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Holmes opens newest location in Yazoo City

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On June 24, representatives from the Yazoo County Economic Development Council, the Yazoo County Board of Supervisors, the Delta Council, and Holmes Community College - as well as other Yazoo County supporters - gathered for the ribbon-cutting of the Yazoo County Economic Development and Educational Center in Yazoo City which is the newest location for Holmes classes.

The facility, located at 637 East 15th St., houses Yazoo County Economic Development officers' offices on the left side, with classrooms on the right. The eight academic classes offered this fall include: Nutrition, Intro to Criminal Justice, Beginning and Intermediate English, English Comp. I, Beginning and Intermediate Algebra, and College Algebra I. Behind the Center is the site used for the Holmes



Pictured are (left to right) **President of the Yazoo County Board of Supervisors Cobie Collins** with Holmes **President Dr. Jim Haffey** following the ribbon-cutting of the Yazoo County Economic Development and Educational Center on June 24.

Professional Truck Driving Program, among other workforce training based programs.

Workshops planned for the fall in-

clude Customer Service Training, Oral Communications, CPR for Health Care Providers, and CPR/First Aid for the general public. Each workshop cost \$25, and lasts four hours. Holmes will also offer 12 Exceptional Team Leadership workshops in Yazoo City, with the first beginning on Sept. 8 and the final one

on Feb. 9. The leadership workshops will cost \$50 a course, and will also last four hours.

The Health Care Provider CPR work-

shop will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on three different dates: Sept. 1, Oct. 6, and Nov. 10. Led by Genette Pierce, RN, the class covers basic methods of cardiopulmonary resuscitation for adults, children, and infants; human physiology; emergency scene assessment, and step-by-step emergency response processes. These valuable skills provide the basic ability to respond quickly when a person suffers sudden cardiac arrest. Keeping CPR skills fresh and certification current is the best way to ensure procedures performed will save lives.

The CPR/First Aid workshop for the general public, also taught by Genette Pierce, RN, will be held on from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. on the same dates as the Health Care Provider CPR workshop - Sept. 1, Oct. 6, and Nov. 10. This

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Holmes receives \$283,339 grant from Department of Education

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College has recently been awarded a \$283,339 grant from The Department of Education's Student Support Services program. U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker made the announcement on July 17 that Holmes would be among the eight Mississippi institutions of higher education to receive a share of the more than \$2.25 million in grant funding being given. It is anticipated that the grant will be awarded over the next five years.

Other grant funding recipients included Alcorn State University, Hinds Community College, Mississippi State University, Mississippi Valley State University, Pearl River Community College, Rust College, and The University of Southern Mississippi.

The mission of The Department of Education's Student Support Services program is to improve college retention and graduation rates by providing academic tutoring in reading, writing, mathematics, and science. Holmes' Student Support Services (SSS) serves approximately 200 students on the Goodman Campus and is committed to providing a supportive environment where participants receive academic, personal, financial, transfer and career counseling.

"This program has been a tremendous investment in our community for years," President of Holmes Dr. Jim Haffey said. "It has allowed us to take hundreds of bright students from impoverished and other at-risk backgrounds and give them a little extra time and encouragement. The result years later is that we have a large legacy of educated alumni, from this program, working, living, and contributing to our community."

Over the past 90 years, Holmes has grown from an agricultural junior

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Faculty and staff recognized for years of service

From Staff Reports/Photos

On Aug. 10, Holmes Community College celebrated the start of the 2015-2016 school year, as well as the 90th anniversary of the institution, with a tropical-themed Opening Convocation on the Goodman Campus. In addition to the games, cheerleader and Dazzler dance team performances, and a welcome back message by President Dr. Jim Haffey, the institution also recognized those who have reached milestones for their years of service to Holmes.

The one employee recognized for her 30 years of loyal service to Holmes was Mary Brantley, English instructor and former department chair for English and Modern Foreign Languages. Brantley was one of the first instructors hired when the Ridgeland Campus opened its doors 30 years ago, and still teaches there today.

The employees recognized for 25 years of service with the college included Dr. Myra Harville, academic dean of the Grenada Center; Linda McCollum, admissions representative, Ridgeland,

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Pictured is **Mary Brantley** recognized for 30 years of service.



Pictured are (left to right) **Dr. Myra Harville**, **Linda McCollum**, and **Katrina Myricks**, recognized for 25 years of service.



