Mississippi State University.

Mary Morgan Stafford of Kilmichael, daughter of Debbie and Jeff Stafford, is a general studies major and President's List Scholar. As a freshman, she received the Political Science Award. Stafford is active on campus as BSU president and a Phi Theta Kappa member. As a freshman, she served as an Ambassador, member of the Holmes Connection! and member of the Chorale.

Her community involvement includes working at Standing in the Gap (a community service project through Kilmichael Baptist Church), serving as a Discipleship Now and Vacation Bible School leader and serving as a short-term missionary both locally (Nashville, Tennessee; Fort Worth, Texas and Jackson) and internationally (East Asia). After Holmes, Stafford plans to attend Delta State University and pursue a bachelor's in elementary education.

"As my chapter at Holmes Community College is closing, I begin to reflect on the personal growth that has occurred in my life over the past two years," Stafford said. "While at HCC, I have been challenged and encouraged both academically and socially by the faculty, staff and my cohorts. There truly is 'No Place like Holmes.'"

Macie Craddock of Grenada, daughter of Millicent and Joe Craddock, is active on campus as an Ambassador, vice president of leadership for Phi Theta Kappa, a member of Student Government Association and a member of the Baptist Student Union. She is also part of the Honors Behavioral and Social Science class. Craddock is the 2019 Miss Holmes for the Grenada Campus and was inducted into the 2019 Holmes Hall of Fame.

She was also a Homecoming Maid as a freshman.

Outside of Holmes, she works at Grenada Nutrition and enjoys being outdoors, playing tennis, kayaking and exercising. Her plans are to attend Delta State University to pursue a degree in biology/physical therapy in hopes of becoming a pediatric physical therapist.

Courtney Dees of Grenada, daughter of Stephanie and Sam Dees, is a nursing major who plans to attend Delta State University after Holmes to pursue her BSN. She is president of the Alpha Mu Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and was named to the All-Mississippi Academic Team.

In addition to Phi Theta Kappa, Dees is involved in Student Government Association, where she has served as secretary both years. She is also an Ambassador and active in Baptist Student Union, where she has been on the leadership team. Additionally, she was elected as Class Favorite both as a freshman and as a sophomore. Outside of Holmes, Dees babysits and distributes newspapers for the Grenada School District. As an active member of Leflore Baptist Church, she loves being the hands and feet of service for Grenada, other areas of the country and in Guatemala.

Bradford James of Gore Springs, son of Tange and Dan James, is an accounting major. He is also a President's List Scholar, serves as vice president of scholarship for Phi Theta Kappa and was named Mr. Holmes Community College for the Grenada Campus. James also received the Mathematics Award and is an Ambassador, representative for Student Government Association, member of Baptist Student Union and has served as a math lab tutor. During his time at Holmes, he has been involved in numerous community service activities, including volunteering at a local soup kitchen, helping with the campus food pantry and helping with the Boys & Girls Club. He has worked at Grocery Basket in addition to his family farm, James Farm, in the summer.

Upon graduation from Holmes,

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Goodman Campus Hall of Fame



Alexis McBride



Chris Nalls



Lake Shipp



Tyler Sloan



Mary Morgan Stafford

Grenada Campus Hall of Fame



Macie Craddock



Courtney Dees



Bradford James



Kendall Preston

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he plans to attend the University of Mississippi to earn a bachelor's and master's degree in accounting. He is working at John Mark King, CPA, to gain experience and hopes to become a CPA one day.

Kendall Preston of Grenada, daughter of Debby and Greg Preston, is in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program at Holmes and plans to obtain her BSN at Delta State University.

On campus, she is vice president of service for Phi Theta Kappa, treasurer of Student Government Association and a member of Student Nurses Association. She was voted Freshman Class Favorite in 2018.

Preston enjoys spending time with friends, and says that family is a very big part of her life and that she wouldn't be where she is today without their continuous support and encouragement. She also says that she has always loved being able to help those in need and looks forward to a career choice that gives her an opportunity to do so to the best of her ability.

Victoria Alexander of Madison, daughter of Madeline and Vursell Alexander, is Miss Holmes Community College for the Ridgeland Campus. She is also active on campus as an Ambassador, Student Government Association representative, and member of Phi Theta Kappa, Rotoract and Social Science Club. She was on the Dean's List in the spring of 2018 and was named Student Body Homecoming Maid for the Ridgeland Campus in the fall. Alexander serves as a Get2College intern, as well, and works at Apple Annie's Gift Shop.

In her free time, Alexander enjoys reading books, writing in her journal and exploring new local areas around town. She is also a member of Holy Child Jesus Catholic Church. Upon graduation from Holmes, she plans to transfer to Delta State University and major in speech and hearing sciences. She would eventually like to become a speech-language pathologist and work

with the elderly and children in hospitals to help improve their communication with their loved ones.

Victoria Lynn Hines of Morton, daughter of Tammy C. and Johnny Hines, is a business administration major. She obtained 36 college hours while still in high school and was able to start her education at Holmes as a sophomore. She will complete her associate degree in May after just one year at Holmes and transfer to Mississippi College to earn her degree in cyber security. Hines says that her time at Holmes has positively contributed to her educational journey.

She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and a Dean's List Scholar. While a student at Holmes, she has volunteered at Blair E. Batson children's hospital, helped raise money for Operation Christmas Child and worked at Nothing Bundt Cakes.

Joshua Caleb Hinkle of Madison, son of Pam and Chris Hinkle, is Mr. Holmes Community College. He is a President's List scholar, Phi Theta Kappa officer and captain of the Bulldog Men's Soccer Team. Hinkle has received numerous honors, including the Holmes Soccer Leadership Award, NJCAA Academic Second Team, MACJC Academic All State and being named an Academic Scholar Athlete.

Outside of Holmes, Hinkle is a member of Broadmoor Baptist Church, works at Super Shakes, serves as a U.S. Competitive Soccer referee and coaches at Sky Hawks Sports Academy. In his free time, he enjoys traveling and going to music festivals. After Holmes, he will attend Mississippi College and continue working toward his bachelor's degree in marketing.

Abby Hudson of Madison, daughter of Amanda and Bo Hudson, is a general studies major who works as a marketing and administrative assistant at Mangia Bene. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and a tutor for the Holmes Writing Center. Upon graduation from Holmes, she plans to obtain a bachelor's degree from the University

of Mississippi. Her long-term plan is to earn a doctorate degree in physical therapy from University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Savanna Ann Moore of Clinton, daughter of Julie Moore, is an athletic training major. She is a Dean's List Scholar, member of iCreate Club and has volunteered with Stewpot Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity, CARA animal shelter, Mississippi Children's Museum, and Mississippi Blues Marathon. Moore has also served as a teacher for Vacation Bible School at Morrison Heights Church.

After graduating from Holmes, she will pursue her master's degree at The University of Southern Mississippi, majoring in athletic training. To gain experience, she has completed observational hours with a certified athletic trainer and serves as president of HOSA (Health Occupations for Students of America).

Frank M. Oakes, IV of Madison, son of Kathy and Trae Oakes, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and a Dean's List Scholar. He is a pre-veterinary major and is employed at Mannsdale Animal Clinic. After Holmes, his plan is to go to Mississippi State University and study avian and exotic veterinary science. He plans to work in his own veterinarian facility one day.

Robert Burr Oakes of Madison, son of Kathy and Trae Oakes, is a pre-veterinary major. He plans to transfer to Mississippi State University and study to become an avian veterinarian. His ambition is to work in an avian sanctuary one day rehabilitating birds.

Oakes is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and received the Biology Award as a freshman. He is also employed at Mannsdale Animal Clinic.

Aurora Sant'Angelo of Jackson, daughter of Rita Rose Sant'Angelo, is a psychology major. She is a President's List Scholar, Social Science Club member, Student Government Association representative, writer for The Growl newspaper, HAVOC member and Horizons yearbook photog-

rapher. She is also a private caregiver and volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association.

Sant'Angelo is a member of Christ Life - Church Group. Upon graduation from Holmes, she will pursue her bachelor's degree in psychology. She intends to continue her education to the highest level and eventually earn a doctorate.

Abigail Grace Wilkerson of Madison, daughter of Amy and Kelly Wilkerson, is a mechanical engineering major. She is vice president of Honors and Action for the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter for Phi Theta Kappa and received All-Mississippi Academic Team recognition, as well as the New Century Scholarship. Wilkerson has been on the Dean's List or President's List every semester at Holmes.

Outside of school, she works as a barista at Mocha Mugs and serves as a leader for the youth group at Vertical Church. After Holmes, she plans on transferring to Mississippi State University to earn a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. She hopes to one day work at a car manufacturer on the design team.

Chelsea Williams of Clinton, daughter of Jacqueline and Frazial Williams, serves as College Project Coordinator for the Phi Theta Kappa and was named to the All-Mississippi Academic Team. She is a Get2College Corps member, Focus Factor member and President's List Scholar.

Williams also serves as vice president of Usher and Youth Ministry at Nazareth Lee Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson. She is a pre-physical therapy major and upon graduation from Holmes, she plans to attend Mississippi State University and major in kinesiology with a concentration in neuro-mechanics.

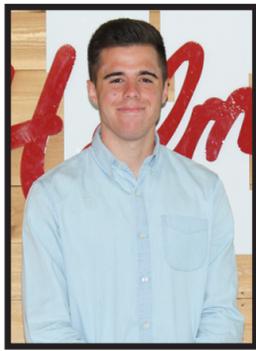
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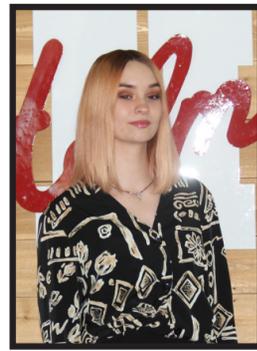
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Abigail Wilkerson



Chelsea Williams

Holmes reveals 2019 Who's Who

From Staff Reports/Photos

Recently, Holmes Community College announced Mr. and Miss Holmes for each campus.



Mr. and Miss Holmes for the Ridgeland Campus are Joshua Hinkle and Victoria Alexander, both of Madison.

Hinkle, son of Pam and Chris Hinkle, is a graduate of Madison Central High School. He is a President's List scholar, Phi Theta Kappa officer and captain of the Bulldog Men's Soccer Team. He has received numerous honors, including the Holmes Soccer Leadership Award, NJCAA Academic Second Team, MACJC Academic All State and being named an Academic Scholar Athlete.

Outside of Holmes, Hinkle is a member of Broadmoor Baptist Church, works at Super Shakes, serves as a U.S. Competitive Soccer referee and coaches at Sky Hawks Sports Academy. In his free time, he enjoys traveling and going to music festivals. After Holmes, he will attend Mississippi College and continue working toward his bachelor's degree in marketing.

Alexander, daughter of Madeline and Vursell Alexander, is a graduate of Germantown High School. She is a general studies major who is active on campus as an Ambassador, Student Government Association (SGA) sophomore representative, member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Rotoract and Social Science Club. She was on the Dean's List and was named Student Body Homecoming Maid for the Rid-

geland Campus in the fall. Alexander serves as a Get2College intern, as well, and works at Apple Annie's Gift Shop.

In her free time, Alexander enjoys reading books, writing in her journal and exploring new local areas around town. She is also a member of Holy Child Jesus Catholic Church. Upon graduation from Holmes, she plans to transfer to Delta State University and major in speech and hearing sciences. She would eventually like to become a speech-language pathologist and work with the elderly and children in hospitals to help improve their communication with their loved ones.



Mr. and Miss Holmes for the Goodman Campus are Jaylon Townsend of Grenada and Anastasia Boston of Sallis.

Townsend, son of Gale and Kevin Townsend, is a graduate of Grenada High School. A voice major, he is part of Concert Choir, Coachmen and Connection! show choir. In 2018, he received the Music Major Award during the annual Honors and Awards program. He also plays piano at Victory Apostolic Church in Duck Hill and sings on the praise team. Additionally, Townsend has choreographed routines for the show choirs at Grenada High School and Grenada Middle School. After Holmes, he plans to attend The University of Southern Mississippi to study theatre.

Boston, daughter of Pauline Bass and Anthony Boston, is a graduate of Eastern Wayne High School in Goldsboro,

North Carolina. Boston represented the college as the 2018 Holmes Homecoming Queen. A psychology major, she is also SSS secretary, a member of Student Government Association, part of Holme-Town Players theater production, a member of the Social Behavior Honor Society and a Dean's List Scholar. Additionally, she is part of the Holme Color Guard and is a First Cymbal Player for the Indoor Drumline.

