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Shelby Soyars of Benton crowned Homecoming Queen

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In front of a crowd of cheering spectators, Shelby Soyars of Benton, a sophomore cheerleader, Goodman Campus Ambassador, and SGA member, was crowned Holmes Community College Homecoming Queen on Saturday, Oct. 18, during half-time of the football game against Coahoma Community College. Despite having to walk on crutches due to a cheerleading injury, Soyars was the picture of graceful elegance in her shimmering white gown as she received flowers from Lynda Irby, Alumni Council secretary, the queen's cape from Johnny "Bit" Belk, Alumni Council past pres-



Pictured is the 2014 Homecoming Queen Shelby Soyars with (left to right) Lynda Irby, Alumni Council secretary; Robin McCoy, Shelby's father; Dalton Burton, Shelby's escort; Dr. Jim Haffey, president of HCC, and Johnny "Bit" Belk, Alumni Council past president.



ident, and the crown from Dr. Haffey, president of Holmes. She was driven onto the field in a golfcart by her escort, Dalton Burton, and met at the 50-yard line by her step-father, Robin McCoy. Prior to Soyars' crowning, an announcer introduced the other 15 maids and their escorts. Each maid dressed in red, the ladies represent-

ed all three locations of HCC. The half-time show also included a performance by the Bulldog Marching Band and the Dazzlers dance team. Pre-game, the Holmes Chorale sang the National Anthem a capella, and the Homecoming Banner Contest winners were announced, with the visual arts department taking first place.

Earlier in the day, faculty, staff, students, alumni, family and friends were entertained by a variety of events and performances. The day began with an intrasquad baseball game, followed by an alumni vs. current bulldog softball game. A cookout was held in the Grove beginning at noon, complete with fried catfish and fried chicken, an assortment of Southern side dishes, a performance by the steel drums and jazz band, and the opening of the Little Bulldog Zone, which included face painting, jumpys, and an inflatable gladiator play arena. The visual arts department opened its doors for tours during this time, as well. Coinciding with an afternoon Alumni Council meeting, local artist Bill Bannister, owner of Papa Bill's Wooden Toys, had his exhibit on display in the library, and stopped to meet guests who were interested in his work. Following the council meeting and art exhibit, the two honored alumni of 2014 - Trina George, Alumna of the Year, and

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Bulldogs blast Coahoma on Homecoming, 64-6

From Staff Photo/Reports



The Holmes Community College Bulldogs racked up 445 yards of offense and held the Coahoma Community College Tigers to only 100 yards of offense en route to a 64-6 North Division win here Saturday night on Homecoming 2014.

With the win, the Bulldogs moved to 3-5 on the season and 2-3 in the North Division. Holmes ends the season on Thursday night against Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville at 6:30 p.m.

The Bulldogs scored four rushing touchdowns in the first quarter to jump out to a 27-0 lead. Mitchell Cunningham broke free on a 69-yard touchdown run with 12:57 left in the quarter. Dre Massey answered Cunningham's score with one of his own from 23 yards out with 9:57 to play in the quarter before Aquindus Henson scored two touchdowns in the final 5:41 of the quarter. His

first score came from 15 yards out with 5:41 to play in the quarter while the second score came from 10 yards out with 1:50 to play in the quarter. Cole Ballard connected on three of four PATs.

Holmes picked up two scores in the second quarter. Massey broke loose on an 80-yard touchdown run with 13:55 to play in the quarter before Jamario Benson scored from 63 yards out with 6:50 to play in the first half. Ballard's extra points made the score 41-0 at halftime.

The Bulldogs wasted no time getting on the scoreboard in the second half when De'MonTerius Kendrick took the opening kickoff and raced 86 yards for the touchdown. Henson got his final score of the night with 2:47 to play in the third quarter when he scored from 16 yards out. Ballard

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Burney Named VP of Grenada Center

From Staff Photo/Reports



The Holmes Community College Board of Trustees named lifelong Grenada resident Michelle Ligon Burney as the new vice president of the Grenada Center.

Burney replaces Dr. Jim Haffey, who took over as the new Holmes president in September.

She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Millsaps College and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Mississippi College. She has additional studies from the University of Mississippi and Delta State University.

Burney is a member of the Holmes Grenada Higher Education Association, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Mississippi Counseling Association, Mid-Mississippi Counseling Association, Mississippi Community/Junior College Counseling Association,

Mississippi Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers and the Phi Mu Alumnae Association.

At Holmes, she has served as the academic counselor since October 2004. Before 2004, she served as an outreach coordinator for St. Dominic Behavioral Health Services in Grenada beginning in 1999. Prior to that, she was the counseling center director at Charter Behavioral Health Systems in Grenada from 1996-1999. She was an instructor in

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HOLMES HELD PINK-O-WEEN WALK-O-THON TO SUPPORT BREAST CANCER

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psychology/educational psychology from Jan. 1998 until May 2000. She was an elementary and middle school instructor with the Jackson Public School District and the Grenada School District from Jan. 1992 until July 1996.

"I am very excited to represent Holmes Community College," Burney said. "I am humbled by this opportunity and consider it a privilege to serve my community and work to improve lives for our community, faculty, and students. I have been fortunate to work

under both former Grenada VP's, Jack Holmes and Dr. Jim Haffey, and know I have some big shoes to fill."

Her knowledge of Holmes and Grenada played a big part in her seeking the post. "In my 10 years at Holmes, I have worked in various roles," Burney explained. "My knowledge of Holmes Community College along with my background in community outreach for St. Dominic Hospital make me a good fit for this position. The Grenada Center is in great shape. We have a strong administrative team along with

outstanding faculty and staff. I plan to offer them the continued support to which they have become accustomed and to represent the Grenada Center well at all district-wide functions."

She said wants to continue the positive things done by (Jack) Holmes and Dr. Haffey. "I want to complete the vision that Dr. Haffey began by finalizing projects such as the Forum renovation and the walking trail," Burney said. "I plan to utilize a team approach, which is what has served this community and campus well for the last 30 years. I will

work to have a shared vision with the community, faculty, staff and students. "I am a lifelong Grenada resident and have family ties that run deep here as well as Montgomery County," she said. "I love this community and how it always comes together to support the college. The Oct. 16 Grenada Arts Partnership event is a perfect example. We packed over 500 people in the Forum, which is a huge turnout for a town this size."

