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Homecoming 2019 set for Oct. 24

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Homecoming 2019 is set for Thursday, Oct. 24 on the Goodman Campus. Activities will begin at 8 a.m. and finishing up with live music after the football game against Coahoma Community College.

Honorees for 2019 include: Alumni of the Year, Frank and Dixie Branch; Distinguished Service Award, Janice and Chuck Putnam; Young Alumnus of the Year, Sherman Miller; and Veteran of the Year, Donnie Sims.

Homecoming festivities kick off with a Fun Run at 9 a.m. hosted by the Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA)

program and the Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) program. Next, there will be inter-squad scrimmages for the softball and baseball teams at 9 a.m. followed by basketball scrimmages at 10 a.m. Academic Programs and Career Technical Education will be hosting their Career and Transfer Fair from 10 a.m. until noon and at the same time Workforce Development will host “Major’s Truck Expo” with all the big industry vehicles on displaying for guests coming to campus.

The honorees will be recognized in McDaniel Auditorium at 10 a.m. fol-

lowed by the debut performance from the Holmes Connection! and Coachmen at 10:30 a.m.

Academic Programs and Career Technical Education divisions are pleased to host the 2019 Homecoming lecture series with the first lecture series at 11 a.m. and the second series at noon. The 11 a.m. presenters are Dr. Robert Green from Mississippi State University’s Bagley College of Engineering, and Holmes alumnus

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Myricks selected as American Cancer Society Portrait of Hope

From Staff Reports/Photos



Katrina Myricks

Katrina B. Myricks of Madison, a Business and Office Technology instructor on the Holmes Communi-

ty College Ridgeland Campus, has been named a Portrait of Hope by the American Cancer Society. Myricks has been cancer-free for six years and has become an advocate for cancer education and early detection.

Here is her story, as shown on the Portrait of Hope advertisements published by the American Cancer Society:

Katrina Myricks had a mammogram every year since turning 40, and at the age of 49 she found herself questioning how a large mass had formed in just one year.

‘For nearly one week I kept those three words to myself, ‘I have cancer.’ I was trying to digest the diagnosis before telling anyone. Actually, I was waiting on the physician to call me back and say a mistake had been made. But that never happened, and after two

days those three words really started to set in.’

Sometimes one of the most challenging aspects of receiving a diagnosis is having to tell one’s family. For Katrina, that challenge was telling her husband, Ken, who had lost his mother the year before to cancer, as well as her 11-year-old daughter.

“You could probably guess what Ken thought when he heard those three words, but my daughter was different. Before we could tell her, she told us. She told us that she had seen us sitting at the kitchen table talking and crying, so when she came home from school she went through some papers on the kitchen table and found the results. The beauty of this was when she left the room and came back with a boa. She wrapped it around my neck, kissed me on my cheek and said, ‘Mom, I

know red is your favorite color because of your sorority but pink is now your new color because of breast cancer. And you know what? God said it’s going to be okay’.”

After surgery, Katrina had eight rounds of chemotherapy, eight injections, and over 30 radiation treatments to treat triple negative breast cancer, one that affects predominately African Americans and is known to be an aggressive type of cancer that can be difficult to treat.

“I have been cancer-free for six years, and I have become an advocate for cancer education and early detection! I want people to know that cancer is no longer synonymous with death. You can live with cancer, overcome cancer, and survive cancer.”

Holmes alumnus chosen to compete on ‘The Voice’

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College alumnus (‘10) and Zach Bridges had the opportunity to compete on NBC’s “The Voice” and the audition aired on Monday, Oct. 7. Blake Shelton and Gwen Stefani both turned their chairs around for him following Bridges’ performance of Shelton’s song “O! Red,” and Bridges chose to be a member of “Team Blake.”

While at Holmes, Bridges was a Dean’s List scholar and a catcher for the Holmes

Bulldogs during the 2009-10 school year.

Now the Pearl native is songwriter, singer and guitarist. Bridges’ music is available on iTunes, YouTube and he is on Instagram and Facebook under ZachBridgesMusic. To keep up with Bridges’ appearances on “The Voice,” tune into WLBT at 7 p.m. CST on Monday and Tuesday nights or watch live stream from www.nbc.com.

(left) Pictured is Zach Bridges during his appearance on ‘The Voice.’ (photo from ZachBridgesMusic Facebook Page)

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Just Chill

By Talor Pounds
Staff Reporter



First, never plan too many things in one day. If your day is crowded with unnecessary activities, you can feel

Many times, we let the stress of school, work and keeping a social life overtake us. I'm not writing this to tell you I have the answers, BUT I do know some ways to help.

bombarded. I, like many others, have a crazy schedule. I am a full-time student and work two jobs. It can be difficult fitting everything into one day, but if you just take time out to do things you enjoy, it makes it a lot less stressful.

Secondly, make time to relax. Relaxation is, in my opinion, the best way to deal with stress and a busy schedule. Last semester while everyone was frantic about finals, I studied

what I needed to study then I would grab my Eno and my laptop and head to the lake where I binge watched "FRIENDS." Yes, I binge-watched "Friends." Believe it or not it took a TON of stress off of my shoulders just because I made time to chill.

Lastly, DO NOT PROCRASTINATE! Trust me, I know how easy it is to put stuff off until tomorrow. I spent most of my life procrastinating, but 99 percent of the time I look back and

think "If I had only done that yesterday, I wouldn't have to worry about it today."

The phrase "I can do it tomorrow" is a dangerous assumption to make. Sooner or later tomorrow becomes today, and you are then bombarded with extra stuff to do in that day. These are just a few ways I have found in my own experience to eliminate stress during daily activities.

Saudi Arabia oil attack: What that means for the U.S.

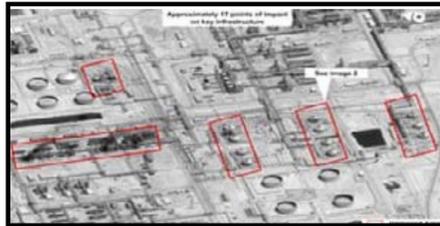
By Latoria Miles
Staff Reporter



Sept. 14 was a devastating day for the people of Saudi Arabia. Their oil field was believed to have been attacked by the Iranians; there were a sanction place on them early

May. This photo shows the areas where the attack was taking place. U.S. President Trump stated on Twitter that he had "reason to believe that we know the culprit" behind the attack on the Abqaiq facility, which is the world's largest petroleum processing plant. The attacks disrupted more than half of the kingdom's oil output and will affect global supplies. However, gas price is on a rise in the coming days

and that will also affect U.S. territory. As of today, some states are starting to see the affected of the attack on Saudi Arabia attack with the gas price.



Ways to Balance Your Life in College

By Cameron Gladney
Staff Reporter



Attending college can be quite stressful for students. As a student like myself, I find it difficult to maintain a healthy and balanced life while attending college. Balancing life with school, work, friends and family, and most importantly, health, can be complex to deal with. However, as time went on, I found a few ways that can limit stress and balance my life while

attending college. Here are several ideas to balance your life better while in college.

1. Stop Procrastination

Students who procrastinate find themselves tired, frustrated and stressed. Procrastination is supposed to be a one-time thing, but turns into a habit quickly. A way to stop procrastination is by getting everything done before its due date. By this I mean students need to set time aside to get everything done beforehand to avoid procrastination.

2. Stay Organized

It can be complicated to stay organized as your mind is cluttered and you have multiple things to do. However, it is best to stay as organized as possible. One way to stay organized is to write a to-do list. This can help you to determine your day and help you stay organized, as well. Another way of staying organized is by being clean and neat. Being clean and neat can, for one, give you a better perspective of things and secondly, it can make you feel better mentally and physically. Being organized relieves stress. The less stress there is, the better your life will be.

3. Make Time For Yourself

It is hard to make free time for yourself, especially you have work, school, sports, friends and family to take part in. However, it is best for you to take a break every now and then. Being stressed can have such a negative effect on your body if you are not taking care properly. Your body needs time to regenerate and fuel up again before going at your daily needs throughout the day. Make time for certain things that can fit your schedule, but also give yourself free time to relax. Resting and doing things that make you feel relaxed and comfortable are two of the few ways to balance your life efficiently.

Be Part of the Pollution Solution!

By Cameron Gladney
Staff Reporter



Holmes is now offering a chance to sign up for 2nd 8 week online classes. These classes will begin on Monday, Oct. 21. To add these classes, you'll have to go through your MyHolmes portal and go to "create/change my schedule." If you find that you are having issues, whether it is figuring out how to add one of these classes or which one you should choose, always remember to contact your advisor and set up a meeting or go to the counselors office on your campus.

Many students tend to drop a class or two in the first few weeks of classes; I myself have had to do this. If you happen to find yourself in this position and realize that you need more hours or would like to

knock out more classes, now is your time to do so! Students tend to panic whenever they think they are falling behind and this puts more stress on them. Extra stress is the last thing you need on top of everything, so go ahead and take this opportunity. Online classes are great to have when you are on a time-restricted schedule. They work around work hours and classes you are already taking on campus. So don't forget to take advantage of this and remember to talk with your advisor or counselor if you need guidance!

Can you name a place where the air, land and water aren't polluted? If you answered yes, congratulations! You and your community are doing a huge favor for our environment. However, it is estimated that 90 percent of the Earth is polluted. Everywhere and all around us, our environment is polluted with filth that a vast amount of people and animals take in, walk on and drink on a daily basis. Many people don't realize how much pollution has a big

impact on our environment. So, what will it take to make people to open their eyes and recognize the problem we have in our environment? Will it take all the plants and animals to die out to make you realize there is problem, or will it take every other person to die after consuming toxic and harmful waste? All of this can be prevented by one person at a time. It can start with you encouraging your community to be a part of the pollution solution! There are a few ways I recommend that can be a start in the right direction. There are several ways to be efficient in your community by reducing, reusing and recycling.

Reducing

Reducing the amount of waste can be one way to start off a way to better our environment. Turn off lights, reduce the waste of litter, turn off water that isn't being used and reduce the use of cars, etc. There are many ways to reduce the lack of waste that is being used.

Reusing

Reusing items can make a big difference in making our environment a better place. Instead of plastic straws, bottles, cups, etc., use reusable items that you can clean and use over again. Reusing will and can reduce the pollution within our environment.

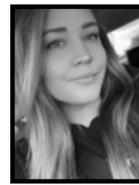
Recycling

Recycling can prevent the trash and clutter that is sent to our landfills on a daily basis. Recycling automatically makes a difference in our environment from being polluted.

Afterall, taking action to make our environment a safer and healthier place is important and it can all start with you! So, get out and encourage others to be part of the pollution solution!

Study Tips

By Brooke Parrett
Staff Reporter



Trying to juggle multiple classes, along with your personal life, can get quite hectic. It's important to not overdo yourself and get too stressed out or overwhelmed to the point that you just feel like breaking down and giving up. A few of my tips for organizing a good study plan include: buying a planner, devoting certain days for certain classes, making flash cards/outlines of your notes and brain breaks.

1. Buying a Planner

A good way to get your studying in

order is to first buy a planner. Investing in a planner will help you more than you would imagine. You may think that you can remember every assignment or test you have coming up, but when you are taking multiple classes, on top of your everyday life activities, it is very easy to forget. This way you can refer to your planner and mark off your tasks as you go.