Outside of Holmes, Boston is a member of Agape Worship Center of Kosciusko. She enjoys dancing, shopping and loves makeup. Upon finishing at Holmes, she plans to attend Jackson State University to obtain her bachelor's before going to Mississippi State University for the graduate program in criminal psychology.



Mr. and Miss Holmes for the Grenada Campus are Bradford James and Macie Craddock.

James, son of Tange and Dan James, is a graduate of Grenada High School. An accounting major, he is a President's List Scholar and serves as vice president of scholarship for Phi Theta Kappa. He was recently named to the Hall of Fame. James also received the Mathematics Award and is an Ambassador, representative for Student Government Association, a member of the Baptist Student Union and has served as a math lab tutor. During his time at Holmes, he has been involved in nu-

merous community service activities, including volunteering at a local soup kitchen, helping with the campus food pantry and helping with the Boys & Girls Club. He has worked at Grocery Basket in addition to his family farm, James Farm, in the summer.

Upon graduation from Holmes, he plans to attend the University of Mississippi to earn a bachelor's and master's degree in accounting. He is working at John Mark King, CPA, to gain experience and hopes to become a CPA one day.

Craddock, daughter of Millicent and Joe Craddock, is also a graduate of Grenada High School. She is active on campus as an Ambassador, vice president of leadership for Phi Theta Kappa, a member of Student Government Association and a member of the Baptist Student Union. She is also part of the Honors Behavioral and Social Science class. In addition to Miss Holmes, Craddock was named a Freshman Homecoming Maid and inducted into the 2019 Holmes Hall of Fame.

Outside of Holmes, she works at Grenada Nutrition and enjoys being outdoors, playing tennis, kayaking and exercising. Her plans are to attend Delta State University to pursue a degree in biology/physical therapy in hopes of becoming a pediatric physical therapist.

Other than Mr. and Miss Holmes, students are named Class Favorites for each campus.

Sophomore Class Favorites for the 2018-2019 school year are: Ja'Mesia Gates of Jackson; Christy Griffith of Brandon; Macy Gordy of Canton; Mckenna Hodges of Brandon; Luis Jimenez-Bolanos of Southaven; Mackenzie Mize of Madison; Holly Reeves of Brandon; Jazmin Roman of Forest and Sam Williams of Brandon.

Freshman Class Favorites include: Landon Kinney of Jackson; Noah Primer of Madison; Kimberly Urquia of Memphis, Tennessee; Latenin Williams of Canton and Lee Yates of Madison.



Pictured are the **Ridgeland Campus Who's Who** recipients. They are (front row, left to right) Freshman Favorite **Latenin Williams**, Mr. Holmes **Joshua Hinkle**, Miss Holmes **Victoria Alexander**, Sophomore Favorite **Christy Griffith**, Sophomore Favorite **Sam Williams**, (second row, left to right) Sophomore Favorite **Ja'Mesia Gates**, Freshman Favorite **Lee Yates**, Freshman Favorite **Kimberly Urquia**, Sophomore Favorite **Macy Gordy**, Freshman Favorite **Noah Primer**, (third row, left to right) Sophomore Favorite **Holly Reeves**, Sophomore Favorite **Jazmin Roman**, Sophomore Favorite **Mckenna Hodges**, (back row, left to right) Sophomore Favorite **Luis Jimenez-Bolanos** and Sophomore Favorite **Mackenzie Mize**. *Not pictured:* Landon Kinney.



Pictured are the **Grenada Campus 2019 Who's Who** recipients. They are (front row, left to right) Sophomore Favorite **Princess Allen**, Miss Holmes **Macie Craddock**, Mr. Holmes **Bradford James**, Freshman Favorite **Lindsey McLellan**, Freshman Favorite **Braden Migliore**, (back row, left to right) Sophomore Favorite **Courtney Dees**, Freshman Favorite **Ivey Devine**, Sophomore Favorite **Greg Clark** and Freshman Favorite **Kalee Beck**.



Pictured (left) are the **Goodman Campus Who's Who** recipients. They are (left to right) Sophomore Favorite **Albertina Veasley**, Freshman Favorite **Tiara LeFlore**, Sophomore Favorite **Alana Price**, Sophomore Favorite **Rylee Stone**, Mr. Holmes **Jaylon Townsend**, Sophomore Favorite **Josie Harris**, Miss Holmes **Anastasia Boston**, Freshman Favorite **Payton Pritchard**, Sophomore Favorite **Christopher Nalls**, Freshman Favorite **Abi Burns**, Sophomore Favorite **Tyler Dodd** and Freshman Favorite **Braiden Fulce**. *Not pictured:* Sophomore Favorite **Paul Ray McGraw**.

Phi Theta Kappa chapters shine at Regionals

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Pictured are Phi Theta Kappa advisers and students posing with their awards at the PTK Regional Conference held at Mississippi State University March 1-3. They are (front row, left to right) Adviser **Bethany Miller**, **Bradford James**, **Macie Craddock**, **Kendall Preston**, **Courtney Dees**, Adviser **Cynthia Abel**, **Abby Wilkerson**, **Chelsea Williams**, Adviser **Antoine Gates**, (back row, left to right) **John Miksa**, **Tyler Sloan**, **Loftin Price**, Adviser **Will Alexander**, Adviser **Lisa Anglin** and **Jacquelyn Seuser**.

All three of Holmes Community College's Phi Theta Kappa chapters received awards at the 2019 Awards Gala at Mississippi State University March 1-3.

The Alpha Mu Beta Chapter from the Holmes Grenada Campus was named a Five Star Chapter; placed first overall for the Honors in Action Project; first overall in Theme 7 "Powers of Connection;" third overall Most Distinguished Chapter in the Region and eighth place for College Project Award. Additionally, Courtney Dees and Bradford James were named All-Mississippi Academic Team recipients, Kendall Preston was the Golden Key recipient and Trek Coordinator/Phi Theta Kappa advisor Bethany Miller received the Horizon Advisor Award.

The Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter is housed on the Ridgeland Campus, and they were named one of the Top Five Most Distinguished Chapters. In addition, they brought home: the Five Star Chapter designation; first place in the Distinguished

Officer Team category; first overall in Theme 9 "Systems of Beliefs;" fourth place for Honors in Action Award and seventh place for the College Project Award. Individually, Abigail Wilkerson and Chelsea Williams were named to the All-Mississippi Team, Williams was a Golden Key recipient and Distinguished Officer runner-up; mathematics instructor/Phi Theta Kappa advisor Lisa Anglin received the Horizon Advisor Award and Academic Dean Dr. Tonya Lawrence was named a Most Distinguished Administrator.

Finally, the Kappa Alpha Chapter from the Holmes Goodman Campus brought home first place in Theme 5 "Channels of Creativity" and sixth place for the Honors in Action Award. They were named a Five Star Chapter, as well, and Tyler Sloan was named a Golden Key recipient.

Phi Theta Kappa officers will attend PTK Catalyst 2019 at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Orlando, Florida April 4-6.

Wilkerson named Phi Theta Kappa New Century Scholar

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Abigail Wilkerson

Abigail Wilkerson of Madison, a sophomore on the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus, was named a 2019 Phi Theta Kappa New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar and will receive a \$2,250 scholarship. This is the first time in school history that a Holmes student has received this honor, which is bestowed upon the students who receive the highest All-USA Academic Team application scores in their state.

Students nominated to be a Transfer Pathway Scholars should be planning to transfer to a four-year college after graduation. A mechanical engineering major, Wilkerson plans on transferring to Mississippi State University to earn her Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engi-

neering upon graduation. At Holmes, she is vice president of Honors and Action for the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter for Phi Theta Kappa and received All-Mississippi Academic Team recognition. She has also been on the Dean's List or President's List every semester at Holmes.

"Abby has been such a joy to work with," said mathematics instructor/Phi Theta Kappa Advisor Lisa Anglin. "I have had the pleasure of getting to know her in the classroom and as a Phi Theta Kappa officer, and she excels in both capacities. I was overjoyed when she received this honor as she is very deserving."

Outside of school, Wilkerson works as a barista at Mocha Mugs and serves as a leader for the youth group at Vertical

Church. Her career goal is to one day work on the design team for a car manufacturer.

The New Century Pathway Scholarship program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation, The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa. Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of community college students and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders. The Society is made up of more than 3.5 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in nine nations. Learn more at ptk.org.

Anglin, Miller honored with Phi Theta Kappa adviser award

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Lisa Anglin

Holmes Community College mathematics instructor Lisa Anglin and Trek coordinator Bethany Miller were both honored with the regional Phi Theta Kappa Horizon Advisor Award. This is an honor bestowed on Phi Theta Kappa chapter advisers in recognition of exemplary service and dedication to the mission of the organization.

Anglin is an advisor for the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter located on the Ridgeland Campus, and Miller advises the Alpha Mu Beta Chapter in Grenada.

Anglin, who has worked at Holmes for 13 years, holds a bachelor's in mathemat-



Bethany Miller

ics from Millsaps College and a master's in mathematics Mississippi College. In addition to teaching mathematics courses at Holmes, she is also a member of the Educational Association and serves as an adviser for the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Outside of Holmes, Anglin is a member of the Mississippi Collegiate Mathematics Association and on the Board for Salt and Light Ministry. She is also a member of Madison United Methodist Church where she serves on the Children's Ministry Leadership Team. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, vol-

unteering, cooking, working out, reading and traveling. She and her husband, Micah, have two children: Macy and Luke.

"From the moment Mrs. Anglin began her role as one of the very valued advisers with the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, it was apparent that she was going to embrace the challenge and be exactly what the chapter needed," said Academic Dean Dr. Tonya Lawrence. "With each responsibility she is given, Lisa has high expectations of herself; therefore, she has high expectations of and for the chapter and their accomplishments. Her willingness and ability to 'learn the ropes' of her new role while providing skillful guidance to the officers and members of the chapter were ideal."

Miller, a Holmes alumna, began her studies at the college in the summer of 2011. She was active on campus as an Ambassador, work-study in the vice president and academic dean's office and as a member of Phi Theta Kappa. In May 2013, she graduated and was named the valedictorian.

Miller officially became employed at Holmes in 2015 as financial aid advisor on the Grenada Campus. She continued her education, and earned her bachelor's degree from The University of Mississippi in May 2017 as Class Marshal. She moved positions at Holmes, taking over as administrative assistant to the vice president and academic dean of the Grenada Campus in January 2017. She transitioned again in October, moving into her current position

as Trek coordinator for the Grenada and Goodman campuses.

Miller has served as an advisor for the Grenada Campus Phi Theta Kappa chapter since June of 2017. Shortly after taking on that role, she was recognized with the Exceptional Customer Service Award at the 2017 Opening Convocation.

Miller's husband, Trae, serves as the youth pastor at their church, The Pentecostals of Grenada. Miller is a very active member of the church, where she sings on the praise team. The Millers also have one daughter, London Rose.

"I don't know of anyone more qualified to be the recipient of the PTK Horizon Advisor Award than Bethany Miller," said Grenada Campus Academic Dean Dr. Myra Harville. "While a student at Holmes, Bethany was an active member of the Alpha Mu Beta chapter and knew how much work would be required as an advisor. Bethany's sunny disposition and 'can do' attitude are so necessary to be successful in the PTK arena. She never minds going out of her way to help students with any need and always wants to see them accomplish their goals. I guess I can just sum it up to say the world needs more Bethany Aldridge Miller's in it!"

Anglin and Miller will be recognized during Catalyst, Phi Theta Kappa's annual convention in Orlando, Florida, April 4-6.

Dees named Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholar

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Courtney Dees

Courtney Dees of Grenada, a sophomore on the Holmes Community College Grenada Campus, has been named a 2019 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholar

and will receive a \$1,250 scholarship.

Selection as a Coca-Cola Silver Scholar was based on scores the student earned in the All-USA Academic Team competition, for which more than 2,000 applications were received this year. This program is sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and is administered by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

“The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation has a long history of providing financial assistance to outstanding students at community colleges,” said J. Mark Davis, president of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. “We are proud to partner with Phi Theta Kappa and make it possible for deserving students to achieve their educational goals.”

Students are nominated for the academic team by their college administrators. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership and engagement in college and community service.

The daughter of Stephanie and Sam Dees, she is a nursing major at Holmes, who plans to transfer to Delta State University to pursue her BSN. At Holmes, Dees is president of the Alpha Mu Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and was named to the All-Mississippi Academic Team. In addition to Phi Theta Kappa, she is an Ambassador, secretary for the Student Government Association and active in Baptist Student Union, where she is on the Leadership Team.