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So what is fair? The flick it or ticket campaign is a way to eliminate smoking entirely from campus by restricting the places for smokers to go. It is great for students that do not smoke, but the students that do are made an

outcast on their campus. Should there be a new designated smoking area, or is the smoking policy best for every student on the HCC campus in Ridgeland?

Grenada and Holmes Partners for the Arts bring magic to campus

By Cody Ruth
Staff Reporter and Photographer



On Oct. 16, Kevin and Cindy Spencer brought their "Theater of Illusion" show to the Corey Forum at Holmes Community College Grenada Center, thanks to the Grenada Arts Partnership (Grenada and Holmes Partner for the Arts). During the performance, Kevin Spencer had everyone's attention from the sponsors to parents and children to the younger college students that were required to attend for one of their classes. Many attendees left trying to figure out how Kevin did his tricks; especially the "dollar in the lemon"

trick. The Spencer's show was different from your normal expected tricks and animals display. The Spencers create a show that surpasses the average show, mystifying children and adults alike. He engages and amazes the audience of all ages, including children, college students, and even the seniors.

Several days later, people on the Holmes Grenada Center Campus were still talking about the show, trying to figure out some of the tricks he did that night.

College clubs PTK and iCREATE collaborate to show off creative community

By Gleneasha Brown
Staff Reporter and Photographer

The Renaissance crystal blue décor lights linked from building to building. The lights illuminated above, creating the perfect backdrop for the performers of a beautiful fall sky. The Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) chapter presented The Holmes Arts Showcase at the Renaissance at Colony Park on Thursday, Oct. 23.

The showcase was an overall success, picking up momentum as the night progressed. The peak audience reached to roughly 40 people; this included Holmes' English professors and PTK sponsors, students, and interested shoppers at the Renaissance. Artist Joshua Dilmore agreed the showcase was a success because it "presented me with the opportunity

to show my artwork to the community; to put my name out there."

iCREATE visual artist Joshua Dilmore sold his version of Edouard Manet's "A Bar at the Foies Bergere" to fellow iCREATE member Amanda Dent. "It was exciting! I'd never done anything like it before," Dilmore said. The showcase was Dilmore's first time exhibiting any of his artwork for the public. "I was a little nervous. In the end it paid off—literally!"

Local band Young Valley played a few songs that really got the crowd in the fall festive spirit. Kolbe Alsbrooks mentioned that he became acquainted with Young Valley from working at Fondren Guitars.

Alsbrooks said, "I became acquainted with Young Valley through my work! I work at Fondren Guitars and two of the members, Carson Braymer who's the bassist for the band and Dylan Lovett the lead guitarist, both

Ridgeland SGA donates luggage to children's home

By Gleneasha Brown
Staff Reporter

Photo by Laurie Alvis
Staff Photographer



Pictured are (left to right) Ellen Springer, Macala Boxx, sophomore representative; Hannah Pittman, Alex Allen, president; Bailey James, secretary; Miranda Coza, treasurer, and Avery Huff, reporter.

The Ridgeland Student Government Association (SGA) collected luggage, suitcases, and duffel bags from students and staff members to donate to Sunnybrook's Children Home on Oct. 10.

The baggage donation was a success, raising a total of 51 bags. SGA members were overjoyed as they smiled with accolades and claps, proud of the turnout.

SGA reporter Avery Huff said that SGA personally delivered the bags to Sunnybrook.

"We came up with this idea from one of our SGA members," Huff stated. That member Huff mentioned was treasurer Miranda Goza. Last year, Coza started talking with those from Sunnybrook. Coza said, "The children were always receiving do-

minated clothes and other essentials but rarely baggage."

After mentioning how they came up with this community activity, another SGA member, Hannah Pittman, joked about making sure one of the children, "chooses the 'Truckie' suitcase" (that she donated). Cheery statements like these along with lighthearted chuckles highlighted their enthusiasm for donating to the children at the Sunnybrook Home.

Both Huff and Goza agreed that the convenient location of Sunnybrook, made it more personal to them. Doing philanthropic deeds for those in a community the same as their school helps to make a difference to those less fortunate. This small yet thoughtful donation greatly benefits a child in such a caring, effective way.



Artists supporting Artists! iCREATE songwriter and musician Amanda Dent (left) buys iCREATE visual artist Joshua Dilmore's (right) version temperature dropped to the mid-40s, everyone stayed warm with coffee and good music warming their spirits. Kristen Moore, poet from iCREATE and performer, mentions that the crowd was an "amazing audience."

"It felt so good to see a community

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Holmes "thinks pink," raises money for breast cancer with Pink-O-Ween

Staff Reports/Photo

On Oct. 31, HCC celebrated Halloween and raised money and awareness for a great cause all in one day with the first Pink-O-Ween breast cancer walk-o-thon, sponsored by Healthy@Holmes. Faculty and staff showed up dressed in pink-themed costumes with

creative signs to show their support. Each participant also purchased a t-shirt and collected donations prior to the walk to raise money for breast cancer, and a total of \$2,007.54 was raised. Holmes plans to make Pink-O-Ween an annual event.



The Goodman Campus group "Pink Pirates of the Curebean," who carried the signs "Treasure your Chest" and "Sail Toward a Cure Matey," raised the most money for breast



The winner of the Pink-O-Ween Costume Contest was the "Tutus 4 Tatas" group from the Ridgeland Campus.



The group "3 Pink Ladies and a Dog" from the Grenada Center won "Most Spirited" at Pink-O-Ween.



Women weren't the only ones to support breast cancer at Pink-O-Ween.



HCC, Blue Mountain College enter articulation agreement

Staff Reports/Photo



(left) Blue Mountain President Dr. Barbara Childers and Holmes Community College President Dr. Jim Haffey enter into an articulation agreement that would ensure a smooth transition for Holmes graduates to Blue Mountain.

Holmes Community College and Blue Mountain College entered into an articulation agreement today that will ensure a seamless transition to Blue Mountain College for Holmes graduates.

Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey, Blue Mountain President Dr. Barbara Childers and Holmes Vice President for Academic Programs Dr. Fran Cox met today on the Goodman Campus to finalize the articulation agreement. The Holmes agreement makes the fifth articulation agreement made between Blue Mountain and Mississippi's community colleges.

Blue Mountain College was founded in 1873 and was home to female students until becoming co-ed in 2005. The primary degree program

for the longest time was elementary education, but Dr. McMillin said psychology and business are now among the most popular programs.