2. Having a Schedule

Devoting certain days for certain classes will help you to be able to study your classes individually. If you are taking five plus classes a day, it would just be impossible to cram all of this information in in one day. This way, if you schedule two days to the same two or three classes, and then the other two days of the week

to your other classes, it will help you have a system and retain the knowledge more efficiently.

3. Flashcards/Outlining

Flashcards are an excellent studying tool. These help you quiz yourself and actually learn the knowledge better than if you were to just look at terms and the definition. Also making an outline of the notes you took in class will help. This way you can narrow down the important facts that you need to know and focus more on those.

4. Brain Breaks

Taking a "brain break" is very important to me while studying. If you study for

hours and hours on end, your brain just turns to mush after a while. I usually take a brain break for NO longer than 30 minutes. This gives you a minute to refresh your mind and have a minute to relax. Remembering to relax is key to surviving college.

I hope that you will take these tips into consideration and strive throughout your college years. Giving up, or not studying, is not options if you want to succeed. Whenever you are feeling the need to procrastinate, just remember the rewarding life you will have after finishing college and starting your career and life. These are some of the most important times of your life and should be taken seriously and with effort!

It's Here! The Mississippi State Fair

By Latoria Miles
Staff Reporter



From Oct. 2-14, the Mississippi State Fair will have fun rides, good food and the new ice dome for skating, which should be great fun. There is also a musical lineup for every day of the week. Below are the locations and times of the music performers that will be hitting the stages. It is a family affair!

Wednesday: Oct. 2 - 7:30 p.m. - Frank Foster-Budweiser Stage; 6 - 7:15 p.m. - Wolf Trap trio

Thursday: Oct. 3- 7:30 p.m. - Dear Silas, Newscast, Seth Power Music and Vitamin-Budweiser Stage 6-7:15 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 4 - 6: 7:15 p.m.- TB Ledford & The Accumulators- Trustmark Stage

Saturday, Oct. 5-12:30 & 2:30 pm- Jerry Brooks & Jack- Trustmark Stage; 6-7:15p.m. Delta Mountain Boys-Trustmark Stage

Sunday, Oct. 6-6p.m. Crossgates and The Bridge Church- Main Stage

Monday, Oct. 7- 7:30 p.m. Abdul Rasheed & Central MS Blues Society-Budweiser Stage; Alan Sibley & The Magnolia

Ramblers

Tuesday, October 8, 7:30 p.m. Barkays - Budweiser Stage; 6-7:15 p.m. Bill Temperance & Jeff -Trustmark Stage

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m. Michael Ray- Budweiser Stage; 6-7:15 p.m. Voices of Mobile- Trustmark Stage

Thursday- Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m. Blackberry Smoke-Budweiser Stage; 6-7:15 p.m. Ted Ledford & Accumulators- Trustmark Stage

Friday-Oct. 11, 6-7:15 Luckenbach Willie Tribute Band- Trustmark Stage

Saturday-Oct.13, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Harmony & Grits- Trustmark Stage; 6 & 7:15

p.m. Magnolia Drive- Trustmark Stage Sunday, Oct. 13, 6 p.m. Mississippi Mass Choir, Melvin Williams of the Williams Brothers-Main Stage; 6-7:15 p.m. Harmony & Grits- Trustmark Stage



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Dudley Moore from The University of Alabama. They will present “STEM Career Opportunities” in the Fine Arts Auditorium. A panel discussion title, “Why Should I Care? Empathy Across the Community” will also be held at 11 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Vocational Building.

The noon presentation in the Fine Arts Auditorium is “Professionalism in the Health Science” presented by Curnis Upkins, Jr. with the Mississippi Hospital Association. The noon presentation in the Multipurpose Room in the Vocational Building is “STD Prevention for College Students” host-

ed by Odessa Simon-Hawkins, a nurse practitioner at Woman’s Hospital.

The mid-day activities include: lunch (available in several locations this year- the Carroll Cafeteria, Lorraine Student Center and Food Trucks in front of McDaniel) fun and games in the Grove and a performance by the Holmes Chorale in the Chapel on the Hill.

The Holmes Tailgating experience will kick off at 1 p.m. on the practice field adjacent to Ras Branch Field, while the annual Holmes Alumni Association meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference room of Mc-

Morrhough Library. The pep rally will be on the practice field by the tailgate location at 2 p.m. followed by the Holmes Community College Marching Band entering the stadium. The honorees will be recognized at 2:55 p.m. prior to national anthem, which is performed by the Holmes Chorale. Kick-off with Coahoma is set for 3 p.m., and the presentation of the Homecoming Court is at halftime.

McMorrhough Library will be open to all guests who might need a cool place to sit and guests are encouraged to visit Holmes’ Makerspace. The concerts planned are as follows: East of West

will play from 4-6 p.m., Leith Loftin will play at 6:30 p.m. and Az Izz will follow. Az Izz is a nationally-known-versatile, high-energy dance and show band from Atlanta, Georgia.

During the week of Homecoming, there will also be dress-up days on every campus for Spirit Week. Monday, Oct. 21 will be Jersey Day; Tuesday, Oct. 22 will be Western Day; Wednesday, Oct. 23 will be Neon Day and Thursday, Oct. 24, will be School Spirit Day.

For more information about Homecoming, contact Katherine Ellard at kellard@holmescc.edu.

2019 Homecoming Queen & Maids Announced

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes Community College announced the 2019 Homecoming Queen and the Maids.

The 2019 Homecoming Maid is Lily Kate Saxton of Benton. The rest of the Goodman Campus court includes: Student Body Maid Salena Carson of Brandon; Sophomore Maid Tiara Leflore of Byram; Sophomore Maid Kaley Saxton of Brandon; Freshman Maid Mikayla Williams of Yazoo City and Freshman Maid Anna Claire Woodfin of Kosciusko.

Ridgeland Campus Homecoming Maids are as follows: Student Body Maid Isabella Wade of Madison; Sophomore Maid Destiny Maxwell of Brookhaven; Sophomore Maid Brandi Palmer of Jackson; Freshman Maid Amanda Jacobs of Jackson and Freshman Maid Deja Sloan of Houston, Texas.

Finally, Grenada Campus Maids are: Student Body Maid Ivey Devine of Win-

ona; Sophomore Maid Princess Allen of Gore Springs; Sophomore Maid Diamond Hazzard of Charleston; Freshman Maid Kristen Bishop of Grenada and Freshman Maid Ashlyn Nix of Big Creek.

The queen and her court will be presented during halftime of the Bulldogs’ Homecoming Game against Coahoma Community College on Thursday, Oct. 24, in Goodman. Kickoff is scheduled for 3 p.m.

For more information about Homecoming, contact Alumni Coordinator Katherine Ellard at (662) 472-9134 or kellard@holmescc.edu.



Pictured is the 2019 Homecoming Queen and the Goodman Campus Homecoming Maids. They are (left to right) Freshman Maid Mikayla Williams, Freshman Maid Anna Claire Woodfin, Student Body Maid Salena Carson, Homecoming Queen Lily Kate Saxton, Sophomore Maid Tiara Leflore and Sophomore Maid Kaley Saxton.



Pictured are the 2019 Ridgeland Campus Homecoming Maids. They are (left to right) Freshman Maid Amanda Jacobs, Freshman Maid Deja Sloan, Student Body Maid Isabella Wade, Sophomore Maid Destiny Maxwell and Sophomore Maid Brandi Palmer.



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Holmes alumnus gives back to Surgical Tech program

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College alumnus James Baggett of Jackson decided to give back to his alma mater by establishing the James Baggett Scholarship. A former surgical technology student on the Holmes Ridgeland Campus, he designated the scholarship to go to a surgical technology student on the Ridgeland Campus on the basis of financial need and academic potential.

“Holmes Community College has been my home away from home,” Baggett

(left) Pictured is James Baggett, a Holmes alumnus who created a scholarship for Ridgeland surgical tech students.

said. “Through my three-year venture as a student at Holmes, the faculty and staff treated me like family. I was able to obtain not only my Associate of Applied Science degree in mortuary science, but also my degree in surgical technology.”

While at Holmes, Baggett was a stand-out student on campus. He was a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, the Association of Surgical Technology and was the recipient of the 2018 Surgical Technology of the Year Award. While in the mortuary science program, he was part of the National Funeral Director Association and Sigma Phi Sigma (Omicron Chapter of Mortuary Science).

Prior to Holmes, Baggett earned his certification in practical nursing from Hinds Community College. He worked as an advanced LPN for 10 years, working in diverse hospital and human service environments in range from medical-surgical clients to mixed geriatrics, adults to adolescent. Baggett is also certified in P. A. S. S. (Positive Action Support System) with training of T. M. A. B. (Techniques for Managing Aggressive Behavior) and Tuberculosis Surveillance and Testing.

“It is a pleasure and honor to be able to give back to an institution that puts the students first,” Baggett said.

ADN program boasts 98 percent pass rate across the district

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are the 2019 Grenada Campus ADN graduates prior to their Pinning Ceremony on May 9. They are (front row, left to right) Kelvin Lamar, Ashley Wilson, Traci Wilcox, Madzimoyo Owusu, Hope Clark, Vickey Lucius, Chellsee Perry, Amber Hughes, Jacquelyn Brooks, James Pilgreen, Jerrice Mays, Chasity Boykin, Andrea Pike, (back row, left to right) Ivy Watson, Lauren Yarbrough, Amber Simpson, Breanne Picetti, Shirley Thornton, Jesse Rodgers, Taylor Hansen, Maridee Higginbotham, Shatoris Holmes, Meg Grissinger, Danielle Long and Hannah Moore.

Holmes Community College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) students had a 98 percent pass rate on the first attempt of the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). The Holmes ADN program is a 66-hour program and graduates earn the Associate of Applied Science degree. Holmes offers the ADN program on the Grenada and Ridgeland campuses.

“I am proud of both the faculty and the May graduates of this nursing program for obtaining a 98 percent pass rate on first writes,” said ADN Program Chair Dr. Alice Austin. “They continued to work steadfast during this school year with accreditation. Great Job!”

The 2019 ADN graduates on the Grenada Campus were: Chasity Boykin, Jacquelyn Brooks, Hope Clark, Meg Grissinger, Taylor Hansen, Maridee Higginbotham, Shatoris Holmes, Amber Hughes, Kelvin Lamar, Danielle Long, Vickey Lucius, Jerrice Mays, Madzimoyo Owusu, Chell-

see Perry, Breanne Picetti, Andrea Pike, James Pilgreen, Jesse Rodgers, Amber Simpson, Shirley Thornton, Ivy Watson, Traci Wilcox, Ashley Wilson and Lauren Yarbrough.

Program instructors/staff for ADN in Grenada include: Dr. Arletha Coffey, Kristina Lovie Collier, Lisa Davis, Nathan Ewell, Deandra A. Gibson, Lindsey Harville, Amanda Jones, Patty O. Jones, Gwendolyn Lordeon, Vivian H. McGee, Dr. Sandra Gail Townes, Cherie Winter, Administrative Assistant for ADN Judy Smith, ADN Assistant Director Dr. Theresa Hargett and Director of Health Science Programs Ginger Meriwether.