Dees was also elected as Class Favorite both as a freshman and a sophomore. Outside of Holmes, she babysits and distributes newspapers for the Grenada School District. As an active member of Leflore Baptist Church, she loves participating in mission work/community service for Grenada, other areas of the country and in Guatemala.

Coca-Cola Academic Team members will be recognized in both local and state-

wide ceremonies and will also be recognized internationally during Phi Theta Kappa’s annual convention, PTK Catalyst, April 4-6 in Orlando, Florida.

“Holmes is very proud of Courtney and her accomplishments over the past two years,” said Phi Theta Kappa Adviser Cynthia Abel. “As PTK president, she has shown great leadership ability. Courtney has the passion, determination, and commitment to achieve her goals. Holmes is excited for her as she continues her academic journey at Delta State.”

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Lawrence to receive Distinguished Administrator Award

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Dr. Tonya Lawrence

Dr. Tonya Lawrence, academic dean for the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus, will receive the Phi Theta Kappa Distinguished College Administrator Award during Catalyst, Phi Theta Kappa’s annual convention in Orlando, Florida, April 4-6.

The award is given to college vice presidents, deans or directors serving at a post-secondary 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. Lawrence was nominated by the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa located on the Ridgeland Campus.

“In her capacity as dean, she serves as one of the most important factors to the success of our Phi Theta Kappa Chapter at Holmes Community College,” said History and Political Science Department Chair Laura Canard. “Dr. Lawrence makes it her mission to invest daily in the student body and over the years, she has invested countless hours of her time to encourage and guide our chapter through various projects and other community oriented opportunities.”

Dr. Lawrence has been employed with Holmes since 2005, and she began as an instructor of biological sciences. In 2009, she was named director of evening and weekend programs; a role she held for two years before her promotion to academic dean. Among her many accolades, she has been named a Lamplighter for Holmes, which means she was chosen to represent the college at the annual conference hosted by the Mississippi Community/Junior College Academic Dean’s Association. The Lamplighter Conference recogniz-

es and rewards effective instructors and gives them the opportunity to share those teaching techniques with one another. As dean, she has used many of those same techniques to assist the Phi Theta Kappa members.

“Dr. Lawrence’s enthusiasm is contagious and inspiring to both the faculty and student body,” Canard said. “She loves working with the students to brainstorm and assist as they walk through the different phases of both our Honors in Action and college projects. Her care and dedication truly express her heartfelt desire to help improve the lives of our students.”

Dr. Lawrence earned her Doctorate of Philosophy in Community College Leadership from Mississippi State University in May of 2017. Previously, she obtained a master’s degree in biology teacher education from The University of Southern Mississippi and an Associate of Arts degree majoring in pre-physical therapy from Jones County Junior College.

“Even outside of Phi Theta Kappa, Dr. Lawrence spends time working with other student organization and academic departments to ensure we have the latest technology and programs necessary to give our students a world class education,” Canard said. “Dr. Lawrence works tirelessly to get

funds and approval to add new programs to enhance student life and give them the tools to succeed. Her highest goal is to see all our students succeed at Holmes and all their future endeavors. Phi Theta Kappa not only highlights the academic achievements of students, but also guides them to be the leaders of tomorrow, and every time Dr. Lawrence meets with our officers and members, she encourages them to grow as leaders.”

The advisers for the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa include Canard, mathematics instructor Lisa Anglin and biological science instructor Antoine Gates. Chapter officers for the chapter are Jacquelyn Seuser, president; Abby Wilkerson, Honors in Action coordinator; Malik Smith, college project/campus activities coordinator; Chelsea Williams, college project coordinator; Josh Hinkle, campus activities coordinator and Devin Brewer, project liaison. Dr. Lawrence will accompany the group to the Catalyst conference in April where she will receive her award.

For more information about Phi Theta Kappa, visit <https://www.ptk.org/>.

Holmes alumna lands University of Utah assistantship

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Sykina Butts

Recent Holmes Community College alumna Sykina Butts of Kilmichael landed a research assistant position with the University of Utah’s Applied Cognition

Lab for the summer of 2019. As a research assistant, she will assist cognitive psychologists Dr. Joel Cooper and David Strayer with studies concerning the measurement of driver attention and distraction. Butts first met Dr. Cooper when Phi Theta Kappa honor society hosted a “Think and Drive” seminar on Oct. 16 on the Holmes Grenada Campus.

“I love that our Phi Theta Kappa Think and Drive Project was able to pave the way for Sykina to make the connection with Dr. Joel Cooper and receive an internship,” said Grenada Campus Phi Theta Kappa Adviser/Student Activities Director Cynthia Abel. “Our goal with this project was to impact both our students and the community.”

Butts, who graduated from Holmes in December, is now a pre-medicine and biology major at Delta State University. She has always excelled in academics; she was valedictorian of Montgomery County High School in 2016, received a full-ride

to Holmes with the Dean’s Scholarship and earned a spot on the President’s List. Her involvement with Phi Theta Kappa not only connected her to Dr. Cooper and led the way to her assistantship, but also provided a full-tuition scholarship to Delta State University. She also applied for (and is waiting to hear back about) the McNair Scholars Program at Delta State University, which aims to help pre-med and other STEM majors with applying to medical school, building attractive resumes, landing internships, prepping for the MCAT and more.

Even as a busy college student, Butts has already gained ample work experience over the past couple of years. During the summer of 2018, she was a direct care intern with Hudspeth Regional Center and through the summer of 2017, she was an emergency medical services intern at Medstat. Butts is also an independent representative with Primerica, which involves educating clients about financial independence.

Outside of work and class, she enjoys writing, drawing and reading. Butts is an active member of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Kilmichael and has recently started a water aerobics class which she says is the most fun part of her week. In addition, she has joined Delta State University’s Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) in their efforts to tutor young people in the Cleveland region. She says that she is excited about going to Utah this summer, and plans to study abroad in 2020.

“We are so excited for Sykina,” Abel said. “We look forward to hearing about her experiences.”

For more information on Holmes Community College Phi Theta Kappa, contact Abel at cabel@holmescc.edu.

For more information on the University of Utah’s Applied Cognition Lab, visit: <http://appliedcognition.psych.utah.edu/researchteam.php>.

Anglin, Westbrook honored at HEADWAE on Feb. 26

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Pictured are (left to right) Ridgeland Campus Vice President **Dr. Don Burnham**, Vice President for Career Technical Education **Dr. Amy Whittington**, Student Honoree **Hallie Westbrook**, Faculty Honoree **Lisa Anglin**, Vice President of Academic Programs **Dr. Fran Cox**, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Student Affairs **Dr. Lindy McCain** and Holmes President **Dr. Jim Haffy**.

Lisa Anglin, a mathematics instructor on the Ridgeland Campus, and Hallie Westbrook of Pickens, an architectural engineering and accounting major on the Goodman Campus, were Holmes Community College's honorees for the Legislature's HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day - Working for Academic Excellence) program for 2019. The honorees were recognized at the 32nd Annual Luncheon on Feb. 26 at the Jackson Marriott Hotel. The program began at the State Capitol with the Awards Luncheon following.

Anglin, who has worked at Holmes for 13 years, holds a bachelor's in mathematics from Millsaps College and a master's in mathematics Mississippi College. In addition to teaching mathematics courses at Holmes, she is also a member of the Educational Association and serves as an adviser for the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

"Lisa and I have worked together for 12 years at Holmes. She is great at encouraging me to try new things, motivates me to do better, and is always

there to bounce ideas off. Lisa makes me a better teacher every year. I am thankful for her willingness to collaborate with me help me jump outside the box."

Outside of Holmes, Anglin is a member of the Mississippi Collegiate Mathematics Association and on the Board for Salt and Light Ministry. She is also a member of Madison United Methodist Church where she serves on the Children's Ministry Leadership Team.

"When I think of a faculty member who is continually bringing ideas to the table for the sole purpose of helping a student succeed on their path, I think of Lisa Anglin," said Ridgeland Campus Academic Dean Dr. Tonya Lawrence. "She is positive, professional, forward-thinking and passionate about teaching. Her solutions-approach makes my job more enjoyable."

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, volunteering, cooking, working out, reading and traveling. She and her husband, Micah,

have two children: Macy and Luke.

"Lisa is one of those individuals who is a joy to be around," said Ridgeland Campus Vice President Dr. Don Burnham. "She is willing to bring an issue forth but she also brings a solution with that issue and she is open to other opinions. She cares deeply about her students, her co-workers and Holmes Community College, and she takes on additional responsibilities particularly as they pertain to students. Lisa will be an excellent representation for Holmes at the HEADWAE luncheon."

The daughter of Rolan and Dawn Westbrook, Hallie is a graduate of Harttown Homeschool Academy who is studying both architectural engineering and accounting on the Holmes Goodman Campus. She was inducted into the 2018 Holmes Hall of Fame and received the Architectural Engineering Tech Award in 2017, the English Composition Award in 2018 and the Phi Theta Kappa Golden Key Award in 2018.

"Hallie is the sort of student who is happy to work for the good of her college and community," said English instructor Jessica Brown. "She is respected by her classmates and often steps out of her comfort zone to open her mind to new ways of learning."

Westbrook was also a member of the 2016-17 SkillsUSA Opening and Closing team that won the Golden Medal at the state competition and Bronze Medal at nationals. In 2018, she won a Silver Medal at state-level for Technical Applied Mathematics.

"Hallie exemplifies the caliber of student who educators dream of having in their classroom," said Will Alexander, Engineering Technology instructor and Phi Theta Kappa/SkillsUSA adviser. "She never brings anything less than her 'A-Game' to the table. The news of Hallie being named as the HEADWAE student comes as no surprise, as we all fight over her for academics and extra-curricular assignments/activities."

Westbrook holds a 4.0 GPA and her

leadership roles include president of Goodman Campus SkillsUSA; vice president of the Kappa Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and Get2College FAFSA Corps member. She is also a work-study student in the Holmes Financial Aid Office and an active member of Pickens Presbyterian Church.

Westbrook completed her AAS degree in Architectural Engineering Technology in December 2018 and will finish her AA degree in Accounting in May 2019. Upon completing both of these degrees at Holmes, she will pursue a Bachelor of Science in Accounting at a four-year university. Westbrook is interested in using her degrees in a consumer-service capacity.

"Hallie has been a work-study in Financial Aid for over two years and we are blessed to have her," said Director of Financial Aid Dr. Gail Muse-Beggs. "I was not the least bit surprised when I was told she was selected as the HEADWAE student. She is in her second year as the Get2College FAFSA Corp Scholarship recipient and in this role she continues to make a difference in the lives of high school seniors wishing to pursue higher education.

"Hallie represents Holmes Community College by going into district high schools and assisting parents and future students with FAFSA completion and navigation of the complicated processes of financial aid while remaining patient and understanding. She has a heart for serving people and for making the world a better place. Hallie is an excellent choice for this honor and the entire Financial Aid Office is extremely proud of her."

HEADWAE, which is supported by the corporate community and coordinated by the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, was established in 1988 by the Mississippi Legislature to recognize outstanding students and faculty in Mississippi's colleges and universities.

Haralson earns Master of Healthcare Administration

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Mary Haralson

At Holmes Community College, it's not just the students who are continually furthering their education. Ridgeland Campus Financial Aid Advisor Mary Haralson earned a Master of Science in Healthcare Administration in December and wants to encourage others to never give up on their dreams.

"When I started at Holmes Community College, I only had a high school diploma," Haralson said. "I refused to give up, so I pushed myself to go back to school. First, I earned my Associate of Arts from

Holmes, then I continued my education and obtained my Bachelors of Social Work at Jackson State University in 2016.

I started at Belhaven in 2016 and am thrilled to say I finished my Master of Healthcare Administration in December 2018. I want to encourage anyone that would like to continue their education please do so. It's never too late!"

A native of Jackson, Haralson, and her husband, Willie, have three children: Jasmine, Joshua and Quita, and two grandchildren. Her daughter, Quita Haralson Rand, is also a Holmes alumna who is now employed with the college. A product of Jackson Public Schools, Haralson graduated from Lanier High School in the early '90s, but chose not to immediately begin college following high school so that she could work full-time to support her children and family. Prior to joining the Holmes family, she was employed at a law firm for more than 10 years until she made the decision to go back to school. In 2010, she enrolled at Holmes as a full-time student, serving as a work-study to bring in some form of income.

"After being out of school for nearly two decades, within two years I was fortunate enough to attain an Associate of Arts degree," Haralson said.

In the midst of her studies, she became employed full-time at Holmes, fulfilling the position which she currently holds.