"We are excited about it," Dr. McMillin said of the agreement. "We want more students to know that Blue Mountain College is a good option for them."

McMillin said Blue Mountain understands the role of Mississippi's community colleges and would like to see community college graduates attend Blue Mountain. "We know the value of a community college education," McMillin said. "I'm a product of the community college system and have taught in it and know the importance and the opportunity that it provides for so many students. We want Holmes students to know they can make a smooth transition and find that Blue Mountain is a good fit.

The articulation agreement "is another way for us to make students in other places across the state aware

that Blue Mountain is good option for completing their education. We want to make it as easy for them as possible," said Dr. McMillin.

"They are well-respected college that has been around for a long time," Dr. Haffey said. "Our students come from a variety of backgrounds. Our students leave here looking for a variety of options. We don't want to ever limit those options to four-year public schools.

"This is another great example of a quality college in Mississippi that we know our students are going to want to transfer to," he said. "We want them to know that when they leave here that every door is open to them. It's a great opportunity for us.

We already have students that have transferred there and has been a great fit for them. This way we know our students are not losing any valuable time or money. Everything they are spending here is going right into their next phase of education."

Elliot recognized in Surgical Tech journal

Staff Reports/Photo

Jessica Elliott, Holmes Community College's surgical technology program director, was one of those featured in the October issue of The Surgical Technologist, the official national journal of the Association of Surgical Technologists.

Elliott was recently appointed by the president of the Association of Surgical Technologists to serve a term on the State Assembly Leadership Committee, a national standing committee. Her term is to last two years from 2014-2016, with the possibility of reappointment of a second and third term. The committee members are selected by evaluation of their leadership skills, expertise and talent within the state assembly area.

Elliott, employed as the Surgical Technology Program Director since 1996, has been a certified surgical technologist for more than 20 years and also works as a registered nurse specializing in psychiatric nursing at a mental health crisis stabilization unit. Elliott is a former two-term President of the Mississippi State Assembly and currently serves on the MS AST Board



as a Director. In addition to representing her state as a national delegate for a number of years, she has been a selected presenter at both the state and national level. In 2011, Elliott was honored to be the first Mississippi CST selected as a Fellow of the Association of Surgical Technologists.

The SALC consists of eight members who represent individual states and one military advisor. These professionals are charged with the mission of overseeing growth and leadership through education, membership and guidance. Elliott will be representing Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada, and Oregon.

Brown presents at TYCAM

Staff Reports/Photo

On Sept. 19, Goodman English instructor Jessica Brown gave a talk titled "Get It Together: Developing an Integrated Reading and Writing Course" in Jackson at the Hilton Hotel during the annual meeting of TYCAM - Two-Year College English Association of Mississippi. TYCAM is fashioned after and affiliated with TYCA-SE, the Two-Year College English Association-Southeast, which is a part of The National Council of Teachers of English, NCTE.

Brown showed the audience sample critical thinking assignments. Brown credited Lone Star Community College with the original design for many of the assignments that the Holmes integrated reading and writing classes have adopted and adapted. English instructors Sonja Arnett and Chad Moorero assisted Brown.



Pictured is (left) Jessica Brown with fellow Goodman Campus English instructors Chad Moorero and Sonja Arnett.

Because the Integrated Reading and Writing courses are new to the Mississippi community college system, the audience was especially interested in Brown's topic.

Following a visit to Lone Star Community College in Texas in April, six English instructors worked this past summer on new course designs for the combined reading and writing courses. Jessica has been a leader in this endeavor.

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together to support the arts." Poets and musicians stepped to the mic, as visual artists set up their paintings for spectators to view. Like Dilmore, poet Kristen admits she was nervous. "However, with the support of family and friends, I was able to find the courage to perform." She

together to support the arts." Poets and musicians stepped to the mic, as visual artists set up their paintings for spectators to view. Like Dilmore, poet Kristen admits she was nervous. "However, with the support of family and friends, I was able to find the courage to perform." She smiled, adding, "I am so happy I did it." She was also happy for her fellow iCREATE members and performers, simply calling their performances "amazing." Putting one's self out there is the most important thing. "Who knows? Maybe the right person happened to see my artwork. I'm just thankful to have been a part of it," Dilmore states.



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Dr. Cox said having the articulation agreement ensures that 62 hours earned at Holmes will place Holmes students as juniors at Blue Mountain.

"They've made it evident with this document that they will," Dr. Cox said. "We are trying to get students to get a degree, get a job and be contributors to the community wherever they may land. Getting a degree and earning a living is a big part of being a community contributor."

LPN's Host Culture Fest in Grenada, Ridgeland

Photos by Carl Smith, Staff Reporter/Photographer

Medications, vital signs, signs/symptoms, and patient assessments are just a small part of nursing. There are many behind-the-scene talents that family, friends, and even the patient never consider, and often take for granted. Integrating the patient's culture into their treatment plan is only one of the many hidden considerations of proper patient care that nurses must face on a daily basis. The patient's culture is one of these. Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) classes on both the Grenada and Ridgeland Campuses have found a unique way of learning the different aspects of cultures that are also involved with patient care through the annual Culture Fest events. Carolyn Case, Grenada LPN instructor, says the students learn a lot about different cultures while having a lot of fun.

On Oct. 22, Grenada's LPN class held their 4th annual Culture Fest, and on Oct. 29, Ridgeland's class held their's. Dividing the class into groups, each chose one of six countries (or in Ridgeland's case, regions). This year's countries for the Grenada LPN's were France, Italy, Germany, Mexico, China, and Japan. For Ridgeland, the groups were Mexico, China, the South, the Middle East, and Italy. Each group researches their country's culture, including its religion, health care, and diet. Each group also prepares and serves dishes from their country and tells about its culture while dressed in the country's normal attire. The dishes are judged by HCC staff for a grade, ranging from 90 to 100. Case said the students really get into the Culture Fest, and their hard work shows it.

Acronyms (continued from Page 2)

OMG, FOMO, HMB, GTG, IRL, and TBH are only a few examples of this endless list. My pet peeve is talking to someone that uses acronyms in the conversation. I hear LOL, OMG, and BFF in public quite often, and have actually talked to people who use these while conversing. Instructors giving essay assignments often say "DO NOT use acronyms or abbreviations in your essay"; this means it has been done. It is sad that a college student cannot write a formal paper without using social media slang. Have we, as a society, become in such

a hurry or just so lazy that we must abbreviate everything we say, write, or type? I would like take a look at how some will write in their resume when applying for quality jobs after graduating college. Will it look like these? Career wanted: ISO new job with lots of LOL or Reason for leaving last job: OMG they wanted me to work on weekends too. FWIW it's JMHO TTYL HAGD (For what it's worth) it's (just my opinion) (talk to you later) (have a good day).