The Ridgeland Campus ADN graduates were: Crystal Anderson, Ashley Nicole Ashley, Emily Baldwin, Brooke Boteler, Gabriel Bridgeman, Kaylee Butts, Madison Clausel, Soma Dhar, Rebecca



Pictured are the 2019 Ridgeland Campus ADN graduates prior to their Pinning Ceremony on May 8. They are (front row, left to right) Brittany Jones, Kristen Lee, Kelsey Oswalt, Ashley Nicole Ashley, Alexis Topik, Stephanie Paul, Katherine Middleton, Soma Dhar, Crystal Anderson, Madalyn Morris, Kaylee Butts, Veronica Rivers, Tori Sprowles, Gabriel Bridgeman, Crystal Sayles, (back row, left to right) Natasha Hudson, Emily Baldwin, Brooke Boteler, Kaitlyn Westcott, Shelby Smith, Madison Clausel, Kelsey Smith, Aqila Moses, Jessica Knott, Rebecca Dickard, Sam Jones, Alice Shelton and Alisha Hudson.

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Instructors/staff on the Ridgeland Campus include: Susan Garraway Anderson, Cindy Owens Bridges, Dr. Tiffany Gordon Cox, Kimberly Napper, Virginia Pearson, Barbara Puryear, Kim Gordon Sandifer, Administrative Assistant for ADN Shiquita Haralson Rand and ADN Chair Dr. Alice Austin.

The ADN program is a two-year program designed to provide educational opportunities to qualified students for a career in nursing. Accredited by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher

Learning of Mississippi (www.ihl.state.ms.us) and the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), the program responds to the expanding health care needs of the community, and the curriculum includes a balance of general education, nursing theory and laboratory/clinical experience.

For more information on the Holmes ADN programs, contact Dr. Austin at aaustin@holmescc.edu or (601) 605-3419.

Ridgeland Campus graduates Surgical Technology Class of 2019

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured is the Ridgeland Campus Surgical Technology Class of 2019. They are (left to right) James McGee, Bekah Misner, Victoria Ward, instructor Shea Coleman, Tina Hamm, Brianna Chapman, Leigh Wilkerson, Carly Richard, Taylor Byrne and Brad Coleman.

The Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus held a Pinning Ceremony for the Surgical Technology Class of 2019 on June 27 at Madison United Methodist Church. Nine students were honored, making this class to the largest graduating Surgical Technology class since the program’s inception on the Ridgeland Campus.

Graduates included: Taylor Byrne of Pearl, Brianna Chapman of Canton, Brad Coleman of Clinton, Tina Hamm of Brandon, James McGee of Edwards, Bekah Misner of Madison, Carly Richard of Richland, Victoria Ward of Ridgeland and Leigh Wilkerson of Brandon.

The ceremony began with a processional of the graduates, followed by an invocation given by Brad Coleman. Following the prayer, Vice President of Career-Technical Education Dr. Amy Whittington welcomed the crowd.

“Ms. Coleman, our instructor, does a great job with our students,” Dr. Whittington said. “We think she’s wonderful and the students would agree with that as well. We want to thank her for getting this class to this point. Thank you to the parents, spouses and children of our graduates; we know it takes a village and these students appreciate the village they have with all of you. We know all of you students couldn’t have done it without each other. I appreciate the relationships you all form in these types of programs. They will be special for a lifetime.”

“The focus of our Career-Technical Education Department at Holmes is student success, Dr. Whittington said. “How do we define student success? A couple of key things: completion, graduation and employment. We have 90 percent completion rate this year, and even better than that, we have 100

percent employment rate already for this class. Congratulations, you’ve done some wonderful things and we expect you to do more wonderful things when you leave us and go out in the world. Holmes will always be your home. Come back to see us; we will always be here for you.”

Following Dr. Whittington, Carly Richard stepped up to introduce the guest speaker, Holmes alumna Shelley Malone.

Malone graduated from the Holmes Surgical Technology program in 2017 where she was both valedictorian and the Surgical Technology Student of the Year. She is a certified surgical technologist and a member of the Association of Surgical Technologists; an honor bestowed on only a few from Mississippi.

“Surgical technology is not just a job; it’s a calling, it’s a vocation,” Malone said. “Not just anyone can do the things that we do. Our responsibility isn’t simply to hand instruments and sponges to a surgeon. You’re going to be as invested in patient care as the doctors and nurses around you and just as involved. As a surgical technologist, you are directly in the line of fire from the surgeon, and your responsibility is to learn and understand surgical procedures as well as he or she does without the benefit of medical school. You are expected to think on your feet constantly.”

“A good tech possesses several distinct qualities: they are outspoken, confident, pay excellent attention to detail and they are dedicated to their

patients,” Malone said. “You have to be outspoken in order to advocate for your patient. Don’t be afraid to speak up when you see something that gets contaminated; it should be a knee-jerk reaction to call something like that out.”

“Confidence is important because even if you don’t feel confident, and you won’t, always, your belief that you know how to do what is best for your patient will build confidence within your surgical team and the case will go more smoothly. Excellent attention to detail is an absolute necessity because your sole responsibility is attending to every detail of the surgery. Everyone in the OR has a job, and this is yours. Dedication to the patient goes without saying. I know that you have put in the time and the effort necessary to prove you that you want what is best for your patients. This is a hands-on experience. It is an experience of servanthood. We are guided by the Latin principle, ‘Primum non nocere,’ which means ‘Above all, do no harm.’”

“Your first priority is protecting your patient,” Malone said. “Always be open to learning new methods, new procedures, etc. Always be trying to learn the next best thing available for treating your patient; trust me, your team will appreciate it. There is absolutely a place for innovation and creativity in this field. I want to welcome you all to this wonderful profession. It is truly a rewarding experience and I hope that each and every one of you finds not only success, but heartfelt

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satisfaction as well.”

Following Malone’s address to the graduates, Surgical Technology instructor Shea Coleman approached the podium to present awards. Leigh Wilkerson was named valedictorian for having the highest GPA out of all the Ridgeland Campus surgical technology students and Bekah Misner was named salutatorian for having the second highest.

After the awards were given, Career-Technical Education Counselor

Allison DeWeese called the students to the stage one-by-one to receive their certificates and pins. Ridgeland Campus Vice President Dr. Don Burnham and Dr. Whittington presented certificates before Coleman pinned each student. Following the pinning, Dr. Burnham addressed the graduates one final time.

“Our faculty here at Holmes cares deeply about the success of our students,” Dr. Burnham said. “Our counselors care deeply about the success

of our students. Graduates, you have persevered and succeeded. Your role is very important in the operating room or wherever you end up working, so always take your job very seriously. Remember to keep your integrity. I’ll say it again, always keep your integrity. Remember Holmes Community College, and know that we are here for you. We hope you’ll come back to see us. May God bless each of you and may your lives reflect His glory as you move on to the next chapter.”

The graduates recited the Association of Surgical Technologists (AST) Code of Ethics before Leigh Wilkerson concluded the ceremony with the benediction.

For more information about the Surgical Technology program on the Ridgeland Campus, contact Coleman at (601) 605-3396 or tc Coleman@holmescc.edu.

Dean gains police certification

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Holmes Community College patrol officer Sheyanne Dean of West recently graduated from the Mississippi Delta Community Law Enforcement

(left) Holmes Patrol Officer **Sheyanne Dean**, left, is congratulated by Goodman Campus Police Chief **Tony McDaniel** at her recent graduation from the Mississippi Delta Community College Law Enforcement Training Academy.

Training Academy in Moorhead.

Dean, a native of West, received certifications in firearms training, emergency vehicle, OC pepper spray and defensive tactics during the 12-week program.

She said the driving week was her favorite part of the program. “The O.C. Course was the worst part of the program for me,” Dean said. “Defensive Tactics was very tiring, but it taught me how to defend myself if I am ever in a hands-on situation.”

She has an associate of arts degree in pre-law and an associate of applied science degree in criminal justice from Holmes CC. She started as a patrol officer in July 2018 at Holmes.

B&B donates bucket truck to Electrical Lineman Program

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are students and instructors in the Holmes Electrical Lineman Program, as well as Workforce Development staff members, with the donated bucket truck.

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

“B&B recognizes the importance of investing in our future generation of utility professionals,” B&B Recruiter Chad Simmons said of the 2004 Freightliner FL70 with an Altec aerial lift donation. “We also believe strong-

ly in supporting our community and giving back.

“Our relationship with Holmes CC is an integral part of B&B’s long-term strategy of identifying, recruiting, and onboarding the very best crop of young utility professionals each year,” he added. “Holmes CC has continued to provide an excellent platform for training these young recruits year after year, and we place an extremely high value on continuing to foster

our ongoing partnership in the future. The community college setting in Mississippi is one of the lifelines for the utility industry and for workforce development as a whole.

“Holmes CC has taken a vision and created a reality of excellence. For over ten years, Holmes has provided Central Mississippi with educated, well-trained, and well-situated apprentice linemen. The 16 week course is an excellent environment for preparing young recruits for employment in a very competitive, technical and demanding field. The classroom and practical education that these apprentices receive is second-to-none.

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

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

“As we continue to strive for safety

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

“B&B donating this truck to our electrical lineman program is huge,” Workforce Coordinator/Attala Center Director Mandy Burrell said. “It is a big asset to our program.

“This allows more students to drive and complete their full CDL Driver’s License with air brakes,” she said. “The support of local industry like B&B is an investment not only to the linemen students, it is also an investment in Mississippi. It helps train individuals to become employees in our state.”

patching and cleanup.

The course is offered at the Attala Center, located at 620 W. Jefferson St., Kosciusko.

For more information, contact Mandy Burrell at mburrell@holmescc.edu (662) 472-9172.

processes used in the masonry trade; safety concerns specific to the trade; explanations of the uses of brick and concrete block, along with basic techniques for mixing mortar and laying masonry units; descriptions of the hand and power tools and equipment used in mixing mortar and in cutting, laying and finishing masonry units; explanations of the safe operation of masonry saws and mortar mixing machines;

lessons on the types and properties of mortar and the materials used in the mixture, including admixtures; lessons covering all types of concrete and clay masonry units and their applications; explanation of the use of ties and reinforcing materials and the processes used in placing masonry units, including layout and setup, spreading mortar, cutting brick and block, laying to the line, making corners, tooling joints,

Brick Masonry now offered at Attala Center

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College Attala Center is now offering Brick Masonry.

Brick Masonry is a new, 72-hour instructional program taught by Scott Garrett. The course, which began on Sept. 3, meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 5-8 p.m. for 12 weeks. This course is free to all participants. Topics covered include: Introduction to historic and current materials and

Attala Center holds Practical Nursing Pinning

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured is the Attala Center graduating Practical Nursing Class of 2019.

The Attala Center of Holmes Community College held a Pinning Ceremony for the graduating Practical Nursing Class of 2019 on June 20 at

the Attala Center. Twenty students were honored during the ceremony. Graduates included: Caylin Cain, Madison Coffee,

Marlaina Dees, Shantel Felton, Pamela Fisher, Jazmin Gates, Jarissa Gibson, Deidre Harris, Chelsea Ingold, Kiva Jackson, Maggie Lawshe, Briana Manning, Chasity McDaniel, Vanessa Miller, Chasaty Moody, Shayla Morgan, Jordan Pee, Talisha Randle, Pacey Roberts and Jamie Wilkinson.