"Upon graduating from Holmes, I was inspired to continue on to a four-year

institution," Haralson said. "Though I was working full-time, taking a full load of classes at JSU and maintaining a household, I made it my mission to retain an exceptional GPA."

Her hard work paid off, as she was inducted into numerous honor societies and completed her bachelor's in two years. Not ready to give up, Haralson chose to continue her higher education journey and enrolled in graduate school.

"I have a passion for helping people and possess a gift of love, so healthcare administration seemed like a good fit," Haralson said. "That way, I can expand on my ability to utilize my gift from God."

Over a six-year timeframe, Haralson earned a total of three college degrees, all while preserving the strength to take care of her responsibilities as a mother, a wife and dedicated employee. Haralson has also remained an active member of Stronger Hope Church in Jackson where she serves on the Hostess Ministry and is the leader of the Women's Ministry.

"Mary Haralson is an example to everyone that learning is a lifelong endeavor," said Ridgeland Campus Vice President Dr. Don Burnham. "She has demonstrated that the only limits to personal growth and achievement are determined by the effort and perseverance we are willing to expend. I am proud of Mary for her achievements in completing her bachelor's and master's degrees while employed full-time with Holmes Community College. She has

created new opportunities and possibilities for her career should she elect to pursue them."

Thanks to her ever-present smile, friendly personality and willingness to help others, Haralson was the recipient of the Holmes Customer Service Award in the fall of 2017. Director of Financial Aid Dr. Gail Muse Beggs was just one of the few who nominated her for the award.

"Although I don't personally witness it, I know what she deals with daily (working in financial aid)," Dr. Beggs said. "Despite that, she continues to smile and have the best attitude and sweetest spirit of anyone I know."

Haralson says that she lives by the scripture Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Her goal is to encourage others and reassure them that they can do whatever it is that they want to do.

"As an individual who became a young mother, endured the loss of both of my parents and was the first in my family to go to college, I believe a person has the same advantages and opportunities as others who did not experience negative influences in life," Haralson said. I want to instill in others what Winston Churchill said: 'Failure is not fatal; it is okay to make mistakes, but it is never okay to give up. Possessing the courage to continue is all that counts.'"

Grenada educator, Holmes dean speak at ABA Capitol Day

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Photo provided by Leah Rupp Smith, Assistant Secretary of State of Communications

Pictured is (left) Grenada Public Schools special education teacher **Marie Lane** speaking to Mississippi Secretary of State **Delbert Hosemann** at ABA Capitol Day on March 19. Lane just finished the ABA course at Holmes that Secretary Hosemann provided a scholarship for through his family's foundation.

Marie Lane, a special education teacher for Grenada Public Schools, and Dr. Jenny Jones, Goodman Campus academic dean/Attala Center director, represented Holmes Community College at the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Capitol Day on Tuesday, March 19. Lane was one of 20 Mississippi educators who received the Applied Behavior Analysis Scholarship for Teachers, provided by the Hosemann Family Autism Foundation.

In the spring of 2018, Holmes made history as the first community college in the nation to offer PSY 2543 - ABA. An advocate for ABA therapy, Missis-

sippi Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann and family created the scholarship Lane received, and offered it to the first 20 Mississippi educators that applied, registered and passed the ABA online course that began on Jan. 22.

During ABA Capitol Day, Lane and Dr. Jones both spoke on behalf of Holmes and Director of Marketing Bronwyn Martin and Director of eLearning Tish Stewart attended as representatives of the college. Dr. Jones also accepted scholarship monies from Secretary Hosemann for the ABA Scholarship for Teachers.

Lane, who teaches second and third

grade students in the self-contained special education classes, completed the course on March 15 and has already been able to use the material she learned.

"This class taught me how to work with certain behaviors," Lane said. "I was able to pull knowledge obtained in the class, and with help from the instructor on how to tweak some things, was able to improve those behaviors in my classroom."

"Dr. Bellipanni was awesome. If I had a question, she was really quick to respond to me and she never acted like I was a nuisance, although sometimes I felt like I was because I had so many questions! I know this course would be beneficial for a lot of parents, as well."

This online course satisfies the 40-hour training requirement which is required to sit for the RBT Competency Assessment and RBT National Exam. This allows the individual to directly implement behavior-analytic services under a supervising Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). RBTs meet directly with clients and work in a variety of settings, including behavioral health clinics, schools and development centers.

"I encourage those who take this course to go in it with an open mind, absorb all you can and don't hesitate to ask any questions," Lane said. "Even if the instructor didn't comment on every question raised or point made on our discussion boards, there were other people in the class that did, which was helpful. They were all educators, so they all had some experience in the classroom that they could share."

Lane was among the fourth group of

students to take the course at Holmes. Now that she has passed, she is ready to take the exam to become a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT).

"Several of my educator friends did not know I was taking this course, but when they saw that I was part of ABA Capitol Day, they called me wanting to know more. Even a lady that lives in Texas contacted me because she was interested in the course. Although I don't know her personally, we connected on a special education educator group on Facebook. Additionally, a friend who teaches at Northwest Community College talked to me about the course because she is interested in possibly teaching it."

"I can say, this course truly helped reignite the fire in me and reignite my passion for what I do. It was truly an answered prayer for me, and now I just have to take my RBT exam!"

Formed in 2017 by Delbert and Lynn Hosemann and their children, the Hosemann Family Autism Foundation is a nonprofit organization created to assist children on the autism spectrum and their families in accessing educational, therapeutic, medical and behavioral health-related resources.

For more information about the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Scholarship Program for Mississippi's Teachers scholarship program, please contact hfaulismfoundation@gmail.com.

For more information about the Holmes Community College PSY 2543 - Applied Behavior Analysis course, contact Lilly Austin at laustin@holmescc.edu or call (662) 472-9146.

Haffey speaks at Capitol Day in Jackson

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Holmes President **Dr. Jim Haffey** speaks about how community college positively impacted his mother during Capitol Day in Jackson on Feb.

In an effort to get the Mississippi Legislature's attention, Community College presidents, faculty, and students reminded everyone at a Capitol building press conference, community/junior colleges provide a vast array of educational and economic opportunities for everyone. Additionally, the two-year college system also provides a healthy return on every dollar spent on the nation's oldest community college system. MACJC Legislative Co-chair and Jones College President, Dr. Jesse Smith encouraged legislators to "face the facts."

"For every dollar invested in the community college system, the return on the investment is four-dollars and eighty-six cents. That's a worthwhile investment if you're just talking about an investment but what about the people?" asked Smith.

Long lists of facts were shared with the crowd, like Mississippi ranks 4th in

the nation in the percentage of students who transfer from community colleges to four-year universities, beating the national average by eight-percent. In 2017, Community/Junior college students earned 20,432 degrees, certificates and awards which is a 42-percent increase over 2011. In regards to economic development, community colleges served 551 companies with workforce training.

"Folks, we have to pay the bill," said MACJC President and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College president, Dr. Mary Graham. "It's time Mississippi legislators get some help for our community/junior colleges. People continue to pat community colleges on the back, saying 'You're doing a great job' but continuous pats on the back without financial support begin to feel like kicks in the teeth."

Northwest Community College's Adam Conner has experienced similar

disappointment when he had to quit college the first time he took classes at Northwest because of difficulties in chemistry. When he tried to return a year later, he learned he was not eligible for the Pell Grant. Conner didn't feel financially apt as an 18-year-old to take out a loan so he waited until he turned 24 to be eligible for aid as an independent student.

"A quality education provides an array of benefits but there are many barriers to success. Rising tuition, time, and financial aid restrictions keep countless Mississippians from accessing higher education," explained the Student Government Association president at Northwest. "Every Mississippian is entitled to opportunities for educational and professional growth."

Without more support for community colleges, Dr. Jim Haffey is concerned more people will be dependent on the state. The MACJC Legislative Co-chair and Holmes Community College president shared his mother's story. She earned her nursing degree at Hinds Community College after 20-years of raising kids and being a housewife. He calculated a 1,600 percent return on the states' investment into her education from the state taxes she paid over the 26 years she worked at a rural county hospital. Haffey is challenging legislators to provide support to anyone who wants an education can be served.

"There are hundreds of Mississippians who do not get a chance to enroll at an allied health program every year because we have limitations on our space. We stand poised to help hundreds but we cannot open or expand new pro-

grams without a strong commitment from the state. Two years ago, the community colleges were cut 11-percent while the state made other areas a priority. I'm asking the Legislature to restore those cuts immediately and invest in a proven economic development entity, the Mississippi Community Colleges."

Dr. Andrea Mayfield, the Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board added community colleges are the best value for the taxpayers and individuals seeking an education.

"The community college system does it all while offering affordable college tuition and with every experience, you can find at a university. But, you can also (earn a degree) and begin work without a large debt. The community college's purpose is to put people to work and it's the best value to Mississippi's economy."

Longtime community college supporter and Secretary of State, Delbert Hosemann urged community college leaders to continue to share their "good value" message because two-year colleges make a difference. While visiting schools across the state, Hosemann said he has met first-generation college graduates and problem solvers thanks to community colleges.

"The first autistic child was diagnosed in 1947 in Mississippi. It's a growing problem but what are we going to do? How are we going to educate teachers who haven't been faced with the challenges of teaching an autistic child? We went to the community colleges and

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they devised a program and it's taught at Holmes."

While the successes of community colleges are abundant, administrators are faced with the challenge of funding a system that continually lacks support from legislators. For every dollar spent

on education, only seven-cents go to community colleges with 18-cents going to the Institutes for Higher Learning, and 75-cents fund kindergarten through 12th grade. Community college leaders are asking for legislators to spend a dime of every dollar to educate

the 100,000 students and the additional 70,024 individuals seeking skilled training.

"We are not just another group of people who want more money," said Meridian Community College Associate Degree Nursing instructor, Dr. Holly

Crane, R.N., CNE. "We, the community colleges are the catalyst that grows this economy and we are simply asking our legislators, our leaders, to invest in us like we invest in our students."

Grenada Campus inducts 25 members into Phi Theta Kappa

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Pictured are the 2019 Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Mu Beta Chapter inductees following the induction ceremony.

The Holmes Community College Alpha Mu Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, housed on the Grenada Campus, inducted 25 new members into the honor society on Tuesday, Feb. 19 in the Corey Forum on the Grenada Campus.

Phi Theta Kappa 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 Community College. Invitations are extended both the fall and spring semesters.

Inductees from Grenada County included: Dylan Baker, Greg Clark,

Carson Lollar, Kassidy Barker, Austin Beach, Cameren Duke, Katie Fly, Adrian Martin, Victoria Martin, Bryce Smith, Otto Ulland, Haley Williams and Jessica Tillmon.

Montgomery County inductees included: Ivey Devine, Olivia Lane and Lindsey McLellan.

Carroll County inductees included: Kalee Beck, Kalin Barefoot, Will Downs and Kayla Ramage.

Webster County inductees included: Ally Ferguson and Hartley Files while the Panola County inductee was Raven Gurley, the Leflore County inductee was Elisa Grace Harris and the Yalobusha County inductee was Dekedric Lester.

Ridgeland Campus inducts 59 members into Phi Theta Kappa

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Pictured are the 2019 Phi Theta Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter inductees following the induction ceremony.

The Holmes Community College Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, housed on the Ridgeland Campus, inducted a record number of new members into the honor society on Feb. 25 in the D.P. "Pat" McGowan Workforce Training Center Media Room. A total of 59 students were inducted.

The ceremony began with a welcome

by Academic Dean Dr. Tonya Lawrence followed by Phi Theta Kappa Advisor Laura Canard giving the invocation and introducing the speaker. After a brief introduction, Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Fran Cox took the podium to give her remarks as keynote speaker.

Following her address, the new members were installed by Advisor Lisa Anglin and Phi Theta Kappa officers

Jacquelyn Seuser, president; Chelsea Williams, vice president of college project; Abigail Wilkerson, vice president of Honors in Action and Joshua Hinkle, vice president of chapter activities.

After the installation of members, Mason Tilghman, an admissions representative from the University of Mississippi, made a few remarks to stu-

dents about opportunities available for transfer students. After the ceremony, representatives from a few colleges and universities were available in the lobby to meet with students and their parents while they enjoyed refreshments. Mississippi College, Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi and The University of Southern Mississippi were all represented. Ole Miss sponsored the reception.

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For more information on the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, contact Lisa Anglin at langlin@holmescc.edu.

Holmes host Human Trafficking Analyst Training Event

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Jenny Williams



Freddy Keel

The Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus McGowan Center served as the meeting site for the 2019 Fusion Center Human Trafficking Analyst Training Event Feb. 26-28. Participants from all over the country and even outside of the U.S. participated in this training.