11 Inducted into PTK Ridgeland

Staff Reports/Photo



Pictured are: (front, left to right) **Tawnie Wright** of Madison County; **Crosby Hart** of Yazoo County; **Chasity McCree** of Yazoo County; **Avery Huff** of Madison County; **Rachel Agnew** of Madison County; **Patricia Gunn** of Madison County; **Shiquita Haralson** of Hinds County; (back, left to right) **Dr. Don Burnham**, vice president of Holmes Ridgeland Campus; **Nefali Palma** of Madison County; **Joe Gibson** of Hinds County; **Ashley Brooks** of Rankin County; **Michal McDaniel** of Rankin County, and **Dr. Jim Haffey**, president of Holmes.

The Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) at Holmes Community College in Ridgeland inducted 11 new members into the honor society for two-year college students on Oct. 27 in the McGowan Workforce Training Center. A reception for friends, family, and the inductees was held in the McGowan Lobby following the ceremony.

PTK is the international honors scholastic society for community colleges that recognizes intellectual achievement and promotes character, leadership and fellowship among community college students. Founders of PTK modeled many aspects of the society after the prestigious senior college honor society, Phi Beta Kappa. Membership is by invitation to full-time students having a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher at Holmes Community College. Invitations are extended both the fall and spring semesters.

The ceremony included a welcome

by Blair Booker, librarian and PTK advisor; an invocation by Dr. Don Burnham, vice president of the Ridgeland Campus; recognition of chapter officers and guests by Dr. Amy Wolgamott, speech instructor and advisor; remarks by Dr. Jim Haffey, president of Holmes, and induction of new members by Paulette Vargas, president of PTK. Five other PTK officers shared in the ceremony, as well, explaining the history and significance of PTK and the meaning of the symbolic rituals of the induction ceremony.

"I've learned over the years that it is important to have something prestigious behind your name, whether you are applying for scholarships, graduate school, a job, or seeking promotion. Phi Theta Kappa is that for all of you," Dr. Haffey said, addressing the inductees. "It won't get you out of a ticket, but it will give you that extra advantage over other applicants as you continue your educational ca-

reer. You should be proud to be a part of a such a successful organization; PTK chapters from Holmes have won best chapter internationally three different times. You are the hope for the next generation, and I truly believe some of the smartest students in Mississippi are right here in this room."

In recent years, Holmes' Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter has been named 5th

Finalist to the Most Distinguished Chapter, won the USA TODAY Case Study Challenge for their work on stem cell research, received the Distinguished Chapter Award, the Distinguished Issue Award, the Distinguished Honors in Action Project Award, and the Distinguished College Project Award.



Pictured are: (front, left to right) **Rachael Packer**, vice president of scholarship; **Paulette Vargas**, president; **Christina Bracey**, recording secretary; (back, left to right) **Antoine Gates**, biological science instructor and faculty advisor; **Laura McMahon**, psychology instructor and faculty advisor; **Emma Warren**, vice president of outreach; **Brad Simpson**, vice president of hallmarks; **Haley Sims**, vice president of fellowship; **Dr. Amy Wolgamott**, speech instructor and advisor, and **Blair Booker**, librarian and advisor.

COMING UP...

11/23 - 11/29: Thanksgiving Break

12/02: Carols of Christmas
McDaniel Auditorium on
Goodman Campus
7 p.m.



One group of Grenada LPN students presented on Italy.



One group of Grenada LPN students presented on Mexico.



One group of Ridgeland LPN students presented on the Middle Eastern Culture.

Trek Center Holds Financial Aid Workshop

By Erikka Dawson
Staff Reporter

On Oct. 16, Holmes Community College in Ridgeland held a financial aid workshop for its students. Victor Parker, Trek coordinator, and Gail Muse Beggs, financial aid director, talked to students about different ways to pay for college.

Beggs covered the types of student loans and the different stages the loans go through during a college career. Information about how to avoid defaulting a loan will be useful for those with student debts. Pell grants were also a major topic, and the students learned the qualifica-

tions of this grant.

This is the first semester for the Trek Center to be on the Ridgeland campus. Parker's job is to ensure student success in school. They provide career assessments and personality tests along with offering workshops.

Along with the financial aid workshop, resume writing and interview skills are also available. Student Turkessa Bell says, "It really gave me the guidance that I never had before." She passionately complimented the Trek Center and said that every student should utilize this program.



Gail Muse Beggs, financial aid director, covers student loans in the workshop.

Grenada graduates 11 from Electrical Lineman Program

Staff Reports/Photo

Holmes Community College graduated 11 students from the Electrical Lineman program in the Holmes Chapel on the Goodman Campus Nov. 19. Each graduate received a certificate and their individual credentials. Students earned credentials in the following areas: Class A Commercial Driver's License, AHA First-Aid/CPR & Blood-borne Pathogens, Forklift Operator, Computer Training/Employment Prep, Teamwork & Leadership, Chainsaw Operation, Pole Climbing, Pole Top & Bucket Rescue, and Basic Electricity.

The graduates included Cory Chamblee, Wesley Hillhouse, Joseph Hollowell, J. Kyle Hopkins,

Wesley McAlphin, Tommy Mitchell, Braxton Moore, Greg Patterson, Robert Swinney, and Jonathan Weaver. Instructors for the program are Clarence (Mac) McBride and Lamar Dumas.



Interested in writing and/or photography? We would love to have you join our staff by signing up for JOU 1111 next semester! For more information, contact Mary Margaret Turner at: mtturner@holmescc.edu.

Songwriters Showcase kicks off with snake catch

By Gleneasha Brown
Staff Reporter

As part of its Arts and Letters Series, the English and Foreign Language Department of Holmes Community College in Ridgeland presented a Mississippi Songwriters Showcase on Oct. 21 in the D.P. Mc-



Pictured are (left to right) musicians Cary Hudson, Eric Stracener, Neilson Hubbard and Steve Deaton following the Mississippi Songwriters Showcase.

Gowan Workforce Training Building. The showcase featured musicians Steve Deaton, Cary Hudson, Neilson Hubbard and Eric Stracener.