Chasity McDaniel and Jamie Wilkinson received Mississippi Board of Nursing Scholarships while Madison Coffee, Marlaina Dees, Pamela Fisher, Jazmin Gates, Jarissa Gibson, Deidre Harris, Chelsea Ingold, Kiva Jackson, Maggie Lawshe, Chasity McDaniel, Chasaty Moody, Shayla Morgan, Jordan Pee, Talisha Randle and Jamie Wilkinson were recognized as honor

graduates (85 average and above) by the National Association of Practical Nursing. Fisher, Gibson, McDaniel and Pee each were named honor graduates along with Valedictorian Jazmin Gates and Salutatorian Jamie Wilkinson.

Jazmin Gates was recognized as Nursing Student of the Year. Career Technical Education Support Service Coordinator Laura Bigbee served as guest speaker. Fisher and her family also sang “Never Would Have Made It” during the ceremony.

Ridgeland EMS graduates Class of 2019

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are the 2019 Ridgeland Campus EMS graduates following their ceremony on Aug. 1. They are (seated, left to right) **John Joseph Kubala** of Florence, **William Walker Johns** of Ridgeland, **Gary Huhn** of Saltillo, **Cassandra Dipaola** of Madison, **Tia R. Davis** of Sontag, **Rodney Joel Burch** of Brandon, **William C. Ainsworth** of Madison, (standing, left to right) EMS instructor **Yancy Brewer**, **Connor Holt Wilson** of Madison, **Peyton Avery Walchak** of Madison, **Terry Michael Wages** of Terry, **Andrew Dearing Villar** of Benton, **John Edward Throne** of Braxton, **Cody B. Moss** of Ridgeland, **Frank W. Mitchell** of Florence, **Michael Brayden McKay** of Brandon, EMS Medical Director **Dr. Steve Chouteau**, EMS instructor **Sandra Hultz** and EMS Program Director **Mark Galtelli**.

The Ridgeland Campus of Holmes Community College held a ceremony to celebrate the graduating Emergency Medical Sciences Class on Aug. 1 in the McGowan Workforce Training Building. Sixteen students graduated

from the program.

Graduates included: William C. Ainsworth of Madison, Rodney Joel Burch of Brandon, Tia R. Davis of Sontag, Cassandra Dipaola of Madison, Gary Huhn of Saltillo, William

Walker Johns of Ridgeland, George A. Kitchens of Flowood, John Joseph Kubala of Florence, Michael Brayden McKay of Brandon, Frank W. Mitchell of Florence, Cody B. Moss of Ridgeland, John Edward Throne of Braxton, Andrew Dearing Villar of Benton, Terry Michael Wages of Terry, Peyton Avery Walchak of Madison and Connor Holt Wilson of Madison.

The ceremony began with EMS Program Director Mark Galtelli introducing the EMS faculty and addressing the graduates.

“It takes an enormous amount of effort to go through this program,” Galtelli said. “You guys have been successful. You guys have persevered, you guys have been through the trenches and you all have gone through what is essentially a full-time academic load while most of you are also holding full-time jobs. On top of that, you work the equivalent of another full-time job during clinicals. Your family members are not going to know what to do with you when you’re not gone multiple days a week.

“Paramedic school is a life-changing event,” Galtelli said. “I did it a long time ago and I still remember how

exhausting it was, but I still remember every day how rewarding it is. What I ask of you, and what I ask of every class, is that when you go out, represent yourself well. Represent the college well, represent this program well. Look for the extra deep inside of you to make a difference. I want you to make a difference in somebody’s life. Success is not about how much money you make in your career or what title you occupy. At the end of the day, the success that you have is going to be written on the lives that you touch and how much impact you have on your patients. Every one of you have a tremendous opportunity to be very impactful in this career.”

Following the address, EMS instructor Yancy Brewer called the graduates to the front one-by-one where Galtelli and Dr. Steve Chouteau presented certificates. A reception was held in the lobby following the ceremony.

For more information about the EMS program on the Ridgeland Campus, contact Galtelli at (601) 605-3331 or mgaltelli@holmescc.edu.

Grenada Campus holds Practical Nursing Pinning

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured is the Grenada Campus graduating Practical Nursing Class of 2019.

The Grenada Campus of Holmes Community College held a Pinning Ceremony for the graduating Practical Nursing Class of 2019 on June 20 in the Corey Forum on the Grenada

Campus. Twenty-eight students were honored during the ceremony.

2019 Graduates included: Holly Allbritton, Alexis Ashmore, Hope Barker, Crystal Boedecker, Tiffany

Booker, Kaylea Byrd, Ja’Quorius Coleman, Ashley Duke, Tanaka Forrest, Shuntay Golliday, Emily Hardin, Emily Holley, Chelsi Jones, Mahalia Jones, Candice Kilgore, Meredith Lukers, Ty’Denicia Mc Glothan, Lexanna Newsom, Shelbi Orrell, Eric Parks, Deidre Payton, Jolona Peery, Sonmondra Quinn, Jessica Robinson, Katelyn Rodgers, Elizabeth Taylor, Angie Williams and Candace Willingham.

Hope Barker, Kaylea Byrd, Tanaka Forrest and Mahalia Jones received Mississippi Board of Nursing Scholarships while Holly Allbritton, Hope Barker, Crystal Boedecker, Kaylea Byrd, Ja’Quorius Coleman, Ashley Duke, Shuntay Golliday, Emily Hardin, Chelsi Jones, Mahalia Jones, Candice Kilgore, Meredith Lukers, Ty’Denicia Mc Glothan, Lexanna Newsom, Deidre Payton, Jolona Peery,

Sonmondra Quinn, Jessica Robinson, Katelyn Rodgers, Elizabeth Taylor, Angie Williams and Candace Willingham were recognized as honor graduates (85 average and above) by the National Association of Practical Nursing. Crystal Boedecker, Kaylea Byrd, Emily Hardin, Chelsi Jones, Mahalia Jones, Candice Kilgore, Meredith Lukers, Ty’Denicia Mc Glothan and Jessica Robinson were named honor graduates along with Valedictorian Holly Allbritton and Salutatorian Lexanna Newsom. Lexanna Newsom was recognized as Nursing Student of the Year.

From GED to Ingalls employment, Kosciusko native excels through Holmes programs

From Staff Reports/Photos



Matthew Moore

Holmes Community College began a new partnership with Ingalls Shipbuilding in 2018 and among those in the inaugural program was Attala County native Matthew Moore. This was not Moore's first time in a Holmes program, however; the 22-year-old first came to the college to earn a High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma. As a participant in the MI-BEST program, he not only took Adult Basic Education classes and earned his diploma, but also earned welding credits and completed the Ingalls shipfitting

training program.

MI-BEST, or Mississippi Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training, is a program implemented through the Mississippi Community College Board that allows qualified applicants to take courses they need to prepare for the HSE diploma while at the same time training for a future career. Holmes offers Adult Basic Education classes in several locations in its district, and these classes are open to the public for those who have not completed high school or wish to increase their functioning level to enter college, training or the job market.

"I first started going to Holmes to earn my GED," Moore said. "Mr. Tommy Trussell, he really helped me out and helped me get it. Then they introduced me to welding, so I figured I would try it, and I really enjoyed it. I planned to start a career in welding, but then the Ingalls shipfitting program started, and I decided to go through it while still taking welding classes. I can say, all the teachers in both programs were great and helped me out a lot. It worked out that after I finished the shipfitting program and passed the exam, they offered me a job

at Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula."

Moore was so impressed by the program that he inspired his father, Alex Moore, to follow in his footsteps. Alex Moore began the 17-week program in the spring of 2019 and like his son, was offered a position upon completion.

"Overall, it was a great experience," (Matthew) Moore said. "If it wasn't for the Ingalls program at Holmes, I wouldn't be where I am now, I know that."

For the last 80 years Ingalls, the largest industrial/manufacturing employer in Mississippi, has pioneered the development and production of technologically-advanced, highly-capable warships for the surface Navy fleet, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Marine Corps and foreign and commercial customers.

In the Ingalls training at Holmes, students learned basic safety, ship terms, blueprint reading, welding and industrial math tailored to specific needs of Ingalls Shipbuilding's operations. These skills could also apply to other career paths. Tim Townsend serves as lead instructor while Cham Blain teaches blueprint reading and

Sara Williams teaches industrial math.

Ingalls aims to provide students with employment offers, contingent on successful completion of the course, as well as recommendations from Holmes staff based on class performance. Employment with Ingalls will include a number of perks and benefits, including a 401K, and opportunities for advancement within the company. Additionally, the company offers frequent attendance bonuses and a tuition-reimbursement program to allow employees to further their education while employed with Ingalls. To begin the program, a high school diploma/GED is not required, but preferred.

To learn more about the program, or learn more about enrolling in the spring 2019 cohort, contact Mandy Burrell at mburrell@holmescc.edu or (662) 290-0808. To learn about Ingalls Shipbuilding, please visit ingalls.huntingtoningalls.com.

To learn more about Adult Basic Education classes and HSE options, contact Adult Basic Education/HSE Director Earline Smith at esmith@holmescc.edu.

23 Ridgeland ADN students participate in summer externship program

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are (left to right) Holmes ADN students Mckenna Patridge, Maggie Bloodworth, Rudasia Lee, Tyler Bingham and Hannah Mabry following UMMC's Preceptor/Student Nurse Extern Recognition Ceremony.

Holmes Community College's Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program is one of the many nursing schools around the state to participate in the Summer Student Nurse Externship Program. This year, 23 Ridgeland Campus ADN students received externship placements in surrounding area hospitals.

Employment sites included Baptist

Hospital in Jackson, Baptist Hospital in Yazoo City, Crossgates Merit Health, Mississippi Methodist Rehabilitation Center (MMRC), St. Dominic's Hospital and the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC).

The Holmes students placed at Baptist included Kerri Neely and Cody Collier at the Jackson location and Joseph Guthrie in Yazoo City. Taylor Rice was placed at Crossgates Merit Health, Lyric Richards and Amy Walker worked at MMRC and the St. Dominic's group included Ashleigh Montgomery, Karah Vinzant, Rebecca Strong, Sara Grace Colbert, Amanda Nicholson, Jackson Cooper, Madison Powers, Lauren Coon, Lindsey Kirkland and Lacey White. The students placed at UMMC Mandi Beard, Tyler Bingham, Maggie Bloodworth, Rudasia Lee, Hannah Mabry, Patridge, Mckenna Patridge and Casey Reeves.

Sponsored by the Mississippi Hospital Association Organization for Nurse Executives and the Mississippi Council of Deans and Directors of Schools of Nursing, the externship program has four overall goals:

1. Provide students in nursing with an opportunity to enhance previously learned skills under the supervision of experienced registered nurses in the healthcare setting

2. Assist students of nursing to experience acceptance in a work situation appropriate to their potential as future registered nurses

3. Prepare students to assume responsibilities of full-time employees with respect to performance requirements, policies, and procedures of a health care agency

4. Encourage retention of nursing graduates through provision of supplemental practice experience within the workplace

Placement for externship positions requires a rigorous application and interview process and competition for positions. Student nurse externs must be enrolled in an accredited school of nursing program and the Nurse Externship course, have good academic standing and work a minimum of 320

hours at the assigned facility under the guidance of a clinical registered nurse with a minimum of one year practice.