Mayor of Ridgeland Gene McGee welcomed participants to the City of Ridgeland, and Holmes Police Chief Christopher Dill welcomed everyone to Holmes. Speakers included Mississippi Office of Homeland Security Executive Director Jenny Williams and Director

of Mississippi Analysis and Information Center (Fusion Center) Freddy Keel.

For more information on the Fusion Center, visit <https://www.dhs.gov/fusion-center-locations-and-contact-information>.

Holmes announces President's and Dean's List

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Academic and technical students with exemplary grade 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 2018 Fall Semester at Holmes. The students are listed by hometown.

President's List

Ackerman

Mason Harris, Paxton McHan, Whitleigh Myers, Shakeria Smith

Batesville

Kayla Brower, Taylor Livingston

Baton Rouge, La.

Reginald Hayes

Beaumont

Carly Lott

Benton

James Chandler, David Hasty, Ana Jones, Nikya Journigan, Emily Moore, Bruce Ruschewski, Hannah Vaughan

Bentonia

Joseph Hilderbrand, Lela McCullough, William Montgomery, Jarrett Potter, Nathan Sanders, Vivian Shipp, Grayson Walker, Nolan Whitworth

Boyle

Peyton Dixon

Brandon

Olivia Ballenger, Alegria Brasfield, Rodney Burch, Sharon Clark, Alexander Cotton, Devyn Daniels, Jonathan Fuss, Jake Ham, Joseph Hartness, Ashlee Johnson, Lasonia Jones, Cassie May, LeTasha McClendon, Kaylee McGee, Emily Mitchell, Megan Morris, Belkys Padilla, Grayson Reaves, Peyton Ross, Reed Salter, Leigh Wilkerson, Samantha Williams, Charles Wooten, Salena Carson, Zoe Ellis

Brookhaven

Jennifer Sutton

Byram

Mayo Alexander, Bennett Pope, Justin Robinson, Alysia Terry, Kadero Edley, Jannah Robinson

Calhoun City

Jacob Beck, Joshua Clemons

Camden

Dyrell Lyles

Canton

Lydia Allen, Madelyn Bennett, Robert Clack, Zechariah Cox, Melanie Crum, Alysia Davis, Shelby Davis, Victoria Davis, Faith Galloway, Macy Gordy, Michael Hood, Casen Hutchinson, Jason McMaster, Ines Melgar, Jakob Montgomery, Robert Oakes, Dylan Root, Sydney Stallings, Jordan Thompson, Nyla White, Jordan Windham

Carrollton

Joshua Avant, Kalee Beck, Rayford Brewer, Mauri Colvin, Tristan Hurst, Hannah Martin, Mary McKay, Madison Shelton, Megan Shelton, Trevor Womble

Carthage

Casey Cloninger, Katie Dana, Shelly Duncan, Sarah King, Alesha Odom, Katelyn Powers, Jorge Rodriguez, Rylee Stone

Charleston

Marvell Bradford, Dajahvon Cashaw, Lexanna Newsom

Cleveland

Wilsonya Mitchell, Anna Baioni

Clinton

Kempseyann Barnett, Dajon Jones, Courtney Moore, Hailey Pittman, Malory Walker

Coffeerville

Bryan Gray, Dekedric Lester, Nicholas Steen, Daniel Wiggins

Coldwater

Peyton Montgomery, Cisley Roncalli

Coila

Hunter Haggerty

DeKalb

Kameron Ferguson

Drew

Arin McIntyre

Duck Hill

Tessa Baumiller, Chance Ford, Faith Ford, Cecily Johnson, Kerneshia Owens, Jessica Robinson

Durant

Denzell Baker, MonQuice Eubanks, Victoria Williams

Ethel

Chloe Clark, Ashlyn Holly, Kiera McCain, Michael McKinley

Eupora

Brooklyn Britt, Samantha Cabaniss, Raylin Cooper, Ally Ferguson, Rachel Gray, Claude Herard, Mahalia Jones, Kara Love, Coy Peterson, Joseph Stroud, Abby Vaughan

Flora

Bertha Boney, Mackenzie Jones, Mayson Reeves
Florence
Bailee Gregg, Mychayla Harvey, Caseigh Hickman, Alyssa Madrid, Mandy Mathew, MiKayla Patton, McKenzie Sims

Flowood

Claire Allen, Rhonda Lucas, Stephen McDaniel, Daniel Traylor

Forest

Alexis Bounds
French Camp
Colin Perry

Goodman

Jon Garrett, Louanna Garrett

Gore Springs

Lorensa Arreola, Shuntay Golliday, Javaris Hankins, Bradford James, Kaitlyn Slade, Markie Thomas

Greenwood

Charles Kenneth Clark, Elisia Harris, Courtney Rodgers

Grenada

Kevion Avery, Dylan Baker, Austin Beach, Mary Blair, Deveon Booker, Kentavius Brexton, Ian Broadwater, Carley Brown, David Burt, Grace Carpenter, Eva Carroll, Gregory Clark, Macie Craddock, Jillian Dees, Hunter Dickson, Jacob Dickson, Kailey Dorris, Brannon Dyer, Justin Ferguson, Katie Fly, John Gillon, Tanner

Grantham, Erin Hill, Peyton Hoop, Swayze Johnson, Diamond Lemon, William Marshall, Adrian Martin, Madysen Martin, Joshua Maughan, Teri May, William McCammon, Andrew McDurmon, Codie McMahan, Kaitlyn McNatt, Phebia Merrill, Veronica Merrill, Victoria Merrill, Savannah Nobles, David O'Bannon, Hinal Patel, Ryan Rea, John Rush, Jayson Savage, Zykel Shack, Jerry Simmons, Morgan Smith, Adam Standrod, Jones Stanford, Leggett Steed, Hestin Tackett, Randi Taylor, Brandon Thomas, Elizabeth Thrash, Isaiah Townes, Chaz Trost, Denise Williamson, Danna Wise, Courtney Dees, Charles Herring, Tonya Owens, Erica Parks

Hattiesburg

Michael Petermann, Corban Williams

Holcomb

Laura Fields, Candice Kilgore, Anna Neely, Nicholas Neely, Ashley Smith, Latarvis Winters, Elizabeth Harris

Jackson

William Aiken, Allison Anderson, Ahmad Anthony, Evelyn Antici, Ashauntee Archie, Kamilah Brown, Kartina Buchanan, Jimmy Burse, Emmanuel Coleman, Tiffany Dunmore, Winston Griffin, Chalesia Honer, Raveen Johnson, Donnell Kinnard, Joseph Knight, Taquincy Liger, Tammie Mack, Kyla Magee, James Martin, Joshua Patton, Aurora Sant'Angelo, Litricia Shackelford, Christopher Shannon, Christian Smith, Valeria Taylor, Corey Thompson, Krystal Titus, David Vasquez, Edalit Viveros, Quindarius White, Terry Williams, Isaac Buckley

Kilmichael

Sykina Butts, Sarah Flatt, Craig Hill, Waylon Self, Angelo Migliore, Mary Stafford

Kosciusko

Aamberlee Adams, Tara Adams, Luther Bell, Channing Blair, Ja'Laycia Brown, Logan Burchfield, Bret Burnley, Skyler Busbea, Preston Cockrell, John Ellingburg, Jazmin Gates, Madalyn Gilmore, Britton Grace, Angela Holman, Anna Hutchinson, Makala Hutchison, Marley Kelley, Alexis McBride, Jon McCown, Bailey McRae, Hayden Mitchell, Parker Morgan, WJ Myrick, Karyme Peralta, Loftin Price, Georgia Reeves, Alma Rodriguez, Peyton Rushton, Makenzie Ryals, David Salers, Kurt Shaw, Drayton Spell, Victoria Steward, Jeffrey White, Chelsea Willhite, Kiarra Woodard, Cordarius Cork, Evan Miles, Jonathan Parker

Lambert

Alexandra Woods

Lawrence

Koryana Johnson

Lexington

Patience Bigbee, Loleeta Cobbins, Camden Graham, Kenny Kincaid, Emily Martin, Alyssa McLemore, Kendrick Powell, Virginia Sanders, Linda Washington, Melvin Williams, Maryam Young

Louisville

Brooklyn Pitt, Caleb Potter

Maben

Hope Ellis, Heather Hollis, Shye Link, Dennis Weaver

Madison

William Ainsworth, Gregory Allman,

Alejandra Anguiano, Savannah Bailey, Ashlynn Baney, Relissa Bates, Nicole Bergeron, Tristan Brown, Keylin Bustillo, John Carpenter, Sara Carpenter, Sarah Chastain, TaiWai Cheng, Amber Cyrus, Dendy Davenport, Andrew Dean, Austin Eubanks, Megan Evans, Zachary Goodman, Marion Hammack, Johnny Head, Daniel Hits, Brittany Holden, Bailey Holder, Jameshia Hoye, Abby Hudson, Angel Jaura, Nicky Johnson, Scott Johnson, Garret Kelley, Kaylee Kennedy, Lindsey Kirkland, Lorrone LaChance, Kara Lea, Matthew Livingston, Zackary Lyles, Gracie MacGown, Jonathan Matthews, Madison McClure, Adam McDonal, Camari Michael, John Miksa, Rebekah Misner, Mackenzie Mize, Ahlam Mohamed, Hannah Nason, Cassandra Newman, Jenny Ogden, William Overstreet, Jesse Pandolfo, Rivers Parham, Shannon Phillips, Caden Pinnix, Nick Pritchard, Mariana Robbins, Kenneth Sanders, Sergio Sierra-Osorio, Joseph Smith, Brian Sullivan, Sierra Urrutia, Matthew Valentine, Thomas Vinson, Brittany Wall, David Waller, Robert Ward, Katie Weeks, Matthew Welch, Landry Wells, Austin Wilkins, Connor Willson, Yiseul Witt, John Wray, Alexander Boxx, Joshua Hinkle, Reagan Leeper, Staci Mizell, Akshita Singh

Marked Tree, Ariz.

Ramissa Acosta

Mathiston

Hartley Files, William Vickers

McCarley

Charles Fox, Adam Eades

McCool

Nathan Cagle, Tyler Sloan

Morgan City

Shakiera Seals

Morton

John Springer

Nesbit

Jaylen Armstrong, Mallory Ballard

North Carrollton

William Downs, James Pridgen, Kayla Ramage, Shelby Hoover

Oakland

Deborah Hoff, Christopher Jenkins, Traci Locke

Olive Branch

Kimberly Weeden

Oxford

Bailey O'Connor, Jillian Rovner

Pass Christian

Emily Sramek

Pearl

Raymond Anderson, Joseph Ard, Chloe Bland, Ronald Fillmer, Maria Ibarra, Cheyla Watkins, Somer Land

Pelahatchie

David Goodman

Petal

Nathan Oswalt, Gabrielle Wuisan

Pickens

William Blackstock, Kalon Johnson, Hallie Westbrook, Paige Wynne

Pontotoc

Nickolas Bails
Port Gibson

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Raymond

Joshua Courtney, Bradley Foreman

Richland

Yoel Bacallao, April Lishman, Kathryn Walker, Dalton Massingill

Richton

Summer Jordan

Ridgeland

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Senatobia

Anna King

Sidon

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Benton

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Alisa Chenault

McCool

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Moss Point

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Holmes hosts Girl Boss Day for local high school students

From Staff Reports/Photos



(far right) **Jeffrey Cotten**, Holmes Heating & A.C. instructor, speaks to junior and seniors from area high schools during Career-Tech's Girl Boss Day event on Feb. 22.

Fifty-eight junior and senior girls from the Holmes district attended the Career and Technical Education's Girl Boss Day event Feb. 22 on the Goodman Campus.

The students were able to experience first-hand some career opportunities they may not have considered such as Welding, HVAC, Collision Repair, Automotive Technology and Engineering Technology. Schools represented included McAdams High School, Madison Central High School, Kosciusko High School, Holmes County Central High School, JZ George High School, Germantown High School, Ethel High School, Holmes County Career

& Technical Center, Kosciusko Attala Career Technical Center, and Madison County Career Technical Center.

"Career and Technical Education programs are accountable for enrolling and completing a certain percentage of nontraditional students in every CTE program," Vice President for Career and Technical Education Dr. Amy Whittington said. "Nontraditional in this sense refers to gender" for example, female students are considered nontraditional students in Welding.

"Each year, the community colleges in the state are given the opportunity to

apply for a grant to aid in recruitment of nontraditional students to Career and Technical programs through the Mississippi Community College Board," she said. "This year, we were awarded this grant for our proposal entitled, "Girl Boss: Act like a lady. Think like a boss. Empowering young women to enter nontraditional career fields."