Pictured are (left to right) **Bill Grace**, **Jenny Jones**, **Patsy Rogers**, **Sherrie Cheek**, and **Andy Wood**, recognized for 20 years.

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HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE WILL CELEBRATE ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY DURING HOMECOMING 2015 ON SATURDAY, OCT. 24, ON THE GOODMAN CAMPUS. SEE PAGES 3-4 FOR MORE DETAILS.

A note from the new Growl Editor

By Joshua Dilmore
Growl Editor



Dear fellow reader:
My name is Joshua Dilmore, and I am editor-in-chief of the Holmes Community College newspaper The Growl. I have attended Holmes since the fall of 2014 and have been a member of The Growl staff since spring 2015. I am an English major and work in the writing center on the Holmes Ridge-land campus. Hailing from Clinton, I make a rather lengthy drive to attend Holmes every day, but it is worth every minute. I love Holmes and could not have picked a better school

to attend!

As editor of the college newspaper, naturally I encourage students to read the latest edition of The Growl and stay informed on campus news. However, I also would like students to know that I, as well as the rest of the newspaper staff, am open to receiving letters from fellow students about campus concerns, opinions, etc., and will share them in the next issue of The Growl.

Again, I am looking forward to another great semester of The Growl and sharing with each of you what I enjoy most.

Regards,

Joshua Dilmore

Why I chose Holmes Community College to further my education

By Santia Williams
Growl Reporter



I came to Holmes Community College to further my education because I think that the teachers do an awesome job here. I believe that the teachers here care just as much about your education as the students care about our education. So far, all of my teachers seem nice, and are concerned about helping their students. In college, you may feel more capable of doing everything you need to do by yourself, but when you can't, the teachers do try to help. I think that it makes a good impact on the school to have caring instructors. I also love that the campuses are very neat and organized here. So far I love it here, and will continue my two years of education here at Holmes.

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Your favorite shoes could be causing you problems

By Miranda Birchfield
Growl Reporter



Certain types of footwear could be harmful to your health. One type of footwear that many, if not all of us frequently wear are flip flops.

However, flip flops were not originally intended for everyday wear. The rubber flip flops we are familiar with were designed as shower shoes, to be worn when showering in public places such as dorm rooms and hotels. They could also be worn when washing the car or similar tasks and gradually became popular for daily wear.

But the design of a flip flop is not practical for wearing over long periods of time. The flat, one piece structure of a flip flop offers no support to the wearer's heel or arch. This can lead to foot, knee and hip pain and problems over time.

"They cause your feet to roll in, that can put too much pressure on your tendons, sometimes on your bones and can cause overuse injuries" stated Dr. Jordan Metzl, Hospital for special surgeries. Because they lack arch support, have min-

imal shock absorption, and no heel strap to keep them on your feet, you are forced to walk slightly differently than you normally would, according to many podiatrists. Muscles, bones and ligaments are forced to work harder because of this slight change. Though they provide some basic protection to the soles of your feet, flip flops leave your upper foot exposed, and therefore vulnerable to injury. Researchers in the United Kingdom found that flip flops are responsible for 1.4 million accidents each year and are statistically more dangerous than high heels. It is not advisable to wear flip flops often for long periods of time.

Students are probably familiar with the closed toe policy in biology and chemistry labs, to prevent burns if a substance is spilled. So the next time you're reaching for a pair of shoes, think twice before choosing the flip



food was contaminated. Somebody could and should have stopped it.

Some people feel that he takes no responsibility for what he's done, but the families of the victims may now have a little peace knowing that he is spending the rest of his life in prison for the choice he made. This all could have been prevented. No one should get sick or die because of something they eat thinking it's safe.



Stewart Parnell

Heartbroken over Vicksburg crime

By Santia Williams
Growl Reporter



My heart is broken about the 27-year-old male who robbed and raped a 72-year-old woman from Vicksburg last weekend. He has been captured; reports say that he was assaulted inside of the jail by other inmates. I am personally really disturbed by this because she is somebody's mother, and most of all, somebody's grandmother and great-grandmother. I really don't think he going to get out

of this, and it is going to follow him for the rest of his life.

I think that whatever they charge him with he deserves it, because if he had any heart or either respect for his elders, he wouldn't have done what he did. Now that poor lady has to live with that the rest of her life knowing someone raped her. It just really makes you sick to your stomach knowing somebody will do that to their elders. I can't say if he was mentally ill, because I really don't know.