As the musicians entered the McGowan Building, Hubbard excitedly revealed that Hudson caught a snake lurking in the lobby. Hudson exclaims, "It was so small, I caught it in the coffee cup!" Now there's action to start off the night. Although his capture of the critter was indeed a

brave one, Hudson adds that he was just as scared as everyone else. He joked with Hubbard, "We should put the snake in the cup and save it for the performances."

As the audience grew to its maximum of approximately 100 people, Hudson nodded approvingly. "Wow, we've got a good turnout." Finishing up his coffee, Hudson was eager to begin performing.

Dr. Haffey opened the event with a welcome and a word on the importance of inspiration. "Back roads are needed as a source of inspiration," Dr. Haffey said. "I'm no musician, but inspiration is universal, and inspiration is needed for a song."

The musicians felt at home playing for Holmes. They poked fun at one another and themselves. As each musician introduced themselves, Hubbard replied, "I'm here because Cary caught a snake." Stracener made light of his cold, saying he was allergic to schools. As Hudson proceeded after Stracener, Hudson poked harmless humor at him, saying "You don't have Ebola, do you?" Moments like these allowed the audience to laugh and see how down-to-earth the musicians were.

They had a respect for one another's artistry as they nodded their heads to one another's songs and even played in the background for the fellow songwriters, such as when Deaton and Hubbard played in the background for Hudson's performance.

Stracener revealed to the audience that he "ripped off finger work from Cary" in his opening song, "Her Grief is a Man." They even pitched in on what song was their favorite song from the other musicians. Stracener said his daughter Polly is a fan of Hubbard's. Their close-knit bond to one another highlighted their love of music and appreciation of one another's love for it.

"Ah," Eric Stracener said, pausing for a second to reveal his inspiration. Then he simply stated, "Life." With just that statement, he set the tone of what inspiration represents. Anything can be inspiring, but as Stracener put it, it depends on "what you open your mind to." One's perspective is how he or she gains inspiration. Stracener out pointed that even "Getting old is inspiring." He points out all music is good. He jokes that even "booty songs" are good, for different reasons. Music has a message, but what it says depends on the person. Good or bad, Stracener concludes, "As long as someone can take something from my music, that's all that matters."

Neilson Hubbard expressed that each song hold(s) a special meaning to him. The inspiration is romantic in an interpersonal sense. In varied forms, each of his songs evolve around love and struggle in relationships, between one's self and their love one(s) and self's inner struggle. His opening song "Love Don't Owe You Any-

thing" sheds light on relationships. As the relationship is illuminated beneath the light, it shows "all of its beauty and scars." His closing song "How Much Longer Can We Bend" looks at a relationship stretched to its limits; they asked themselves, "How much longer can we bend before we break?" "Do You Want to Start a Fire" revealed Hubbard's personal struggle with growing older and divorce. As Hubbard describes, "A declaration that there is still fight left in me."

Just before performing, Steve Deaton told the audience his inspiration are narratives derived off (from) "diabolic characters, such as drug dealers and alcoholics." He chuckled, along with several members of the crowd. A barflies' secret infatuation with his best friend's wife in "Eulogy Best Kept to Himself" and a boy's duty to protect and admire is older brother in "You Got To" are narratives based off these diabolic characters as they struggle with inner conflict. Still images of life in 1997 inspire(ed) "Inside."

Cary Hudson gave a method to how he would perform, saying "I wanted to play some new songs and for the last two, I did upbeat things to try and keep the audience interested." He emoted pride and passion as he howled during his lively performances. His songs varied in tone and mood. While his opening song Fiddler's Green is fable providing a voice to "the artists/outsider types in this world who so often suffer the judgment of those with power," "Skinny-dipping" intended to be far more lighthearted.

Once a semester, the Arts and Letters series hosts these events for literary and artistic community.

HEADWAE banquet to recognize Dugan, McCrory

Staff Reports/Photos

The 28th Higher Education Appreciation Day - Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) recognition banquet in February 2015, will be attended by Holmes Community College's two honorees: Cindy Dugan and Lily Fran McCrory.

HEADWAE is sponsored by the Mississippi Legislature, supported by the corporate community, and is coordinated by the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning - Office of Academic and Student Affairs.

Each year, HEADWAE honors an outstanding faculty member and an outstanding student from each participating member institution of the Mississippi Association of Colleges



Cindy Dugan

and Universities. Cindy Dugan is a music instructor on the HCC Grenada campus and a resident of Grenada, Mississippi. In addition to the HEADWAE award, she has received previous honors such as the Humanities Award where she presented "Defending the Arts in Academia,

Culture, and Beyond." She has been a well-respected member of the Holmes family since 2006.

Lily Fran McCrory is a 4.0 Pre-Medical student on the Goodman campus. She is an officer in Phi Theta Kappa, a participant in the Leadership Institute, a member of the Baptist Student Union, and a recipient of the Michael Klauk Award.

Lily Fran is also a recipient of a scholarship for the Holmes Plus Program which is a program for highly motivated students who are majoring in a science or mathematics field. Lily Fran McCrory's parents are Frankie and Robin McCrory from Lexington.



Lily Fran McCrory

Holmes hosts University Transfer Fair in Goodman

By Frankie Weatherby
Staff Reporter/Photographer

Goodman Campus students enjoyed attending the 2014 University Transfer fair held Oct. 17. The transfer fair allows students who wouldn't normally have the opportunity to visit area universities the chance to broaden their outlook on the four-year institution of their choice. Among those universities who attended were: Alcorn State University, Belhaven College, Delta State University, The Jackson State University, Millsap College, Mississippi College, Mississippi State University, Mississippi Valley State University, Tugaloo

College, The University of Mississippi, University of West Alabama, and even the Mississippi Army National Guard.