"The opportunity is a win-win for the student and the facility," said Holmes nursing instructor Tiffany Gordon Cox, Ph.D., RN, MPPA, CNE. "The students learn and experience on-site clinicals while receiving pay for their work. The facilities get to do 'on the job' interviews and introduce themselves to potential employees."

This year, the UMMC held a Preceptor/Student Nurse Extern Recognition Ceremony at the completion of the externship. Holmes alumna Alexis Topik, who graduated from the ADN program in May 2018, served as a speaker for the ceremony. She shared her experiences as a nurse extern at UMMC in the summer of 2017 and how the experience fostered her success in her sophomore year and in acclimating into the nursing profession.

For more information about the Holmes ADN program, contact program director Dr. Alice Austin at aaustin@holmescc.edu.

Attala County benefits from recent Enbridge grant

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Robert Ellis of Enbridge, front right, presents to check to Mandy Burrell of Holmes, Darren Milner of the Kosciusko Attala Partnership and Tony Holder of the Career Technical Center.

The Kosciusko Attala Partnership has been awarded a \$1,000 grant from Enbridge, one of the nation's leading energy delivery companies.

The Kosciusko Attala Partnership will use the grant to help over 30 students at the Career Technical Center of Attala County take the National Career Readiness Certificate test at no cost. The Holmes Community College Attala Center provides the testing at a discounted rate and allows more students to be able to take the test.

"More employers are requiring the ACT WorkKeys NCRC tests and as a work ready community, we want to ensure that as many students as possible can take it. Our partnership with the Career Technical Center is very important and their leadership in workforce development and training for future generations has proven to be very effective for students entering college

or seeking work right out of high school," said Darren Milner, Executive Director of the Kosciusko Attala Partnership.

"Having a company like Enbridge provide a grant like this really helps many of the students who might otherwise not be able to afford it," said Tracy Hardy, Counselor, Career Technical Center.

"Holmes Community College is extremely happy to partner with the Kosciusko Attala Partnership to offer this to students in our local community. It is a wonderful opportunity for these students that can have a huge impact on their future and the career path they choose," said Mandy Burrell, Workforce Coordinator and Director of the Attala Center.

Holmes Attala Center offering community art classes

From Staff Reports/Photos



(far right) Pictured is Jay Cheatham with his students and their door hangers.

The Holmes Community College Attala Center is offering art classes taught by Fine Arts Chair and art instructor Jay Cheatham this fall. The activity-specific workshops include: Halloween Door Hangers and Christmas Ornaments.

The "Halloween Door Hangers" class was held on Tuesday, Oct. 1, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. To prepare for Christmas, Cheatham will hold a "Christmas Ornaments" sessions on both Tuesday, Nov. 5 and Tuesday, Nov. 12, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The classes cost \$25 each and will be held at The Attala Center located on 620 West Jefferson Street in Kosciusko.

Cheatham also taught a "Still Life with Flowers" workshop involving acrylic painting on a canvas on Sept. 3.

For more information on the community art classes or other Attala workforce classes, contact Workforce Coordinator Mandy Burrell at mburrell@holmescc.edu or (662) 290-0808.

Holmes nursing programs receive scholarship funding

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Mississippi Board of Nursing Office of Nursing Workforce presented scholarships to nursing schools in Mississippi during their regular business meeting on July 26. Holmes Community College received \$12,000 in funding which will help nursing students in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) and Practical Nursing (PN) programs. Holmes ADN Chair Dr. Alice Austin accepted the monies on behalf of the college.

Holmes offers the ADN program on the Ridgeland and Grenada campuses and the PN program in Ridgeland, Grenada and at the Attala Center in Kosciusko. The ADN program offers a curriculum for those seeking an ADN degree and to qualify to

take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX) as well as licensing from the Mississippi State Board of Nursing. For more information about the ADN program, contact Shiquita Haralson at sharalson@holmescc.edu or (601) 605-3439.

The PN program prepares the individual to assist in providing general nursing care requiring basic knowledge of the biological, physical, behavioral, psychological and sociological sciences. This care is performed under the direction of a registered nurse, licensed physician or dentist. This program provides intensive preparation for the NCLEX-PN Exam and transitioning from student to employee. Holmes offers two different options: the full-time day track and a hybrid option. For more information about the PN program, contact Reagan Dilmore at rdilmore@holmescc.edu or (601) 605-3345.

(left) Pictured is (left) Associate Degree Nursing Chair Dr. Alice Austin accepting scholarship monies from (right) Director of the Office of Nursing Workforce Gregg Taylor.

Sandra Townes earns PhD in Nursing Education and Administration

From Staff Reports/Photos



Dr. Sandra G. Townes

Sandra G. Townes, RN, a nursing instructor on the Holmes Community College Grenada Campus, recent-

ly earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Education and Administration from William Carey University. Her dissertation was titled "The Perceived Effectiveness of a Learning and Life Skills Course for first-semester Associate Degree Nursing Students on Academic Skills, Nursing Knowledge, Preparation for the Nursing Curriculum and Retention."

The purpose of this study was to determine the perceived effectiveness of a Learning and Life Skills course for first-semester Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) students on academic skills, nursing knowledge, preparation for the nursing curriculum and retention. The study was conducted at a community college located in the southeast region of the U.S. The researcher selected a

purposive sample of thirteen participants who completed the LLS course and were retained in the program in the fourth semester.

Dr. Townes holds a Master of Science in Nursing Education from William Carey University, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Mississippi University for Women as well as an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing from Holmes Community College. Before coming to Holmes, she served as a nursing instructor for Mississippi Delta Community College. Her nursing career includes experience in case management, medical/surgical and pediatric care.

Dr. Townes and her husband have been married 11 years and together they have three children: Patricia,

Javarius and Jamelia Brown, who tragically passed away in 2010. The Townes also have two grandchildren and one on the way. In her free time, she enjoys DIY projects and serving her community. She is a member of Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority, Inc.; a group which provides community services such as health education, blood pressure checks, blood glucose checks, among other services. Dr. Townes also attends Washington Street Church of Christ where she is involved in different activities and programs.

Theresa Hargett earns Doctor of Higher Education and Leadership

From Staff Reports/Photos



Dr. Theresa Hargett

Theresa Hargett, Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) assistant program chair on the Holmes Community College Grenada Campus, recently earned a Doctor of Higher Education and Leadership from the University of Mississippi. Hargett's dissertation was titled "Students' Perceptions and Strategies for Success in an Associate Degree Nursing Program."

The focus of this study was to gain understanding of adaptations that led third-semester ADN students to be successful in their first-year. The research questions sought to answer second-year, third-semester students'

perceptions of their first-year experiences of faculty interventions and personal strategies applied for success. Understanding adaptations and personal strategies utilized by first-year students could increase efforts to further improve retention of students in their first year of nursing school.

Hargett holds a BSN from Delta State University (1995) and an MSN from Delta State University (2009). She has worked for Holmes for since 2009. Previously, she was employed with Continue Care Home Health as a PRN, and she has over 24 years of experience in hospital and home health.

Hargett has been married to her husband, Darrell, for 27 years and they have a daughter, Katlyn; a son, Alex, a daughter-in-law, Samantha, and three grandchildren: Aubree, Axel and Xander. In her free time, she loves to read and spend time with family and friends. Hargett is also a member of Charleston Church of God.

Lisa Davis earns PhD in Nursing Education and Administration

From Staff Reports/Photos



Dr. Lisa Davis

Lisa Davis, an Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) instructor on the Holmes Community College Grenada Campus, recently earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Education and Administration from William Carey University. Davis' dissertation was titled "Examining the Impact of Academic and Social Integration on Retention of First-Year Associate Degree Nursing Students."

The purpose of this research was to determine if a Multifaceted Retention Program built on academic and social integration impacts retention of first-year associate degree nursing students.

Additionally the study sought to determine which of the implemented strategies the student perceived as most helpful as they progressed through the first year of nursing school. Data were collected to examine the demographics and progression of two classes of first-year ADN students. Results indicate increased faculty-student interaction improves retention of first-year ADN students.

A Holmes alumna, Davis earned an ADN from the college in 1997, a BSN from Mississippi University of Women in 2011 and a MSN William Carey in 2013. Prior to joining the Holmes

faculty in 2013, Davis was employed by Grenada Lake Medical Center (now University of Mississippi Medical Center Grenada) from 1997-2013.

Davis has been married to her husband, Ralph, for 32 years and they have a daughter, Emily; a son, Mitch, and a daughter-in-law, Amber. Outside of work, she loves to play tennis, cook and watch movies. She is also an active member of Friendship Baptist Church.

Antoine Gates earns doctoral degree

From Staff Reports/Photos



Dr. Antoine Gates

Antoine Gates, an instructor, Phi Theta Kappa adviser and Faculty Association advisor at Holmes Community College, recently completed his PhD in science and math education from the University of Southern Mississippi after defending his dissertation, "Faculty Interactions with Black Male Students at HBCUs and Community Colleges as Predictors of Academic Achievement in STEM."

Participants from a community college and an HBCU in Mississippi were surveyed to identify whether significant differences existed in the interactions STEM faculty formed with black

males between these institutions. Also, the goal of this study was to determine if aspects of faculty interactions with these males from each type of institution correlated with student achievement based on the students' self-reported STEM GPA.

Dr. Gates earned his Bachelor of Science in biology with minors in chemistry and French and later went on to earn his Master's Studies (MST) degree in science and math education with an emphasis in biology from Jackson State University. Dr. Gates has a wife, a 20-month-old toddler and a boxer dog. He and his wife met at their

doctoral program at USM. Dr. Gates enjoys spending time with his family, traveling and music. Dr. Gates is also involved as a ministry leader at his church.

Christi Blair earns Doctor of Nursing Practice degree

From Staff Reports/Photos



Dr. Christi Blair

Christi Blair received her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in December of 2018 from the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC). Blair is the Practical Nursing Department Chair and also serves on the Instructional Affairs Committee at Holmes. Although she started out teaching at the main Holmes campus in Goodman, the practical nursing program has now moved to the Holmes Attala Center located in Kosciusko.

Her systematic review was, "Podcasting Use and Student Outcomes in Nursing Education: A Scoping Re-

view." The objective of this study was to explore existing literature related to nursing education and the use of podcasting, examine and conceptually map the evidence and identify any gaps.

In 1992, Blair received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from UMMC. Later, Blair went on to earn her Masters of Science in Nursing from UMMC in 1998. She began the doctoral program, also at UMMC, in 2015.

Blair is married to David Blair of Kosciusko and they have three children: Courtney, Channing and Houston. She is an avid reader and also

enjoys swimming, boating and going on cruises.

Larry Webster earns PhD from Southern Miss

From Staff Reports/Photos



Dr. Larry Webster

Larry Webster, the Holmes Community College director of career and technical education-professional studies, recently earned his Ph.D. in human capital development from The University of Southern Mississippi. Webster's dissertation was titled "Enabler and Barriers Influencing African American Administrators' Career Advancement at Predominantly White Institutions of Higher Learning."

The purpose of the study was to explore and identify enablers and barriers contributing to African Americans' career advancement into administrative positions at PWIs of higher learning.

This study's design was qualitative phenomenological and the study population included mid and upper-level African American administrators who work at predominantly white two-year and four-year public institutions of higher learning in the state of Mississippi. The objective was to understand the participants' perception of the perceived enablers and barriers influencing career advancement of African Americans at PWIs in Mississippi.