I just really hope that she and her family can move on from this situation; it may take time but I hope they do.

"Just ship it"

By Savannah Campbell
Growl Reporter



"This has been a several-year night mare. Now I stand before you and ask you for forgiveness you and the victims," Stewart Parnell told the court

Sept. 21.

According to CNN, this is the first time that a food executive has been convicted on federal felony charges linked to a food poisoning outbreak. Parnell was convicted on 72 counts of fraud, conspiracy, and other federal charges. Federal and state disease detectives found that nine other people

died, and 714 people were sickened because of the salmonella that Parnell knowingly allowed to be shipped. In March 2007, Parnell wrote an email to a plant manager saying, "Just ship it [referring to the salmonella-tainted peanut butter]." After the jury heard this and saw the email it did not take them long to decide that he was obviously responsible for this.

The federal judge sentenced Stewart Parnell to 28 years in prison. Unless he wins on appeal, 61-year-old Stewart Parnell will spend the rest of his life in prison. His brother Michael Parnell, who was the food broker for the plant, was sentenced to 20 years, and Mary Wilkerson, the plant's quality assurance manager, was sentenced to five years. Although Stewart Parnell was the one who told them to "Just ship it," he was not the only one who knew the

Join us for Homecoming on October 24

From Staff Reports

On Saturday, Oct. 24, Holmes Community College will be hosting its annual all-day Homecoming celebration on the Goodman Campus.

This year's football game against Northeast Community College will begin at 4 p.m. with the presentation of the Homecoming Court and crowning of the Queen at halftime.

Holmes will also be recognizing this year's Alumnus of the Year Robby Robertson along with the Distinguished Service Award Recipients James Young and Bill Bailey at a

special ceremony.

The day's events, from the Little Bulldog Zone, Alumni ballgames, all the way to art shows and parade means there is something for everyone to enjoy.

The Homecoming schedule includes a baseball inter-squad game and softball alumni game at 10:30 a.m., along with the 1965 Football team 50-year reunion in Carroll Cafeteria. The Honoree Recognition Ceremony beings at 11 a.m. in McDaniel Auditorium followed by the exciting Connection!

performance at 11:30 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon in the Grove with the musical stylings of the Holmes Steel Drum Band. The annual alumni meeting will be held in the McMorrough Library and the children's drama production in the Fine Arts Auditorium at 1:15 p.m. The Coachmen will perform in the Chapel on the Hill at 2 p.m., followed by the Homecoming Court Parade at 2:30 p.m. The parade will lead the crowd to the high-energy Pep Rally in the main parking lot. Need a cool place to sit or a minute

away from the crowd? The McMorrough Library will be open to all guests! Come visit and enjoy a cold glass of water and light snacks on us. For our State and Ole Miss fans, the games will be streaming live so you don't have to miss one minute. Ring your cow bell, yell Hotty Toddy, and cheer our Bulldogs to victory!

For a complete list of activities, see Page 4. Go Bulldogs!

Brown receives Vickers Award for Excellence in Teaching

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College Goodman Campus English Instructor Jessica Brown was the recent recipient of the prestigious Ovid Vickers Award for Excellence in Teaching, awarded to an English instructor who has demonstrated excellence in the classroom. She was honored at the Two-Year College English Association of Mississippi (TYCAM) Annual

Conference titled, "Fifty Shades of English: Creativity and Innovation in the English Classroom" held at Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond on Sept. 18.

"Jessica certainly epitomizes excellence in community college classroom instruction," said Department of English and Foreign Languages Chair Steve P. Deaton. "Mr. Vickers, whom the award was named for, was my community college instructor and has had a profound impact on my life. In the same way, I'm sure, many of Jessica's students could say the same about her."

A native of Vicksburg, Brown has taught at Holmes since 2006. Over the tenure of her career at Holmes, she has taught developmental English courses, English Composition I and II, and British Literature. In 2013, Brown was named the 2013 Humanities Teacher of the Year for Holmes. Her presentation as Humanities Teacher of the Year, "The Literary Runway," explored how fashion is used in literature and film.

Brown grew up loving all things involving literature and fashion, which she attributes to her mother, an avid reader and shoe enthusiast. She earned a bachelor's in English and history at The University of Mississippi, and soon after graduation, married her college sweetheart, Jeffrey Brown. He too is a member of the Holmes family, serving as assistant band director. The Browns share a love for Holmes and the students.