SCENES FROM HOMECOMING '14



RIDGELAND FALL FEST

Photos by Laurie Alvis, Staff Photographer
Submitted photos included as well

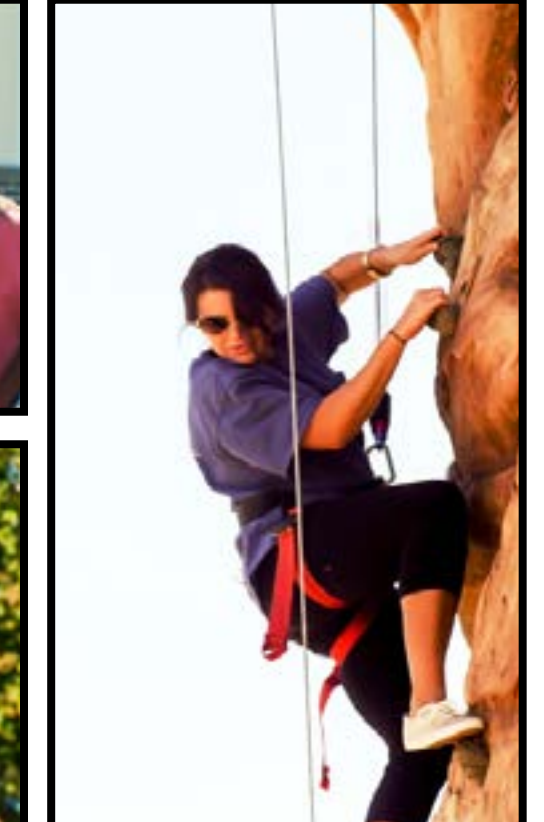
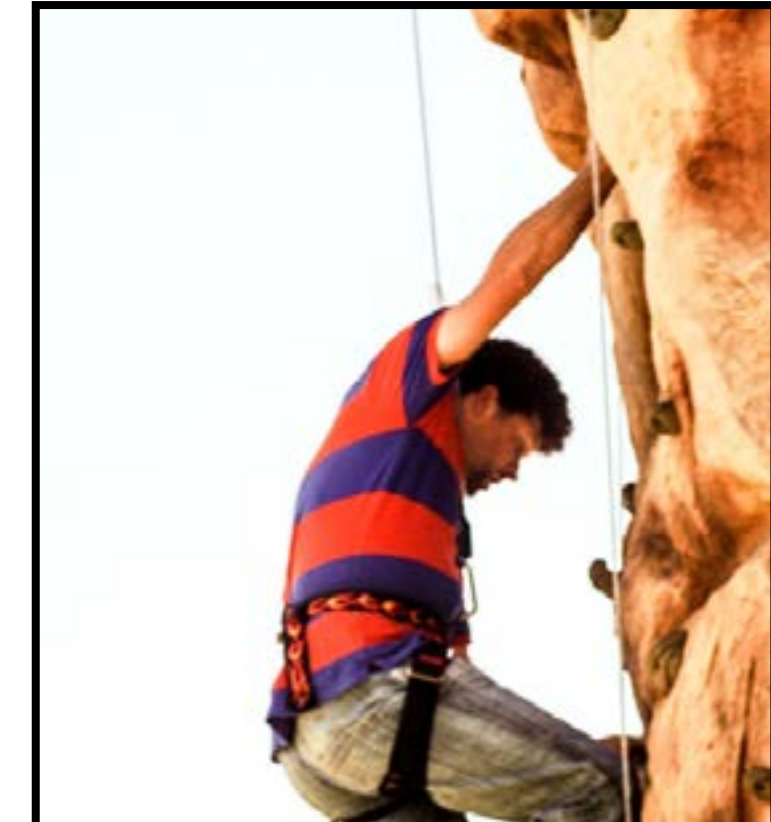
Music and the smell of Backyard Burgers filled the air during the Ridgeland Campus Fall Fest held on Oct. 22. Phi Theta Kappa sold t-shirts, the surgical tech students sold sweets and other goodies, and Phi Beta Lambda business society raised money for breast cancer awareness. Live music was provided by a dj as well as a band from the Creative Arts Club. Several student organizations hosted carnival games, as well. Following Fall Fest, students, faculty, and staff walked down to the soccer practice field to see the Lady Bulldogs play.



GRENADA FALL FEST

Photos by Carl Smith, Staff Photographer

A fun day was had by all at the 2014 Grenada Fall Fest held on Oct. 30. From a "Wobble Contest" to a trampoline bungee jump to a rock wall for climbing, there was fun activities for everyone. Faculty members even surprised students by dominating the wobble contest and performing a "flash mob" dance. Food, fun and funny (as well as some scary) costumes rounded out the day for a wonderful Fall Fest.



COLOR RUN 2014

Goodman Campus, Oct. 6

Submitted photos



HALS participates in Trunk or Treat

By Cody Ruth, Staff Photographer
Submitted Story

Holmes Association of Legal Students (HALS) participated in the City of Ridgeland's Trunk or Treat event on Halloween night for the second year in a row. Trunk or Treat, which is held in Freedom Ridge Park, is an annual fall festival featuring music, entertainment, carnival games, and treats donated by local Ridgeland businesses and run by volunteers. The event is reserved for children ages 10 and under.

Advised by Darlene Dozier, the members of HALS set up a booth and games and helped hand out candy to the children who attended Trunk or Treat.

This is just one of the many community service activities HALS is involved in throughout the academic year. Other community activities have included raising money to purchase teddy bears for the Ridgeland Police Department (for children at

the scene of crimes), partnering with In Him Ministries, a local faith-based prison ministry, and donating items for women in need at the Mississippi Center for Violence Prevention, among numerous other activities.

Spotted!



By Na'Shekia Mosley
Spotted! A Ridgeland Campus student enjoys a break between classes in the Student Union, which will be dedicated and renamed in the near future... details to come!



Bulldogs (continued from Front Page)

nal score of the night with 2:47 to play in the third quarter when the scored from 16 yards out. Ballard connected on both extra points to make the score 55-0.

Kris Newson picked up another score for the Bulldog special teams as he blocked a punt of Cody Spears and raced it in for a 25-yard touchdown. Ballard's kick made it 62-0 with 10:22 to play in the game.

The Tigers got on the scoreboard with 1:13 to play in the game when Anthony Mitchell connected with Greg Johnson from 34 yards out. Cody Spears' extra point was blocked by Broderick Fordham and LaBarrion Taylor picked up for the Bulldogs and

went in for the final two points of the night from 90 yards out.

Massey led the Bulldogs in rushing with 133 yards on four carries and two touchdowns while Cunningham had 114 yards on 10 carries and a touchdown. Henson had three scores and finished with 85 yards on 12 carries.

Andrew Walker and Mohamed Camara each finished with seven tackles. Traver Jung had six tackles while Britain Thompson, Odell Spencer, Broderick Fordham and Ryhean McMorris each had five tackles. Lyndon Johnson and Camara each had two sacks while Johnson and Camara each had 2.5 tackles for loss.