Dr. Webster holds a B.A. in sociology from Mississippi Valley State University, an M.S. in community development and an M.Ed. from Delta State

University. He and his wife Michelle have three children: Branden, Ebonee and Larry Caleb. In his free time, Dr. Webster enjoys playing golf, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

SkillsUSA takes third in national competition

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Pictured are the members of the 2019 SkillsUSA Opening and Closing Team. They are (left to right) **Audrey Elmore**, Historian (Cosmetology); **Jada Ware**, Treasurer (Cosmetology); **Yernita Parham**, Vice President (Welding); **Hallie Westbrook**, President (Architectural Engineering Technology); **David Hasty**, Secretary (HVAC); **Corey Boone**, Reporter (Industrial Technology) and **Devin Leal**, Parliamentarian (HVAC).

Students and advisers from the Holmes Community College Goodman Campus Chapter of SkillsUSA attended the National SkillsUSA Competi-

tion in Louisville, Kentucky, June 24-29. The week-long event yielded seven medals to Goodman students.

Members of the Opening and Clos-

ing Team competed in April 2019 in Jackson at the SkillsUSA State Competition, where they clinched first place and secured their spot to represent Holmes and the state of Mississippi at the national level. The Opening and Closing Team was anchored by veteran Hallie Westbrook, who, two years ago, was on the Opening and Closing Team that won first place in the state and third in the nation. Derrick Rainey served as the Coach for the Team back in 2017 and again this year during the 2019 surge that finished third in the nation again this year.

"It's like a building, the success part, that is," Advisor Will Alexander explained. "You need a good, solid foundation and strong support for a building to stand tall and weather the storm. Derrick is that foundation we have in our organization, especially in regard to coaching public speaking. He has a way of pulling charisma out

of students and building champions." Months of memorization, speech preparation, and animation went into the success of the Team and their accomplishments. This particular year was more challenging than others in that the Team encompassed student members from five different Vocational and/or Technical programs of study. These seven students overcame many obstacles to practice and excel in their area of competition.

Members of the 2019 SkillsUSA Opening and Closing Team included: Corey Boone, Reporter (Industrial Technology); Audrey Elmore, Historian (Cosmetology); David Hasty, Secretary (HVAC); Devin Leal, Parliamentarian (HVAC); Yernita Parham, Vice President (Welding); Hallie Westbrook, President (Architectural Engineering Technology) and Jada Ware, Treasurer (Cosmetology).

'Cruisin for a Cure' Tahoe makes stop at Attala Center

From Staff Reports/Photos



Guests of honor at the Attala Center Cruisin for a Cure Stop included: (left to right) **Missy Woodfin**, **Connie Henderson**, **Jerrellyn Jackson** and **Amy Tucker**.

Boswell Media's "Cruisin for a Cure" Tahoe made a stop at the Attala Center in Kosciusko on Oct. 10 promoting Breast Cancer Awareness in Attala and surrounding counties.

Students and staff from the Attala Center raised \$470.05 for the American Cancer Society and were able to sign the pink 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe provided by Franks Chevrolet and wrapped by Holt's Body Shop, both in Kosciusko. The students in practical nursing, business and office technology, Ingalls and workforce participated in the event, along with faculty/staff from the Attala Center.

At the event Mandy Burrell recognized guests of honor were cancer survivors: Jerrellyn Jackson, a seven-year survivor; Connie Henderson, a six-year survivor; Amy Tucker, a survivor for less than a year and Missy Woodfin, who is currently undergoing treatment and awaiting surgery.

Melissa Boswell, of Boswell Media, talked about the pink "Cruisin for a Cure" Tahoe and its schedule over the next couple of weeks. The Tahoe will travel to local schools, events, and businesses in Attala and surrounding counties to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Every

penny of the money raised goes to the American Cancer Society.

The Tahoe will be in Goodman for Homecoming on Oct. 24. Donations will be accepted, and people will have the opportunity to sign the Tahoe Homecoming activities. The truck will also take part in Major's Truck Expo in the grove between 10 a.m. and noon so plan on stopping by to help raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Other sponsors besides Holmes Community College include: Franks Chevrolet, Holt's Body Shop, Fair

Propane, Holmes Community College, Baptist Medical Center, Fair Propane, First Financial Bank, Glassworx, Huddle House, Ivey Mechanical, Michelle Nicholson State Farm, Moore's Pharmacy, Premier Medical Group of Mississippi, Renasant Bank, Starkville Clinic for Women, The Citizen's Bank, Redub Insurance Agency.



Pictured are all "Cruisin for a Cure" rally participants in front of the Holmes Attala Center on Oct. 10.

Holmes recognizes faculty, staff for years of service

From Staff Reports/Photos



(left to right) Michael Pawlik and Dr. Jim Haffey (AKA Dr. Emmett Brown and Marty McFly) stop for a photo in front of the delorean during the Back to the Future themed Opening Convocation.

On Monday, Aug. 12, Holmes Community College celebrated the upcoming school year with an Opening Convocation on the Goodman Campus. This year's theme was "Back to the Future," giving employees an opportunity to rock their 80's garb if they felt inclined. In addition to the employee mix and mingle, a recognition of new employees, a welcome message by President Dr. Jim Haffey and breakout sessions by department, the institution also recognized those who have reached milestones for their years of service to Holmes.

The employees recognized for five years of service to the college included: Christie Adams, cosmetology instructor, Goodman Campus; Shari Box, housekeeper, Goodman; Miranda Burns, data entry specialist, Ridgeland; Mary Margaret Busby, public relations specialist/journalism instructor, Ridgeland; Arletha Coffey, nursing instructor, Grenada; Shea Coleman,

surgical technology instructor, Ridgeland; Debbie Collins, housekeeper, Grenada; Kristin Daniels, administrative assistant for evening programs, Ridgeland; Kerri Edwards, administrative assistant to the academic dean, Ridgeland; James Floyd, forest technology instructor, Grenada; Susan Garraway Anderson, associate degree nursing (ADN) instructor, Ridgeland; Tina Garrett, psychology instructor, Grenada; Raymond Gross, co-offensive football coach, Goodman; James Hodges, groundskeeper, Goodman; Sandra Hultz, emergency medical science instructor, Ridgeland; Jason Kelly, history instructor, Goodman; Meg King, physical therapist assistant program director, Grenada; Suzanne Lawshe, coordinator of student accounts, Goodman; LaShonda Levy, English instructor, Goodman; Dr. Troy Milliken, chemistry instructor, Ridgeland; Patrick Sample, police officer, Goodman; Elizabeth Shelby,

admissions & records/financial aid assistance, Ridgeland; Jennifer Smith, assistant librarian, Ridgeland; Judy Tucker, police officer, Ridgeland; Lisa Wilbourn, business and office technology instructor, Grenada, and Heather Wood, mathematics instructor, Grenada.

The faculty and staff members recognized for 10 years of service with the college included: Mitch Costilow, IT technician, Grenada; Theresa Hargett, ADN instructor, Grenada; Dr. Luke Jones, director of industrial studies, Goodman; Patty Jones, ADN instructor, Grenada; Jessica Lepard, coordinator of transfer articulation, Goodman; Pam Moore, education programs instructor, Grenada; Josh Neagle, IT technician, Goodman; Cheryl Smith, maintenance, Ridgeland; Alice Watson, maintenance, Ridgeland; Shie-neith White, administrative assistant for maintenance, Goodman, and Greg Wilson, biological sciences instructor, Ridgeland.

The employees recognized for 15 years of service with the college included: Caroline Barton, history instructor, Goodman; Laura Bigbee, career-technical education support coordinator, Goodman; Lynn Boykin, engineering technology instructor, Ridgeland; Yancy Brewer, emergency medical technician instructor, Ridgeland; Jeffrey Brown, band director, Goodman; Dr. Stephanie Diffey, director of institutional research and effectiveness, Goodman; Justin Ferguson, network administrator, Grenada; J.R. Hall, history instructor, Ridgeland; Eric Kimbrough, maintenance groundskeeper, Goodman; Addie Lusk, dorm security, Goodman; Brenda Melton, assistant to the director of admissions, Goodman; Joey Netherland, maintenance supervisor, Goodman, and Joe Washington, maintenance

groundskeeper, Goodman.

The 20-year service award recipients included: Rosalyne Davis, biological science instructor, Goodman; Pamela Fells, academic counselor, Ridgeland; Roxanne Harrison, administrative assistant for career-technical education, Grenada; Joe McDaniel, maintenance engineer, Goodman and Tony McDaniel, police chief, Goodman.

There was only one employee recognized for 30 years of service to Holmes and that was Terrell Hammett, who is a payroll analyst on the Goodman Campus.

New Holmes employees were also recognized. Those included: Kenny Arnett, maintenance/security, Attala Center; Kate Barton, practical nursing instructor, Grenada; Wade Beard, chief of police, Grenada; Cheri Bergeron, accounting eLearning instructor, Goodman; Morgan Bondurant, multi-media/web developer, Ridgeland; Paul Brown, occupational therapy assistant instructor/fieldwork coordinator, Ridgeland; Eric Colbert, assistant basketball coach, Goodman; Haley DeNoon, recruiter/student activities coordinator, Grenada; Benny Edwards, choral music director/instructor, Goodman; LeMarcus Gibson, assistant head coach/defense assistant, Goodman; Rekam Giri, physics instructor, Goodman; Clate Holleman, director of financial aid, Goodman; Amy Lindsay, practical nursing instructor, Attala Center; Ronnie Lockett, grounds crew, Goodman; Jacqueline Meek, music instructor, Goodman; Terry Miller, assistant band director, Goodman; Durga Siwakoti, physics instructor, Ridgeland; and Roger Wade, chief of police, Ridgeland.

Following the recognitions, Dr. Haffey addressed the state of the college and new programs/renovations underway before dismissing for lunch and departmental meetings.



Pictured is Terrell Hammett, the only employee recognized for 30 years of service with the college.



Pictured are the 20-year service award recipients. They are (seated, left to right) Pamela Fells, Rosalyne Davis, Roxanne Harrison, (standing, left to right) Joe McDaniel and Tony McDaniel.



Pictured are the 15-year service award recipients. They are (seated, left to right) Brenda Melton, Caroline Barton, Laura Bigbee, Lynn Boykin, Dr. Stephanie Diffey, Addie Lusk, Joe Washington, (standing, left to right) Yancy Brewer, Jeffrey Brown, Justin Ferguson, J.R. Hall, Eric Kimbrough and Joey Netherland, Jr.



Pictured are the 10-year service award recipients. They are (seated, left to right) Dr. Theresa Hargett, Dr. Luke Jones, Patty Jones, Jessica Lepard, Cheryl Smith, Shie-neith White, (standing, left to right) Mitch Costilow, Josh Neagle, Pam Moore and Greg Wilson.



Pictured are the five-year service award recipients. They are (seated, left to right) Christie Adams, Shari Box, Miranda Burns, Arletha Coffey, Shea Coleman, Debbie Collins, Kristin Daniels, Kerri Edwards, Susan G. Anderson, Tina Garrett, Sandra Hultz, Meg King, James Floyd, Raymond Gross, James Hodges, Jason Kelly, Suzanne Lawshe, LaShonda Levy, Mary Margaret Busby, Patrick Sample, Elizabeth Shelby, Jennifer Smith, Lisa Wilbourn and Heather Wood. Not pictured: Dr. Troy Milliken and Judy Tucker.