Attendees explored opportunities in the nontraditional fields of Welding, HVAC, Collision Repair, Automotive Technology, and Engineering Technology by participating in hands-on activities at each of the five stations and hearing from the respective instructors about career opportunities for females in those areas.

Lynn Boykin, Engineering Technology Instructor on the Ridgeland Campus, welcomed the students and explained her experience as a female in a nontraditional career field. Students also had the opportunity to speak with Nettie Coggin, Maintenance Technology Instructor on the Grenada campus, and Heather Mooney, Engineering Technology Instructor on the Ridgeland campus, during lunch in the Cafeteria about their roles in a nontraditional career field.

"Students received a hand massage and gift certificate for a free manicure from Cosmetology students to reinforce the idea that being in a nontraditional field does not prevent one from maintaining their feminine character," Dr. Whittington said.

"Each student received a packet of information about Holmes Community College and our Career and Technical programs, as well as items to commemorate their experiences of the day, such as a tire gauge keychain along with a Holmes CC luggage tag custom made by our Engineering Technology program."

Whittington said survey information will be gathered to determine future events, but she said she was pleased with the turnout despite weather concerns in the northern part of the Holmes district.

"Students, counselors, and instructors involved all expressed their gratitude for Holmes hosting an event like this," Dr. Whittington said. "We felt that it did expose some students to career fields they might not have otherwise explored. The presentations of the instructors were all very engaging, and the students were very interactive at each station. CTE plans to continue this event if feedback warrants, possibly duplicating something similar for male students as well. We always love having prospective students come to our campuses and see what all a career in CTE can offer. It was a fun day for all involved!"

Attendees have a chance to win four \$250 scholarships to Holmes Community College. They will submit an essay detailing their experience at the event. The essays are due no later than March 15.

Ridgeland Campus announces Creative Writing Contest winners

From Staff Reports/Photos



Devin Ammons

Samantha Endsley

Rachel Hairston

Satoshi Maachata

Hailey Pittman

William Sutherland

Each year, the Ridgeland Campus holds a Creative Writing Contest. All winners receive cash prizes furnished by the Holmes Foundation. First and second place winners are forwarded to the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association contest and will be published in Holmes' Cre-

ative Writing Journal, "Reflections."

The Poetry Category winners were as follows: first place, "Star Stuff Salutations" by Rachel Hairston of Jackson and second place, "Persephone" by Hailey Pittman of Clinton.

For the Short Story Category, Samantha Endsley of Brandon won first place

for "Fight for a Life" and Satoshi Maachata of Ridgeland won second for "The Summer of Shame."

In the Personal Essay Category, Devin Ammons of Yazoo City won first place, William Sutherland of Brandon won second place for "Baptized without Pride" and Hairston won third place

for "Wannabe Samurai."

Finally, Kamilah Brown of Jackson won first place in the Literary Essay Category for "An Analysis of The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass and Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl" and Hairston won second place for "Tragic Zero: Willy Loman."

Shelby earns paralegal certification

From Staff Reports/Photos



Elizabeth Shelby

Holmes Community College administrative assistant Elizabeth Shelby completed

the Paralegal Technology program at Holmes and passed the Accredited Legal Professional Exam given by the National Association of Legal Professionals. Shelby, who works in admissions and financial aid on the Ridgeland Campus, plans to continue her education at Mississippi State University and eventually earn a master's degree.

"Elizabeth made a great situation even better," said Darleen Dozier, Paralegal Technology program coordinator/instructor. "She enrolled in our online Paralegal Technology program and took classes while working full-time. After completing her last class she took a national certification exam - and passed! We are very proud of her accomplishments and how she has represented Holmes through this process."

The Paralegal Technology curriculum is designed to prepare a person for entry-level employment as a paralegal in courts, corporations, law firms and government agencies. Classes are offered face-to-face during the day in Ridgeland as well as online.

Prior to her current position, Shelby served as an administrative assistant in the Holmes Counseling Center for four years. This role came after serving as an H&R Block office manager in Madison County during her first year living in Mississippi. Shelby and her family previously resided in Kentucky, where she worked for the University of Kentucky Department of Plan Pathology after working for Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children and Youth.

"I chose this program because I thought it would be interesting and it did not disappoint," Shelby said. "Darleen Dozier is a great instructor; she is an encouraging motivator who pushes you to achieve your goals and she's interesting and dynamic, so I never got bored in any of her classes. The Paralegal Technology program really helped me expand my resume, build a bigger skillset and open doors and opportunities for growth in my professional career."

Shelby and her husband, Mark, reside in Ridgeland. They have three daughters: Scarlett, 26, Mary-Kate, 25, and Anna, 21.

For more information about the Holmes Paralegal Technology program, contact Dozier at ddozier@holmescc.edu or (601) 605-3360.

Pops Concert set for April 30 at Grenada Campus

From Staff Reports/Photos



Jaylon Townsend of Grenada, a sophomore on the Goodman Campus, is one of the singers who will perform in the Pops Concert on April 30.

Since 1993, the annual Pops Concert from the Holmes Community College Choral Music Department has been one

of the major concerts at the college. This year, however, due to the renovation of McDaniel Hall on the Goodman Campus, the concert "A Night to Remember" will be moved to the Corey Forum on the Grenada Campus on Tuesday, April 30 at 7 p.m.

The cost for the event will be \$5 for general admission and \$3 for Holmes students. Holmes faculty/staff members will be admitted free along with children under 12.

"This has become a staple performance for the school, community and most of all our students that are in the choral groups at Holmes," said Mike Yates, director of Connection! and Coachmen. "When I received the news about the McDaniel renovation it was either cancel it for this year or move the event. I brought it to our students' attention that we might have to cancel Pops, and they said, 'no way.' "This concert is so important to our

performers as it is the end-of-the-year concert and the last time that some of these students will ever perform," he added. "So that is when I thought about having it on our Grenada Campus. With the support of our Academic Dean Dr. (Jenny) Jones and our President Dr. (Jim) Haffey, Pops 2019 will be presented on the Grenada Campus for the first time in history."

The Grenada Campus and surrounding community have been very supportive of events held on the campus for a long time. Holmes has hosted some outstanding events in the Corey Forum over the year as part of the "Arts and Lectures" series, and the Pops Concert should be no different.

"The Grenada Campus has had some amazing performances at the Corey Forum," Yates said. "The community along with Holmes CC faculty and staff have supported each event.

"We hope that we can bring back the

high-quality standard of each past performance with Pops 2019," he added. "The audience should expect a wide variety of music to entertain all ages. Music from popular Broadway musicals "The Phantom of the Opera," "Jersey Boys," "Rock of Ages" and "Annie" will be performed along with other great hits that everyone will enjoy."

The Choral Music Department at Holmes has many students from the Grenada community. Choral Director and Holmes alumna Denondrea Sims also hails from Grenada.

"We hope all of their families and community come out to support these students and Denondrea," Yates said. "This will be a long-awaited return as our choral groups have not performed in that area in some-time."

UM Pharmacy School Rep speaks to Ridgeland students

From Staff Reports/Photos

On Thursday, Feb. 14, University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy Admissions Counselor Meredith Pyle spoke to Holmes Community College Natural Science majors on the Ridgeland Campus about what it takes to get into pharmacy school at UM. The Natural Science Department hosts different admissions counselors from different professional school programs each year to give students an opportunity to gain information, advice and tips on getting in.



(left) University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy Admissions Counselor **Meredith Pyle** speaks to Holmes Ridgeland Campus students in the Natural Science Department about getting into pharmacy school.

Holmes participates in AHA Wear Red Day

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus faculty and staff members showed support for the American Heart Association by participating in their National Wear Red Day on Friday, Feb. 1. The month of February is American Heart Month and it kicks off with National Wear Red Day to raise awareness around women's heart health.

Heart disease and stroke cause one in three deaths among women each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website. During the month, awareness

heart disease and heart health are promoted and women are encouraged to pick up heart healthy habits.

"Nearly 80 percent of cardiac events can be prevented, cardiovascular diseases continue to be a woman's greatest health threat," the AHA said.

For more information about National Wear Red Day, go to <https://www.goredforwomen.org/>.

Creative Writing Class attends Greg Iles book reading

From Staff Reports/Photos



On Thursday, March 7, students from the Holmes Community College Goodman Creative Writing class traveled to Turnrow Book Co. in Greenwood to hear bestselling author Greg Iles speak.

Iles was promoting his newest novel, Cemetery Road. He spoke about his career and writing process. After signing books for the large crowd, Iles had an extended conversation with the Holmes students. He encouraged them to nurture their interest in reading, to find their own voices in writing and to write about their native areas of Mississippi. Iles was very gracious with his time and repeatedly mentioned that he was glad to meet students interested in writing.

(left) Pictured are *(front row, left to right)* **Malerie White, Samantha Miller, Amira Wallace and Peyton Rushton,** *(back row, left to right)* **Chad Moorer, Greg Iles and Lundy Hawthorne** at the book signing at Turnrow Book Co. on March 7.

Ridgeland Campus CTE holds annual Career Fair

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus held a Career-Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 20 in the McGowan Workforce Training Center. This event drew in numerous employers representing a variety of companies and gave students a chance to give out resumes and get more information.



(left) **Brandee Lockett** *(far left)* takes a brochure from **Shirley Hopkins** and **Martha Hartzog** speaks to **Zevohn Smith** about job opportunities at the Mississippi State Personnel Board at the Holmes Career Fair.

Goodman Campus holds CTE Career Fair

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Career-Technical Education Department held its annual Career Fair March 4 on the Goodman Campus. Anel Corporation, Ivey Mechanical, Entergy and Ingalls Shipbuilding all had representatives on hand to talk to students about future job opportunities.



(left) A representative from Ingalls Shipbuilding speaks to students at the Holmes Community College Career-Technical Education Career Fair on March 4.

Trek Center presents professionalism skills to OTA students

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Occupational Therapist Assistant (OTA) program, housed on the Ridgeland Campus, offers a three-day course for upcoming graduates each March. It is an opportunity for them to meet with potential employers, learn about board exams and prepare for their careers as OTAs. As part of the course, Trek Coordinator Dr. Jackie Hale presented a professional and job interview skills workshop on March 6 and March 7.



(left) Trek Coordinator **Dr. Jackie Hale** presents a Professionalism and Job Interview Skills workshop to OTA students on March 7.

Grenada Campus holds annual Career and College Fair

From Staff Reports/Photos

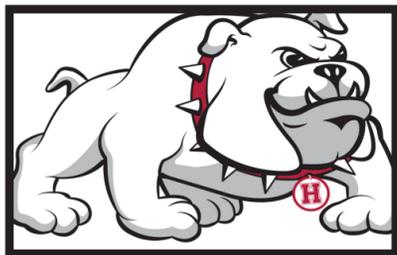
The Grenada Campus held their annual Career and College Fair on March 7 in the Corey Forum on campus. Over 40 vendors from industry, healthcare and transfer universities were available to speak to students.



(left) A representative from Legacy Hospice speaks to nursing students at the Grenada Campus Career and College Fair on March 7.

Women's soccer program adds 17 newcomers for 2019

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College women's soccer program has added 17 newcomers to next year's team, according to Associate Head Coach Wesley Noble.

"This year's recruiting class is an extremely well-rounded and big class that gives us a bit of everything," Noble said. "We are welcoming 17 excellent student athletes that are going to represent this school and program in the highest manner.

To say we are excited about this class would be an understatement. We feel like adding these players will really take us to another level this year. Being able to put this class with our returners is very exciting as a coach. I can't wait for them to all get to campus so we can get started! The (2019) season is going to be very fun!"

One recruit is midfielder Laine Chandler of Southaven. Chandler lettered all four years in high school at Southaven. She served as captain of the team this past season. She was selected as a North Mississippi All-Star player as a Junior. She was also the captain of her competitive team for four years.

"Laine is a player that can fill many roles inside of the team," Noble said. "She is very mobile, has a very high work ethic, clean on the ball, and extremely intelligent with her decisions. We are expecting Laine to be a huge asset for our team from the beginning."

Another recruit is forward Hannah Dowty of Southaven. Dowty was a part of the Southaven high team that won districts in 2017 – 2018. She has played club soccer for DC Galaxy where they won Presidents Cup twice.

"Hannah is a very dangerous left footed winger," Noble said. "She is able to beat players down the line and create a lot of havoc on the other team with her distribution and ability to strike the ball. We are very excited about what Hannah will bring to our team this year."