Former Bulldog baseball player now an L.A. Dodger

Staff Reports/Photo
Included information from www.truebluelua.com



Pictured at the Intrasquad Baseball Game at Homecoming '14 are (left) Head Coach Kenny Dupont and (right) Assistant Coach Ryan Beggs with Deion Ulmer, who now plays for the L.A. Dodgers.

Holmes Community College former Bulldog Dirtbag Baseball Player Deion Ulmer of Laurel was drafted to the Los Angeles Dodger Minor League Baseball team after finishing his sophomore year at Holmes in May. The 5'9, 170-pound short stop and pitcher hit .423/.494/.537 with 14 doubles, 46 runs scored and 36 stolen bases in 39 attempts in 48 games in 2014. He also made All-State and

All-Region XXIII First Team. Ulmer, 20, had already been drafted to Jackson State University and was set to begin his junior year at JSU in August when he found out that he had been picked in the MLB draft. The former Bulldog standout is thrilled for the opportunity to play in MLB, and shared his gratitude to his former coaches by paying a visit to Goodman during Homecoming 2014.

Lady Bulldogs reel off fifth straight win with victory over Pearl River, 52-50

Staff Reports/Photo

The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs made it five in a row after a home game Nov. 17 with a 52-50 non-division win over the Pearl River Community College Lady Wildcats.

With the win, the Lady Bulldogs went to 5-1 on the season. Pearl River led 20-11 at halftime before the Lady Bulldogs outscored the Lady Wildcats 41-30 in the second half.

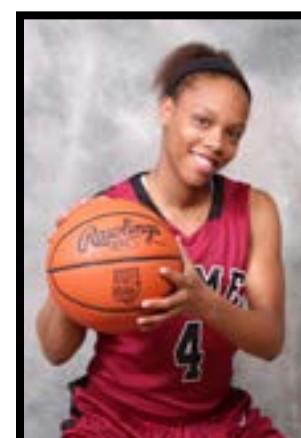
Taylor Johnson led the Lady Bulldogs with nine points while Carmesha Nalls had eight. Tayanna Purnell led in rebounds with seven.

The basketball games, both men and women's, can be watched live at holmesccmedia.com or heard on breezynews.com or at 101.1 FM.

For updated coverage on the Lady Bulldogs 2014-2015 season, visit www.holmesathletics.com.



Taylor Johnson



Carmesha Nalls



Tayanna Purnell

Bulldog Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time (W/M)
Dec. 1	@ Southwest	5:30/7:30 p.m.
Dec. 4	Northwest	6/8 p.m.
Dec. 8	@ Coahoma	6/8 p.m.
Jan. 6	@ Hinds	5:30/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	Southwest	6/8 p.m.
Jan. 12	@ Itawamba	6/8 p.m.
Jan. 15	Baton Rouge, La.	6/8 p.m.
Jan. 20	Mississippi Delta	6:18 p.m.
Jan. 22	East Mississippi	6/8 p.m.
Jan. 26	@ Northeast	5:30/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	@ Northwest	5/7 p.m.
Feb. 5	Itawamba	6/8 p.m.
Feb. 12	@ Mississippi Delta	6/8 p.m.
Feb. 16	@ East Mississippi	5:30/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	Northeast	6/8 p.m.

Macon named MACJC Player of the Week Twice

Staff Reports/Photo

Holmes Community College freshman guard Daryl Macon of Little Rock, Ark. was named the MACJC Player of the Week two weeks in a row following his plays against William Carey JV, Meridian and Southern-Shreveport.

Macon averaged 24.3 points in three games in one week. He had 27 points in a Holmes 117-74 win over William Carey JV, 26 points in a losing effort against Meridian and 20 points in a win over



Southern-Shreveport. He also averaged four rebounds, 1.3 steals and 5 assists per game in those three games.

Holmes hosted 2nd annual MACJC Men's and Women's All-Star Soccer Game

Staff Reports/Photo

Holmes Community College, the Mississippi Army National Guard and Mississippi Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Center teamed up to present the 2nd Annual MACJC Men's and Women's All-Star Soccer Game. The All-Star games were held Nov. 15 at Freedom Ridge Park in Ridgeland.

DVDs of the MACJC All Star game can be purchased via PayPal by going to <http://holmesccmedia.com/Home> for \$19.95/single game, \$29.95/two game package. DVDs

should ship approximately two weeks after the MACJC All-Star game. For more information contact Matt Conventino at 601-212-8095 or mconventino@holmescc.edu.

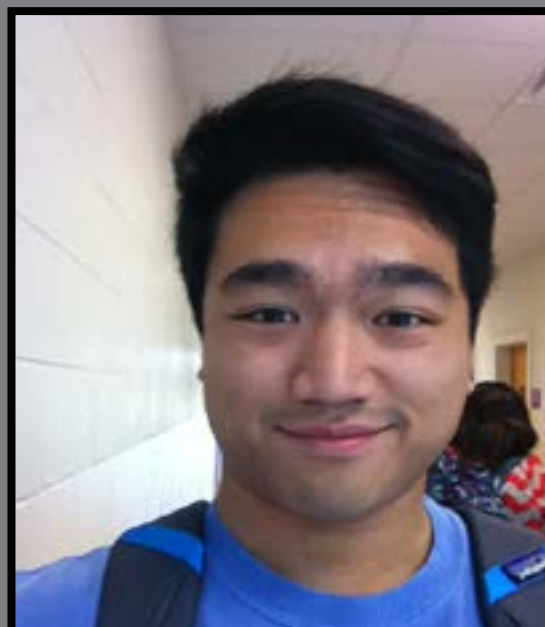
Last year's MACJC Men's & Women's All-Star game had 21 of 64 participants continue their soccer careers at the next level.

(Below) Pictured are the Holmes Bulldog soccer players who were chosen to play in the MACJC All-Star game.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Ridgeland Campus



Name: Jimmy Le
Nickname: Don't have one.
Hometown: Flowood
Major: Pre-nursing
Classification: Sophomore
Pets: I don't have a pet at the moment which is unfortunate because I love dogs.
Favorite Food: Pizza
Favorite TV Show: Grey's Anatomy
What would most people be surprised to know about you? That I am Asian, but not that smart.
What is your favorite place to visit? Boulder, CO and Clearwater Beach, Fla.
Accomplishment most proud of? Being extremely involved with Student Ambassadors.
Future Goal: To graduate college from a prestigious nursing school in Mississippi.
How do you like spending your days off? I enjoy traveling.
Motivation: My motivation for graduting is to avoid going broke.
What or who are three things you love most in this world? My family, football, and dogs.
Why did you choose Holmes? There is no place like Holmes!