Holmes wins awards in state yearbook competition

From Staff Reports/Photos



Sometimes you can judge a book by its cover. In this case, Holmes Community College's Horizons yearbook placed first in the cover category in the 2018-19 Mississippi Community and Junior College Press Association yearbook competition.

This year, Holmes' yearbook theme was "Together, We are One," and Horizons placed fifth overall. In addition to the cover category, the yearbooks

(left) Pictured is the award-winning cover of the 2019 Holmes Horizons Yearbook.

were also judged on four other categories including theme/concept, design, copy and photography. Holmes took third place in the coverage category, fifth in design and tied with Hinds Community College for fifth in theme. Additionally, Holmes tied with East Central Community College for fourth in photography and placed seventh in the copy category.

The 2018-19 Horizons staff members included: Kaitlyn Anderson of Jackson, Jesseca Bass of Canton, Darius Davis of Canton, Stafford Griffin of Carthage, Nykeem Liddell of Camden, Madison McClure of Madison, Auro-

ra Sant'Angelo of Jackson and Kylie Steele of Flowood. The yearbook cover was created by Holmes graphic designer Stephanie Wood and the yearbook is advised by public relations specialist/publications coordinator Mary Margaret Busby.

For more information about student publications at Holmes, contact Busby at mbusby@holmescc.edu or (601) 605-3376.

Rep. Michael Guest speaks to Holmes Ridgeland students

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured with (center) Rep. Michael Guest are (left to right) Ridgeland Academic Dean Dr. Tonya Lawrence, history instructor Laura Canard, history/political science instructor Kay Kelly and Ridgeland Campus Vice President Dr. Don Burnham.

Rep. Michael Guest, representative for Mississippi's 3rd District, spoke on the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus on Tuesday, Oct. 8. Rep. Guest spoke to students in Kay Kelly and Laura Canard's history classes.

Guest, a native of Brandon, graduated from Mississippi State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting and the University of Mississippi School of Law with a Juris Doctor. He served as the Assistant District Attorney for Madison and Rankin counties from 1994 through 2008, and became District Attorney in 2008. He serves on the following committees: Committee on Homeland Security; Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation and Operations Committee on Foreign

Affairs; Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy and the Environment; and Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security and Trade Committee on Ethics.

DeWeese Named Diplomat of the Month

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce recognized Allison DeWeese as the September Diplomat of the Month. DeWeese is a career-technical counselor on the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus.

DeWeese received a certificate of appreciation from Diplomat Co-Captains Enjoli Nolen, Luckett Land Title, Inc. and Lee Balch, BancorpSouth, when

the group held their Diplomat meeting recently at Burgers & Blues. DeWeese also serves as co-advisor for the Chamber's Junior Diplomat Program.

DeWeese holds an Associate of Arts from Hinds Community College, as well as a bachelor's and master's from Mississippi State University.

(left) Pictured is (center) Allison DeWeese, a Holmes career-tech counselor who was named Ridgeland Chamber Diplomat of the Month.

Fall Makeup Yearbook Photos scheduled for November

From Staff Reports/Photos



Matt Sweeney with N-Focus Photography will return to Holmes Community College in November for fall makeup yearbook photos. He will be on the Ridgeland Campus on Tuesday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Student Union. Next, he will be on the Goodman Campus on Wednesday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Lorance Student Center. Finally, he will be in Grenada on Thursday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Corey Forum.

Makeup photos will be scheduled for January 2020, as well, with the dates to be

announced later this fall. Those makeup photos will be offered at the Ridgeland, Goodman and Grenada campuses, as well as at the Attala Center.

In addition to serving as yearbook portraits, these photos will be available to faculty and staff for personal use. Only photos taken during the 2019-2020 school year will be used in the 2020 Horizons Yearbook; no old photos will be used.

For any questions about yearbook photos, contact Mary Margaret Busby at mbusby@holmescc.edu.

Soccer to hold White Out game on Oct. 17

From Staff Reports/Photos



On Thursday, Oct. 17, the Holmes Community College Bulldogs will take on the Hinds Community College Eagles on the Ridgeland Campus. The Lady Bulldogs play at 1 p.m. and the men play at 3 p.m.

Students, faculty, staff, administration, alumni, friends and family are encouraged to come and fill bleachers decked out in white. Free snacks (sno cones, etc.) and Holmes swag will be available, as well.

This will be Sophomore Day for both the ladies and men, with sophomores recognized on the field during halftime and presented with plaques from the coaches.

For more information about the White Out game and Holmes soccer, contact Head Coach Matt Convertino at mconvertino@holmescc.edu.

Batey named MACJC Offensive Player of the Week

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College freshman quarterback Kyren Batey has been named the Offensive Player of the Week for his play Sept. 26 in Holmes' 47-42 win over No. 3 Northwest Mississippi Community College in Goodman.

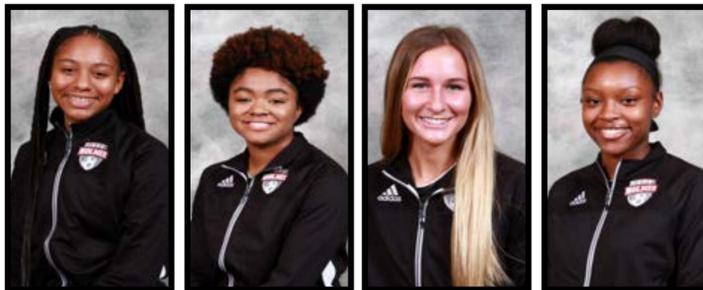
Batey from Foreman, Ark. led the Bulldogs in rushing with 16 carries for 162 yards and two touchdowns, one

from 56 yards out. He also had two passing touchdowns, both to sophomore Caleb Ducking.

He will now be considered for NJCAA honors.

Davis, Ellis, Steed and Terry chosen for MACJC All-Star Game

From Staff Reports/Photos



Kya Davis

Zoe Ellis

Halleigh Steed

Alysia Terry

The 2019 MACJC Soccer Sophomore All-Star Matches will be played on Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Ridgeland Campus of Holmes Community College. The women's match is set for noon with the men's match to follow at 2:30 p.m.

The North Division Women All-

Stars include: Macey Spencer, Leah Anderson, Lia Richardson and Emily Pitts, East Central; Ciara Goggin and Gelisa Kelley, Hinds; Kya Davis, Zoe Ellis, Halleigh Steed and Alysia Terry, Holmes; Ally Shinall, Maisy Sumner, Halle Moore and Luz Elena Acosta, Itawamba; and Cheyenne Smith

Critchell and Alexis Wilson, Jones; Mia Mugford and Emma Boswijk, Meridian; Madison Beets, Kaitlyn Snyder, Yayira Ahoror and Victoria Stewart, Pearl River; and Cheyenne Higgins, Layla Wilson and Katie Mills, Southwest. Alex Brown of Southwest Mississippi Community College is the

head coach.

The North Division Men All-Stars include: Joel Hill, Terrell Johnson and Jake Cockroft, East Central; Beau Rimmer, Andrew Klinck, Daminik White and TJ Smith, Hinds; Colby Fair, Brandon King and Cameron Bell, Holmes; Josh White, Clayton O'Daniel and Diego Trujillo, Itawamba; Joseph Hayes and Tim Spencer, Northwest. Matt Convertino of Holmes Community College is the head coach.

The South Division Men All-Stars include: Luke Mills, Cisco Thomas and Griffin Bush, Gulf Coast; Calum Harley, Peyton Ratcliff, Adrian Mondragon and Cris Rodrigo, Jones; Baylor Little, Marcelo Alves and Hayden Brett, Meridian; Caleb Burke, Cooper Grafe, Kealan Baggett and Ethan Hodby, Pearl River; and Marcelo Carias and Peter Kettle, Southwest. Sam Wilson of Meridian Community College is the head coach.

Zoe Ellis named MACJC Offensive Player of the Week

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College sophomore forward Zoe Ellis was named the MACJC Women's Offensive Player of the Week on Sept. 17.

Ellis, who played at Brandon High School, scored six goals during the week of Sept. 15-21, including four

(left) Pictured is Zoe Ellis making one of her many plays that landed her MACJC Player of the Week.

in the Sept. 15 match with Dyersburg State and two on Sept. 13 vs. Hinds in Raymond. She also added one assist. She had 17 shots and 11 shots on goal for the week. She is Holmes' fourth player receiving an award this season from the MACJC. Cariel Ellis, Carly Williams and Bailey Thompson are the other three.

She will now be considered for NJCAA honors.

Colbert named men's basketball assistant coach

From Staff Reports/Photos



Eric Colbert

Holmes Community College Head Men's Basketball Coach Jason Flanigan is pleased to announce the hiring of Eric Colbert as assistant basketball coach. Colbert, a native of Compton, California, brings to Holmes 11 years of NJCAA coaching experience and two years of NCAA Div. I experience.

Colbert's NJCAA experience includes stints at Independence Community College, Angelina College, Pratt Community College and Navarro College in Corsicana, Texas. At Angelina College, Colbert was a part of the winningest season for a first-year staff and a semifinal finish in the Region XIV Tournament during the 2017 season. At Pratt Community College, he helped lead the team to an East

Zone Championship (2016), and at Navarro College, he was on a staff that won three Regional Championships (2009, 2010, 2012) and one Conference Championship (2013). The 2010 team made it to the Final Four in the NJCAA Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas.

He spent two seasons as the Player Development Coach under Doc Sadler at the University of Nebraska and was a member of a staff that won 20 games and made the NIT tournament before losing to Ole Miss.

Colbert attended Verbum Dei High School in Watts, California participating in football and basketball, where he was a member of the 1994 CIF Championship team. He then played

two seasons at Compton Community College and completed his collegiate career at Humboldt State University in Arcata, California.

Colbert has had 54 players he recruited directly transfer to NCAA Division I and II levels, has coached three NJCAA All-Americans and 23 All Region players. He is the son of Chester and Lee Etta Colbert and has one son, Brayden Sidney Colbert.

Curry named MACJC Offensive Player of the Week

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College sophomore punter/kicker Easton Curry was named the MACJC and NJCAA Special Teams Player of the Week Sept. 17.

Curry, who played at Grenada High School, had an exceptional night punting the ball in last week's game with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Curry punted the ball nine times for 442 yards for an average of

49.1 yards per kick. Included in those punts were six downed inside the 20 with two punts 60 yards or more (68 and 61) three 50 yards or more (58, 61 and 68) and eight punts more than 40 yards. He also had two kickoffs for 116 yards and was 1-for-1 on extra points.

From the Big Apple to the Windy City

By Talar Pounds
Staff Reporter



When the Chicago Cubs Manager Joe Maddon left, they began to look for a new manager for the Major League Baseball team. It just so happens that Joe Girardi was available for the job. Joe Girardi is the former manager for the New York Yankees which means he is well experienced with managing a winning team. He also played on the Chicago Cubs for seven seasons, which gives him many connections to this team.

"When you look at managing in Major League Baseball, there are only so many jobs," Girardi said. "So, anything that comes across your desk

you're going to be very interested in. There are 30 jobs, and obviously 10 teams in the playoffs so those jobs probably aren't open, so you start to look at the other jobs that are available and obviously I have a lot of ties to Chicago. And any job out there is going to interest me because I would like to manage again."