Another recruit is forward Cariel Ellis of Madison. Ellis has attended both Pearl and Madison Central High School. At Pearl, she was named Most Valuable Player. She currently has scored 23 goals for Madison Central and is the team's leading goal scorer. She was just recently selected to the Miss High School All Star Game. She grew up playing club soccer in the Rush organization and currently plays for IFC.

"Cariel is a dominant forward with extreme strength and athleticism," Noble said. "On top of that, she is very good in possession which fits our style of play very well. We expect Cariel to come in and be one of the top scorers in the league. She is a special talent and is going to be very successful at Holmes."

Another recruit is midfielder Jocelyn Fernandez of Navarre, Florida. Fernandez is center midfielder from Navarre High School who competes for the district championship every year. She has played club soccer for RAD FC and Bayside Dynamo in Florida.

"Jocelyn does a fantastic job of connecting the back line and the forwards with one another," Noble said. "She is very good at playing in tight areas and being able to relieve pressure. I think

she will do very well for us being able to distribute to the players around her. She will create numerous opportunities for us as a team. We are very happy to be getting Jocelyn for the 2019 season."

Yet another recruit is midfielder Maddie Floyd of Hallsville, Texas. Floyd comes from Hallsville High School where she is the captain of the team. While at Hallsville, she has been awarded First Team All District, Midfielder of the year, and Second Team All East Texas. She has grown up playing club for FC Dallas.

"Maddie is your ideal defensive midfielder," Noble said. "She is excellent in possession, extremely intelligent, and can open up a game by changing the point of attack quickly. She is an asset on the defensive side of the ball as well. She always tends to put herself in a good position to win tackles. We think Maddie will be a great addition in our midfield this year."

Another recruit is midfielder Cameron Gladne of Clinton. Gladne was awarded Most Valuable Midfielder in both 2016 and 2017 for her high school program and helped lead them to two district championships. Most recently Cameron was selected as a Mississippi High School All Star. She has played club soccer for Mississippi Rush, International Futbol Club, and Brandon Futbol Club growing up and has competed in Region 3 Championships multiple times.

"Cameron is a player that everyone would want in their midfield," Noble said. "She is extremely smart, crafty on the ball, great pace, and can create opportunities for herself and other players at a very high level. I think Cameron is really going to fit our style of play and will make an immediate impact for our program."

Liz Jackson of Ridgeland, a defender and midfielder will also be on the 2019 team. Jackson plays numerous positions for Ridgeland High School and serves as the captain of the team. She was selected as the most valuable midfielder her junior season. As a senior, she has the lead the team with the most goals, 15. Most recently she was selected as a Mississippi High School All Star. She has played club soccer in the Mississippi Rush organization growing up.

"Liz is a very good athlete that understands the game well," Noble said. "She will be key for us in the midfield and in our backline. She is able to ping a ball and open up the game whenever she needs to. Her ability to win tackles sets her apart. I believe she will be a key component to our success next season."

Savannah Lewis of Richland, a defender, will also join the Lady Bulldogs in the fall. Lewis has played for Richland High School since her seventh grade year. The team has seen much success in those years such as two North State Championships, two North State Final appearances and a District Championship. She was awarded Second Team All-District as a freshman and First Team All-District her sophomore and junior season. As a senior, she led the team in scoring with nine goals. Most recently she was selected as a Mississippi High School All Star. She has played club soccer for Brandon Futbol Club and Mississippi Rush.

"Savannah is a very aggressive defender," Noble said. "She is exceptional in 1v1 situations and is able to organize a backline in the flow of the game. She is very good with the ball at her feet being able to pick out opportu-

nities for her team to get forward. We think Savannah will have the opportunity to come in and make a huge impact from the beginning. It will be very enjoyable to watch her take her game to the next level."

Another new recruit is defender Jesika Patterson of Pearl. Patterson has been an anchor on the backline for Pearl High School for several years now. In 2017, she was awarded most valuable defensive player. The team saw the most success in 2015 when they won the South State Championship. She has played in the Mississippi Rush organization growing up where her team made it to the semifinals in President's Cup Regionals. Most recently she was selected to the Central Mississippi All-Star game.

"Jesika can fill any role on the back line," Noble said. "She excels as an outside back or center back with her strength and athleticism. You always want defenders who will get stuck in, and that is exactly what she does. As her game evolves she will become an important player for our program."

Casey Rhone of Senatobia, a midfielder, will also join the team. Rhone was awarded the Best Offensive Player award twice, as well as the Leadership Award. She serves as the captain of her team and was named All-Conference as a junior for Senatobia High School. She led her team in points this year as a senior with 18 goals and 14 assists. She also plays club soccer in the LOBOS organization.

"Casey is probably the most versatile player that we have coming in," Noble said. "I feel confident that she could excel in multiple places on the field. Having a player who can do this is extremely useful to any team. She is a coaches' kid and you can tell by her knowledge of the game and work ethic. We are very eager to watch Casey excel at the next level."

Another recruit is goalkeeper Kennedy Richardson of Clinton. Richardson comes from Clinton High School where she serves as the starting goalkeeper. Her team saw much success this year ending the season with a 16-4-3 record. She also plays club soccer for IFC of Mississippi.

"Kennedi is extremely athletic and quick," Noble said. "She covers space very well and makes a lot of the 'impossible' saves. I think her ceiling is very high and we can't wait to watch her progress as she works with our foalkeeper coach on a day to day basis. Kennedy will have the opportunity to make an impact as soon as she steps onto campus."

Also joining the Lady Bulldogs is midfielder Reagan Savell of Brandon. Savell has helped her high school to two District Championships, one South State Championship and one State Championship. During her time at Park Place Christian Academy, she was awarded offensive MVP and All-District four years in a row. She posted 17 goals and 34 assists in her senior season. She also plays club soccer for Brandon Futbol Club.

"Reagan is a student of the game," Noble said. "She sees the game very well and is able to execute her decisions extremely fast. She plays very simple in the midfield but is always effective. Reagan is going to be a perfect fit into our system this year."

Another recruit is forward Laney Smith of Vicksburg. Smith is a stand-out player from Warren Central High School. She has posted 25 goals and 14 assists in the past three seasons with the Vikings. She has won numerous awards such as Rookie of the Year in

the eighth grade, Most Valuable Player in the ninth grade, Offensive MVP in the 10th grade and MVP in the 11th grade.

Most recently, she was selected as a Mississippi High School All-Star. She has grown up playing for Mississippi Rush where her club team has won state cup and Final Four. She has competed in both National Premier League Finals as well as USYS Regionals.

"Laney is a very dynamic player with an extremely high work rate," Noble said. "She is very dangerous as a winger but can also help in possession when she is slid into the midfield. Her athleticism and motor allow her to cover a lot of ground during a game. We are extremely excited about what Laney brings to the 2019 Lady Bulldogs!"

Forward Bailey Thompson of Pelahatchie will also play for the Bulldogs. Thompson comes from East Rankin Academy where she received multiple honors such as All-MAIS South Division, All-Conference, First Team All-District and selection into the MAIS All-Star Game. Between her sophomore and senior seasons, she racked up 94 goals. She has played club soccer with Brandon Futbol Club, Brilla Juniors and Mississippi Rush.

"Bailey is the most underrated player in the state of Mississippi in my opinion," Noble said. "She is an unbelievable finisher and her athleticism is fantastic. As her game evolves, she is going to become a big-time player for our program. We can't wait to see what all she accomplishes as a Lady Bulldog."

Mackenzie Thompson of Pelahatchie, midfielder, will join the team too. She finished up her high school career in 2017 where she was a stand-out player. She was selected to the All-MAIS South Division Team, All-Conference Team, 1st Team All District, and MAIS All-Star Selection. She has played soccer for the Mississippi Rush Organization.

"Mackenzie is coming back to soccer after a two-year break and I couldn't be more excited," Noble said. "She's an exceptional player that is very creative and can control the pace of any game. She is going to give us a dimension of play that we do not currently have. I think she has a very bright season ahead of her this year."

Goalkeeper Carly Williams of Brandon will be a Lady Bulldog, as well. Williams plays at Northwest Rankin High School where they have been to back-to-back state finals and won the 6A Championship in 2017. Carly has played club soccer with Brandon Futbol Club, IFC of Mississippi, and Mississippi Rush.

"Carly has unbelievable technique in the goal," Noble said. "She's very sure handed and covers angles very well. The biggest thing that sets Carly apart is her mindset; she is a gamer. On multiple occasions, I have watched her step in big moments for whichever team she is on. We are excited to watch her grow into an even better keeper during her time here."

Ravynne Wilson of Meridian, a forward and midfielder, will also be a Bulldog. Wilson has been awarded numerous awards during her time at Clarkdale High. She has been a First Team All-District selection since her seventh grade year, MVP her junior year, and a Premier Prep selection her sophomore and junior season. In her junior season she scored 33 goals with 9 assists and set the single season scor-

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ing record for the school. Most recently she was selected as a Mississippi High School All Star. She has played club soccer for Alliance FC, Brandon FC, IFC of MS, and BUSA ECNL.

“Rae Rae is a dangerous player that is extremely good around goal,” Noble said. “She not only finishes well, but creates a lot of opportunities for her teammates. Her ability to compete in the air truly sets her apart. I think she

will bring a creative sense to our team that will help us be unpredictable at times. We are thrilled to have Rae Rae as a Lady Bulldog.”

To see photos of this year’s class, go to <https://www.holmesathletics.com/sports/wsoc/2018-19/photos/0003/index>.

For more information about the Holmes Lady Bulldogs Soccer Team, contact Noble at wnoble@holmescc.edu.

Bulldogs sign 15 on National Signing Day

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College Bulldogs football team signed 15 players on Wednesday, Feb. 6, which was National Signing Day 2019.

Signees included: Aaron Davis, RB, Simmons; Braxton Ragland, S, St. Claire

County, Ala.; Cedric Tooson, DL, Spain Park, Ala.; Charles Jefferson, OL, Germantown; Edwin Herard, S, Eupora; Ervin Gray, OL, Noxubee; Greg Evans, RB, Clinton; Kam Hulin, QB/RB, Northeast Lauderdale; Niageria Young, DB, Senatobia;

Nick Strong, OL, Warren Central; Quentin James, LB, Lafayette; Rashard Hansbrough, OL/DL, Germantown; Saidrick Pewitte, S, Liberty Tech, Tenn.; Shacobia Luckett, DB, Madison Central; and Walter Ivory, RB, Greenwood.

The Bulldogs added another signee Kyren Batey, QB, Foreman, Ark. on Friday, Feb. 8.

Sports Hall of Fame set for April 4

From Staff Reports/Photos



The 2019 HCC Sports Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on Thursday, April 4 at 6 p.m. in the Frank Branch Coliseum on the Goodman Campus.

The 2019 inductees are: Sheila Sullivan Hickman, Women’s Basketball Coach; John Anthony “Tony” Stanford- Football;

Greg Neal Holloway- Men’s Soccer; Robert William Gates- Football; and Richard Wayne Akins- Football.

The 2019 Holmes Community College inductee for the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame is Sonny Smith for Holmes Men’s Basketball which

will be held April 23, 2019.

For ticket information please contact the Holmes Community College Alumni Office: 662-472-9134 or Email Katherine Ellard: kellard@holmescc.edu.

Lady Bulldog signs with MUW

From Staff Reports/Photos



Lady Bulldog **Jazmin Roman** signs a letter of intent with Mississippi University for Women as (left to right) her mother, **Arely**; father, **David**; Coach **Wesley Noble** and Coach **Matt Convertino** look on.

Holmes Community College Lady Bulldog soccer player Jazmin Roman signed a letter of intent with Mississippi University for Women on Jan. 24. She will continue as a midfielder for the MUW Owls.

“Jazmin is a player that every coach wants on their team,” said Women’s Soccer Associate Head Coach Wesley Noble. “She has an extremely high work rate that not only pushes herself each day but the players around her. Off the field, she is first class. She has represented Holmes in the highest way possible, and I expect her to do the exact same at The W. I am extremely happy for her and can’t wait to see what she accomplishes in this next step of her journey.”

The daughter of Arely and David Ro-

man, Jazmin is a graduate of Forest High School. She is active on the Holmes Ridgeland Campus, serving as an Ambassador and president of Student Government Association. She will continue her studies at MUW in secondary education with an emphasis in physical education/kinesiology.

For more information on the Holmes Soccer Program, contact Men’s and Women’s Head Coach Matt Convertino at msoccer@holmescc.edu or (601) 605-3412.