Goodman Campus



Name: Dalton Burton
Nickname: Dalty Roo
Hometown: Bentonla
Major: Agricultural Business
Classification: Sophomore
Pets: A dog, cows, and a donkey
Favorite Food: Cheeseburger (meat, cheese, bread only)
Favorite TV Show: ESPN
What would most people be surprised to know about you? I'm allergic to pickles.
Accomplishment most proud of: Driving my girlfriend (Homecoming Queen Shelby Soyars) in my golf cart onto the field for Homecoming 2014.
Future Goal: To own my business called Big D Enterprise.
How do you like spending your days off? Tending to my cows, fishing, and hunting.
Three things you love most in the world: Jesus, my mom, and chips.
Why did you choose Holmes? Local school, great atmosphere and close to home.

Grenada Center



Name: Napoleon Green
Nickname: Main
Hometown: Hayti, Mo.
Major: Criminal Justice
Classification: Non-traditional freshman
Pets: I've got one dog.
Favorite Food: Chicken.
Favorite TV show: CSI.
What would most people be surprised to know about you? I received High School Diploma in 2013.
Future Goal: I plan to become a Correctional Social Worker.
How do you like spending your days off? Reading /Spending time with family.
Motivation: My motivation is my family, my two sons.
Three things you love most in the world: Family, friends, and volunteering.
Why did you choose Holmes? I wanted a small campus that was close to my home and job with great instructors.

Exam Schedules 2014

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE – Ridgeland Campus Fall Semester – 1st 8-Week Classes October 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10, 2014

Monday, October 6	Tuesday, October 7	Wednesday, October 8	Thursday, October 9	Friday, October 10
1 st 8-week day classes will have regular class meetings on this day.	1 st 8-week day classes will have regular class meetings on this day.	1 st 8-week day classes will have regular class meetings on this day.	1 st 8-week day classes DO NOT MEET	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. 1 st 8-week 8:00 a.m. classes
				10:10 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. 1 st 8-week 9:25 a.m. classes
				12:20 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. 1 st 8-week 10:50 a.m. classes 1 st 8-week 12:15 a.m. classes
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. 1 st 8-week Monday Hybrid Classes	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. 1 st 8-week Tuesday Hybrid classes	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. 1 st 8-week Wednesday Hybrid classes 1 st 8-week Monday/Wednesday Evening Classes	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. 1 st 8-week Thursday Hybrid classes 1 st 8-week Tuesday/Thursday Evening Classes	Note: Students must take exams at the scheduled exam time. In case of conflict, please notify the Academic Dean's office or the Career-Technical Director's office.

Fall 2014 Semester Classes—Goodman Campus December 9, 10, 11 – 2014

Friday, December 5 *****	Tuesday, December 9 *****	Wednesday, December 10 *****	Thursday, December 11 *****
8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. All classes that meet <i>Tuesday and/or Thursday at 1:00 p.m., 1:40 p.m., or 2:00 p.m.</i>	8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. All classes that meet <i>Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 a.m. or 8:30 a.m.</i>	8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. All classes that meet <i>Monday and Wednesday at 8:00 a.m.</i>	8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. All classes that meet <i>Monday and/or Wednesday at 1:40 p.m.</i>
10:10 A.M. – 12:10 P.M. All classes that meet <i>TBA</i>	10:10 A.M. – 12:10 P.M. All classes that meet <i>Monday and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. or 10:50 a.m.</i>	10:10 A.M. – 12:10 P.M. All classes that meet <i>Tuesday and Thursday at 9:25 a.m.</i>	10:10 A.M. – 12:10 P.M. Monday and Wednesday <i>At 9:25 a.m.</i>
	1:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M. All classes that meet <i>Tuesday and/or Thursday 2nd 8WK M/T/W/R at 12:15 p.m. or 12:30 p.m.</i>	1:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M. All classes that meet <i>Monday and/or Wednesday at 11:41 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 12:30 p.m., or 12:40 p.m.</i>	1:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M. All classes that meet <i>Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. or 10:50 a.m.</i>
	3:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. All classes that meet <i>Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30 p.m.</i>		
	6:00 P.M.-8:50 P.M. All classes that meet <i>Tuesday Evening classes</i>		

NOTE: Monday day classes will have regular class meetings on Monday, December 8, 2014.

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2014 Fall Semester – Grenada Center December 8, 9, 10, 11

<u>MONDAY</u> December 8	<u>TUESDAY</u> December 9	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> December 10	<u>THURSDAY</u> December 11
Monday day classes will have regular class meetings on this day "All courses that are described as lecture courses or have a lecture component will have a final examination. All instructors are expected to administer the final examination to all students...according to the schedule issued by the administration." NOTE: Instructors may allow students to exchange sections as long as it does not create a problem in seating, etc. In case of conflict, please notify the Academic Dean.	8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. <i>All classes that meet Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 a.m.</i>	8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. <i>All classes that meet Monday and Wednesday at 8:00 a.m.</i>	8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. <i>All classes that meet Monday and Wednesday at 9:25 a.m.</i>
	10:10 A.M. – 12:10 P.M. <i>All classes that meet Tuesday and Thursday at 10:50 a.m.</i>	10:10 A.M. – 12:10 P.M. <i>All classes that meet Monday and Wednesday at 10:50 a.m.</i>	10:10 A.M. – 12:10 P.M. <i>All classes that meet Tuesday and Thursday at 9:25 a.m.</i>
	1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. <i>All classes that meet Tuesday and Thursday at 12:15 p.m.</i>	1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. <i>All classes that meet Monday and Wednesday at 12:15 p.m.</i>	
	3:10 P.M. – 5:10 P.M. <i>All classes that meet Tuesday and Thursday at 1:35 p.m.</i>	3:10 P.M. – 5:10 P.M. <i>All classes that meet Monday and Wednesday at 1:35 p.m.</i>	
			8 WEEK CLASSES First 8-Week Classes October 9, 2014 Second 8-Week Classes December 11, 2014
EVENING EXAM SCHEDULE			
Monday, December 8 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Monday Evening Classes	Tuesday, December 9 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening Classes	Wednesday, December 10 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Classes	Thursday, December 11 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Thursday Evening Classes