The Fall of Antonio Brown

By Chris Jackson
Staff Reporter



Antonio Brown

After being Traded from the Pittsburgh Steelers to the Oakland Raiders, Superstar WR, Antonio Brown's immature antics continued to follow him. From missing practices and strange injuries, to not wanting to play with a certain helmet it seemed that he didn't want to be a part of this organization. When Brown recorded a phone call from Head Coach Jon Gruden and posted to social media that was the last straw before the Raiders released him.

The same day Brown was released by the Raiders, he agreed to a one-year contract with the New England Patriots and to play alongside QB Tom Brady. But along with the good news came some bad. The next day many allegations of sexual assault came out

against him. Despite these allegations, Brown still practiced and prepared for his week two debut as a Patriot. In his first game he had 4 receptions for 56 yards and a touchdown in a big win against the Dolphins.

Later the next week, Brown was accused of sexual misconduct from a second accuser. Brown would later on send threatening texts to this accuser which would force the Patriots to release him the following Friday. Brown went on to thank the organization for a chance to play in a New England jersey. With these allegations still making headway, Antonio Brown's chances of playing in the NFL again are really short.

Cariel Ellis named MACJC and United Soccer Coaches Player of the Week

From Staff Reports/Photos



(left) Pictured is Cariel Ellis in the match against Meridian CC on Sept. 25.

Holmes Community College freshman forward Cariel Ellis of Madison was named the United Soccer Coaches Association Player of the Week two weeks in a row. She was also named the MACJC Offensive Player of the Week two times this season.

Ellis, who played at Madison Central, received the MACJC and first United Soccer Coach Association honors for her play in the games vs. Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and Motlow State Community College on Sept. 18 and Sept. 21, respectively. In two matches, she scored six goals including hat tricks in both contests. She scored all three goals

in the second half vs. Gulf Coast and scored two of the three in the second half vs. Motlow.

Ellis had a hat trick and two assists in The Sept. 25 match versus Meridian Community College. It was her fourth hat trick in a row.

Bell, Fair and King chosen for MACJC All-Star Game

From Staff Reports/Photos



Cameron Bell

Colby Fair

Brandon King

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Itawamba; and Cheyenne Smith and Carolyn Rials, Northwest. Brandon Mitchell of Hinds Community College is the head coach.

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Bulldogs remain playoffs driver's seat with win over East Miss.

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Bulldogs got past the No. 8-ranked East Mississippi Community College Lions, 49-42, to remain at the top of the North Division standings.

With the win, the Bulldogs went to 3-4 overall and 3-1 in the North Division. Holmes travels to Mississippi Delta Oct. 19 at 2:30 p.m. in another North Division tilt. It was the Bulldogs' first win over East Mississippi since the 2005 season when Holmes won 19-14.

East Mississippi got on the scoreboard once in the first quarter and

again early in the second to go up 14-0. Both scores were rushing touchdowns.

In just a little over two minutes later, the Bulldogs got their first points of the game when freshman quarterback Kyren Batey connected with sophomore wide receiver Caleb Ducking from 29 yards out with 12:51 left in the second quarter. Sophomore kicker Easton Curry's extra point made it 14-7 in favor of East Mississippi.

Freshman fullback Devontaye Bankston scored from two yards out with 4:09 left to play in the second quarter

to tie the game at 14 after Curry's extra point was good.

The Lions scored again late in the first half on a rushing touchdown. The extra point was good giving East Mississippi a 21-14 lead at halftime.

Holmes scored early in the third quarter when Terry Bryant broke free on a 44-yard touchdown run. Curry's extra point tied the game at 21 with 12:29 left in the third.

The Bulldogs then went up 28-21 when sophomore running back Dylan Kelly scored from eight yards out. Curry's extra point was good with 5:23 left in the third.

East Mississippi tied it back up with 2:40 to play in the third on a touchdown pass. The extra point was good.

Bryant added his second touchdown of the game with 12:49 left when he scored from six yards out. Curry's kick made it 35-28.

East Mississippi answered the score with 8:01 left in the game on another passing touchdown. The extra point tied the game at 35.

Holmes then scored twice to just out to a 49-35 lead. The first score came when Martavius Dill broke free and

raced down the home sidelines from 66 yards out. The other score came two minutes later when Kelly picked up his second score of the night when he raced down the opponents sideline from 50 yards out. Curry's extra points were good.

East's final score came on another passing touchdown. The extra point was good to round out the scoring at 49-42.

Holmes racked up 420 yards on the ground including Kelly's 118 on 10 carries. Bryant had 88 yards on 13 carries, and Dill had 81 yards on two carries. The Bulldogs were 3-of-6 passing on the night. Ducking caught two passes for 44 yards while Kelly had one catch for 21 yards.

Sophomore linebacker Tyler Taylor led the Bulldogs with 12 tackles. Saidrick Pewitte and Tyler McDaniel each had seven tackles while Devlin Kirklin, Niageria young and Charles Jefferson had six each. Holmes finished the game with two sacks and four tackles for loss.

Cariel Ellis pours in five goals in 6-0 win over Northwest

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College freshman forward Cariel Ellis poured in a career-high five goals as Holmes shut-out Northwest Mississippi Community College, 6-0, on Tuesday, Oct. 8. The Lady Bulldogs improved to

12-2 on the season and 5-1 in the North Division. Holmes plays Gordon State in Birmingham Friday at 2 p.m. and Oxford College of Emory University on Saturday in Birmingham at 2 p.m.

Ellis got the first goal of the match in the 11th minute on an assist from Laney Smith. Ellis picked up her second goal in the 37th minute off an assist from Peyton Montgomery.

She then picked up third in the 54th minute as she dribbled past the goalkeeper to make it 3-0. Isabella Wade then followed with another Lady Bulldog goal less than six minutes later on an assist from Smith making it 4-0 Holmes in the 60th minute.

Ellis got her fourth goal of the day in the 82nd minute on an assist from Zoe Ellis. She added her fifth goal with seconds remaining to end all scoring at 6-0.

Versus East Central last Friday, the Lady Bulldogs won 6-0. C. Ellis finished with a hat trick and one assist. She scored in the 24th minute, 28th

minute and 84th minute on assists from Reagan Savell, Ja'Laycia Brown and Mackenzie Thompson. Z. Ellis scored in the 17th minute on an assist from Brown and again in the 58th minute on an assist from C. Ellis. Wade scored an unassisted goal in the 74th minute.

In a match on Oct. 1 at Itawamba, the Lady Bulldogs fell in a heartbreaker 3-2. Laney Smith scored off a Zoe Ellis assist in the third minute and Ellis scored on an assist from Laine Chandler in the 51st minute.

Bulldogs-Rangers match ends in 1-1 tie

From Staff Reports/Photos



Photo by Brian Lentz, NWCC

The Holmes Community College Bulldogs fought hard for a North Division win over Northwest Mississippi Community College on Oct. 8 but

settled for a tie as neither team could score in the two overtime periods keeping the match tied at one.

With the tie, the Bulldogs went to

2-10-2 overall and 1-4-1 in the North Division. Holmes plays Oxford College of Emory University on Saturday at 4 p.m. at Freedom Ridge Park in Ridgeland.

Neither team scored the entire first half of play and most of the second half when Northwest got on the scoreboard in the 81st minute. The Bulldogs answered in the 84th minute when sophomore midfielder Brady Jacobs scored on a penalty kick to tie the match at one.

Holmes fired off five shots in the first overtime period. Northwest took five shots in the second overtime but neither team could score.

In a match vs. East Central last Friday, the Bulldogs fell 3-1. Jacobs scored on a penalty kick in the 83rd minute for the Bulldogs.

In a match on Oct. 1 at Itawamba,

the Bulldogs fell 4-0. On Sept. 27 vs. Southwest in Ridgeland, the Bulldogs fell 2-1. Andres Mendez scored on a Luis Oseguera assist in the 19th minute.

Bulldogs named Second Team All-State

From Staff Reports/Photos



Jaylen Armstrong

Anthony Fianza

Steven Lacey

Three Holmes Community College Bulldog baseball players --- Jaylen Armstrong of Southaven, Steven

Lacey of Canton and Anthony Fianza of Zachary, La. --- were named Second Team All-State by the MACJC.

Armstrong, who played centerfield for the Bulldogs, led the team in hitting with a .396 average including 40 hits with one double, five triples and three homers with 25 RBI. He scored 33 runs. Armstrong will be returning to Holmes as a sophomore next season.

Lacey, who served as the Bulldogs' closer, had a 1.92 earned run average. He pitched 28 1/3 innings and gave up six runs on 22 hits with 12 walks and 38 strikeouts. Lacey has signed with the University of South Alabama.

Fianza, who played pitcher and infield for the Bulldogs, batted .374 including 49 hits with seven doubles, two triples and four homers with 41 RBI. He scored 31 runs. He also went 3-3 on the mound in 29 2/3 innings worked with 27 strikeouts and 20

walks. Fianza has signed with Southern University.



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Cameron Gladney

Hometown: Clinton

Campus: Ridgeland

Major: Radiology

Gladney is a soccer player at Holmes on the Ridgeland Campus. She is from the small town of Clinton where she has lived and attended Clinton Public Schools throughout her life. Her hobbies include: playing soccer, hanging with friends, meditating and working as soccer referee for young children. After Holmes, she will continue her studies and continue her career at a four-year college.



Christopher Jackson

Hometown: Madison

Campus: Ridgeland

Major: Buisness

Jackson has played basketball throughout high school at Madison Central. Chris works with children at Christ Life Highlands where he also attends church. His first year at Holmes he wasn't very involved but this year he plans to get involved. Right now Jackson is undecided as to what college he will attend after Holmes, but he will continue his studies in business. Other things he enjoys in his free time are working out, traveling, going to movies and shopping.



Latoria Miles

Hometown: Canton

Campus: Ridgeland

Major: Sociology/social work

It was in her hometown of Canton that Miles found a love for supporting her community. Her plans after graduating from Holmes are to further her studies at Jackson State University and receive her bachelor's degree in social work with a minor in counseling. In 2017, she organized a 5K walk in honor of her brother. Miles is determined to start a nonprofit organization in the honor of her brother to help children and young adults that are struggling with social problems.



Brooke Parrett

Hometown: Madison

Campus: Ridgeland

Major: Pre-Radiologic Sciences

Parrett is planning on finishing her time at HCC this semester. Afterwards, she will enroll in the radiology program at Hinds Community College. She spends most of her time working part-time at Primos Café in Madison and focusing on schoolwork. Her long-term goals include starting a career in ultrasound technology and moving out of state.



Talor Pounds

Hometown: Grenada

Campus: Grenada

Major: Communications

Pounds' future plans are to transfer to Mississippi College and study Christian Studies to pursue a career in Christian Ministry. His hobbies include playing guitar, leading worship and riding horses. Pounds has also spent the last three years as a stocker at the Grocery Basket in Grenada.



Xavier Wansley

Hometown: Magnolia

Campus: Goodman

Major: Journalism

Wansley is a part of the Holmes baseball team. He spent his high school career helping his community when he wasn't playing baseball. Wansley attended Terry High School and was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame for the Class of 2019. He plans to continue his athletic career after Holmes and pursue a degree in journalism.