Lady Bulldog signs with LSU of Alexandria

From Staff Reports/Photos



Lady Bulldog **Brookelyn Cramer** signed a letter of intent with Louisiana State University of Alexandria as (left to right) her mother, **Erin**; brother, **Jaxson**; Coach **Matt Convertino** and Coach **Wesley Noble** look on.

Holmes Community College Lady Bulldog soccer player Brookelyn Cramer signed a letter of intent with Louisiana State University of Alexandria on March 19 in the Ridgeland Campus Library. She will continue as a defender for the LSU-Alexandria Generals.

“Brookelyn is a first class player,” said Women’s Soccer Associate Head Coach Wesley Noble. “She has been brilliant for us for two years and been a major component to our success. We will definitely have a major hole to fill next year without her.”

“LSUA is getting someone who is dedicated to winning and commits herself to every session each day. She brings a mindset everyday that helps the players around her improve. I can’t wait to watch her excel at the next level.”

The daughter of Erin and Johnathan Cramer, she is a graduate of Pensacola Catholic High School in Pensacola, Florida. Cramer excelled on and off the field – she was named to the All-Region Team, named MVP Defender, Academic All-State and as a Dean’s List Scholar. A pre-law major, she plans to become a family lawyer one day.

“I’ll miss Coach Wesley,” Cramer said. “He has been the best coach I’ve ever had!”

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All about the Alliance

By Regina Gray
Growl Reporter

Attention all football fanatics, Sunday game day can still be your thing even though the NFL season is over. Chris Ebersol has created for us the Alliance of American Football. The AAF is a new football league which debuted on February 9 of this year and can be viewed every Saturday and Sunday after on CBS and the CBS Sports network. Bill Polian (former NFL general manager of the Buffalo Bills) has also had a helping hand in the creation of this new form of football. Alongside them is Hines Ward and Troy Polamalu former NFL players as Executive and head of player relations. This league is set to be complimentary to the NFL and help showcase the talent of individuals who haven't had the opportunity to really be seen as prospects.

The AAF will consist of eight teams from eight different cities who will play a 10 game season.

- Arizona Hotshots
- Atlanta Legends
- Birmingham Iron
- Memphis Express
- Orlando Apollos
- Salt Lake Stallions
- San Antonio Commanders
- San Diego Fleet

Unlike the NFL the AAF is going to be a different when it comes to how the game will be played. The players will not be allowed a chance for an extra point after the scoring of a touchdown, instead the ball will be placed at the 2-yard line and the team will automatically have to try for a 2-point conversion.

Also in the AAF there will be no kickoffs therefor the ball will be placed at the 25-yard line at the start of each new possession. This rule was set in place due to the kickoffs being



dangerous for players in regards to injuries.

Another difference is a shorter play clock, the AAF wants to help reconnect the fans with the more action packed type of football we used to have. The Play clock will be set to 30 seconds instead of 40. The goal for the league is to speed up action on the field so the AAF will not be having commercial breaks either and will

only break when it naturally occurs in the game which will make games last usually under 150 minutes.

This league will look to be a game changer. The AAF has a strong goal in mind and a growing fan base to keep it going. Go ahead and check it out and maybe even go to a few games this year! With the Alliance of American football, Sunday game day can still be Sunday game day!

Lady Bulldogs basketball season comes to a close with 78-68 loss

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs' season came to a close after the Lady Bulldogs fell to the Itawamba Community College Lady Indians, 78-68, at home on Feb. 21.

The Lady Bulldogs finished the season 9-14 overall and 5-7 in the North. The Lady Bulldogs had to defeat Itawamba, and Coahoma had to defeat Delta for the Lady Bulldogs to make the postseason as the North No. 4 seed. Coahoma defeated Delta in double overtime, but the Lady Bulldogs came up short vs. Itawamba.

Holmes led 13-10 after one period. Itawamba outscored Holmes 20-16 to lead 30-29 at halftime. Itawamba then outscored Holmes, 19-17, in the third and 29-22 in the fourth to pull out the win.

Holmes shot 37 percent from the floor (20-of-54) and 85.2 percent from the free-throw line (23-of-27).

Jekalen Jones led the Lady Bulldogs with

14 points while Christiana Harris and Janae Collier each had 13 points while Ja'Breonia Veasey had 12. MiKayla Patton led the Lady Bulldogs with 11 rebounds.

Sophomores Jones, Harris, Collier, Veasey, Patton and Myeisha Robinson played their final games as Lady Bulldogs.

Bulldogs split conference opener with East Central

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Bulldogs split two conference games at home on Saturday, March 16, with East Central Community College winning game one, 5-4 and falling in game two, 3-1.

With the split, the Bulldogs went to 16-2 overall and 1-1 in the MACJC. The Bulldogs will travel to Gulf Coast on Saturday, March 23, at 2/5 p.m.

In game one, Anthony Fidanza picked up the win. He went 3 2/3 innings and gave up three runs on three this with three strike-

outs and two walks. Dalton Massingill and Steven Lacey also pitched in the game with Lacey picking up the save.

Fidanza and Matt Warren each had two hits with Warren adding a double.

In game two, Albert Hughes suffered the loss. He went 2 1/3 innings and gave up two runs on six hits with two strikeouts and one walk. Kameron Ferguson and R.J. Pierce also threw in the game.

Jordan Szush and Jimmy Burse each had two hits in the game.

Southwest takes two from Holmes

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs fell in two close games at home on Monday, March 18 with Southwest Mississippi Community College, 4-2 and 8-6.

Holmes traveled to Coahoma on Wednesday at 2/4 p.m. and then will host Gulf Coast at 12/2 p.m. on Saturday.

In game one, Mary Clayton Burrell went seven innings and gave up four runs on eight hits with seven strikeouts and two walks. Hannah Champion, Teagun Barnes, Laura Fields and Katie Dana each had hits.

In game two, Brooklyne Eubanks went 2 1/3 innings and gave up four runs on four

hits with two walks. Katie Dana also threw in the game. Skyler Busbea, Adyson Mann, Champion, Fields and Barnes each had hits in the game.

Men's Basketball: A recap of the 2019 season

By Nykeem Liddell
Growl Reporter

After a historic 24-5 season last year, the Bulldogs found themselves sitting 13th in the NJCAA preseason poll back in October, which was the highest ever in school history. But after a season of gruesome injuries to key players, the Bulldogs found themselves searching for guys to step up in their absence. The Bulldogs went 6-3 in their first nine games of the season.

The Bulldogs opened 2019 on a five game win streak with home wins over Delgado, LSU Eunice, East Mississippi and Coahoma. The lone road win was a 22-point victory in Moorhead over Mississippi Delta. The Bulldogs would then travel to hostile territory to face North Division foes, Northwest and Northeast, where they would drop both games in which they led early on throughout. The Bulldogs would

also drop the home meetings with Northeast and Northwest which would eliminate the Bulldogs from contending for the North Division title. The Bulldogs ended the regular season on the road with a 24-point victory over Itawamba. Czar Perry led the Bulldogs with 24 points. Winford Ross with 22 points for the Bulldogs. Kassim Nicholson and Jarron Boler each had 10 points. The Bulldogs finished the regular season with an overall record of 15-8 and a 7-5 record in the North Division. Next up for the Bulldogs is the first round of the MACJC State Tournament in Ellisville Feb. 26-28. The Bulldogs then competed in the Region 23 Tournament in Clinton at Mississippi College March 6-8, but fell short in the Region XXIII title game against the Pearl River Community



College Wildcats.

The Bulldogs won the Region 23 Tournament last season defeating Pearl

River 77-64 to advance to the National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Bulldogs come up short in Region XXIII title game vs. Pearl River

From Staff Reports/Photos



Kassim Nicholson accepts a plaque from Region XXIII Coordinator **Brent Harris** after being named to the to the Region XXIII All-Tournament Team.

The Holmes Community College Bulldogs outscored the Pearl River Community College Wildcats, 31-24, in the second half of play but it wasn't enough to make up a 12-point deficit at halftime, 33-21, to pull



Winford Ross accepts a plaque from Region XXIII Coordinator **Brent Harris** after being named to the to the Region XXIII All-Tournament Team.

out the win in the Region XXIII Championship game as Pearl River won the game, 57-52.

The Bulldogs, the Region XXIII runners-up, finished the season 17-10 overall.

Pearl River won its first Region XXIII title and will be playing in the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas in the coming weeks.

Sophomores Kassim Nicholson and Winford Ross were named to the Region XXIII All-Tournament Team.

Holmes held got a 6-5 lead with 16:05 to play in the first half on a bucket from Czar Perry. The Bulldogs increased the lead to 10-5 on a basket from Ross with 12:50 to play in the half.

Pearl River retook the lead with 10:50 to play at 11-10 before Ross hit one of two free throws to tie the game at 11 with 10 minutes to play in the half before Pearl River went up 12-11. Holmes went up 13-12 shortly after a bucket from Nicholson with 8:35 to play in the half. Pearl River held a 22-19 lead with 4:20 to play and increased the lead to as much as 12 points before the first half ended.

The Wildcats clung to a 10-point lead with 14:45 to play before the Bulldogs made a run to draw closer. Nicholson hit

a three-pointer with 12:50 to play in the game to pull the Bulldogs within six at 39-33. The lead was still six as the teams swapped baskets in the next eight minutes of the contest. Robert Jordan hit some key buckets during the span to keep Holmes close.

Jaylen Lester's jumper with 3:07 to play brought the Bulldogs to within seven at 54-47. He added a layup with 2:37 to play to make it, 51-49, Pearl River. The Bulldogs got a close as three points at 55-52 with :14.8 to play when Nicholson added a three-pointer. Pearl River added two late free throws with a little over a second to go up five.

Nicholson led the Bulldogs in scoring with 16 points while Perry and Robert Jordan each had 10. Ross finished with eight points and nine rebounds.

Holmes shot 40.7 percent from the floor and 66.7 percent from the free-throw line.

Bulldogs split with No. 2 Bobcats, 1-0 and 12-2

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Bulldogs split two games with No. 2 Jones College at home on Tuesday, March 19, winning game one, 1-0, and falling in game two, 12-2.

With the split, the Bulldogs went to 17-3 overall and 2-2 in the MACJC. Holmes travels to Gulf Coast on Saturday at 2/5 p.m.

In game one, Nate Oswalt, now 3-0 on the season, went seven innings and gave up three hits with four strikeouts and two walks. Steven Lacey picked up his third

save of the season and went two innings and gave up no hits. Jimmy Burse, Cole Johnson, Taj Porter and Hunter Dykes each had a hit.

In game two, Chris Guthrie suffered the loss. He went 2/3 of an inning and gave up two runs on one hit with three walks. Eric Jones, Ethan Gowan, Tyler Dobson and Dylan Ramsey also pitched in the game. Jordan Szush, Anthony Fidanza and Cade Pinnix each had two hits while Albert Hughes, Jaylen Armstrong and Dykes added one each.

Lady Bulldogs sweep Coahoma Lady Tigers, 9-0 and 6-1

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs improved to 2-2 in the MACJC with a doubleheader sweep of Coahoma Community College at home on March 20, 9-0 and 6-1.

Holmes hosts Gulf Coast at noon Saturday in a doubleheader. You can watch live at holmesccmedia.com/cardinal-channel.

In game one, Mary Clayton Burrell picked up the win on the mound. She gave up two hits with seven strikeouts in five innings. Teagun Barnes led the Lady

Bulldogs with three hits including a double while Adyson Mann had two.

In game two, Katie Dana picked up the win on the mound. She went seven innings and gave up one run on eight hits with six strikeouts and one walk.

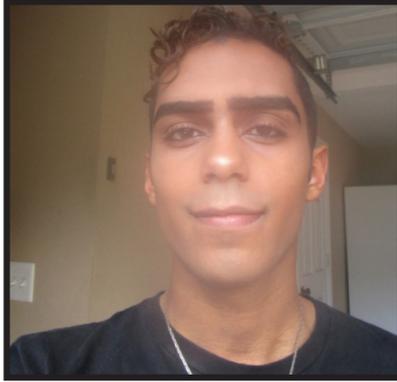
Skyler Busbea led the Lady Bulldogs with two hits including a homerun.



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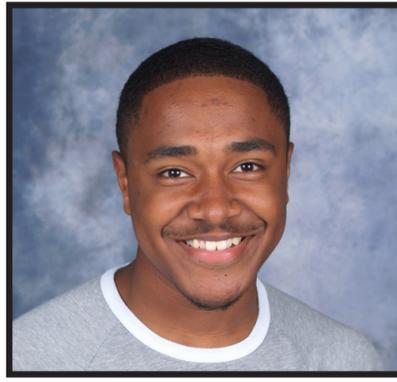
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