"This recognition came to me unexpectedly, but I am incredibly honored and grateful," Brown said. "Holmes Community College has always felt more like a second home rather than a workplace because of the inspiration, support, and encouragement I have received from both my colleagues and my students. Without them, I don't believe I could teach to a standard that's apparently worthy of a commemorative plaque. I teach the way I do because I want to see students succeed beyond my class and because, simply put, I just plain love it!"

Prior to her position at Holmes, Brown taught English at Central Holmes Christian School, which is where she credits finding her calling as a teacher. A year later, she earned her master's in English at Mississippi State University, which further fostered her enthusiasm for literature.

In 2014, Brown served as a guest speaker at the annual TYCAM conference, presenting a talk titled, "Get It Together: Developing an Integrated Reading and Writing Course." The talk summed up a project that she and six English instructors worked on the previous summer, following a visit to Lone Star Community College in Texas. Brown led the endeavor, which involved formatting new course designs for the combined reading and writing courses.

For more information about the Holmes Department of English and Foreign Languages, visit www.holmescc.edu or contact Steve Deaton at 601-605-3358 or sdeaton@holmescc.edu

Holmes donates equipment to Kosciusko Upper Elementary

From Staff Reports/Photos



Jason Kelly

Having been a coach for 10 years, Holmes Community College History/Political Science Instructor Jason Kelly knows the joy physical activity brings to the lives of young people. So when the need for physical education equipment arose at Kosciusko Upper Elementary, he immediately went to work.

Kelly approached Holmes Athletic Director Andy Wood, Goodman Academic Dean, Jenny Jones and Associate Athletic Director for External Relations, Steve Diffey, to see what Holmes could do to help the elementary school. It was decided to approach each of the athletic programs to see what equipment they could spare, and they all joined in donating basketballs, footballs and soccer balls for the young people to use during an activity period.

Kelly's wife Dusti teaches math at Kosciusko Upper Elementary. "I went

to Kosciusko to visit their classrooms to see where I could help out," Kelly said. "I ran into one of my wives students, and he was really excited about the possibility of me bringing a single basketball for them to play. I immediately spoke with the principal Cassandra Fulton and she was very excited about making this project happen."

"You hear about the push to be active," he said, "but society is slowly cutting the time for physical education, athletics, arts, etc. It's a systematic decline. I saw an opportunity by looking at his face and how happy he was to just get a basketball for his class to go play. I walked out of the room and said we can do better than this. I can do better than this."

"I contacted all the coaches and they donated their supplies that were aged, and they were kind enough to help these kids," said Kelly. Kelly said the supplies were given to Kosciusko

Upper Elementary School Principal Cassandra Fulton, and she was going to divide them out between each of the fourth and fifth grade classrooms.

Kelly's goal is helping one elementary school per year with athletic supplies donated by Holmes.

"The plan is to branch out our athletic program and say that Holmes is giving back and allowing elementary schools to be active in more sports," Kelly said. "I want to rehash and rebirth the athletic movement we had when we were little that led to great academics and other things. I want us to work side by side with them, and this is a small way to give back."

Grenada Forest Tech tours Fly Timber mill

From Staff Reports/Photos

Grenada Center's Forest Technology students led by instructor James Floyd had the opportunity to tour Fly Timber Company's mill on Sept. 21.

The Forest Technology program is an intensive program of instruction and training to prepare individuals for service in different aspects of forest management operations.

Major topics of the program include: the role of foresters in society; the identification and evaluation of forest and ornamental woody species; the manipulation of forest stands to produce specific benefits; the impacts of fire, insects, and disease in forest stands; forest measurement and mapping methods; and timber harvesting and utilization systems. Emphasis throughout the program is

placed upon developing strong communication skills through written and oral assignments and upon developing a professional attitude of conduct.

This program leads to an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree.



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Homecoming 2015 Activities

Saturday, October 24, On the Goodman Campus

- 10:30 a.m. **Baseball Inter-Squad Game, Softball Alumni Game
Art Exhibit Opens in the Library (until 1:00 p.m.)
1965 Football Team Reunion Registration Begins in the Carroll Cafeteria
Art Department Opens (until 2:00 p.m.), Coliseum Opens**
- 11:00 a.m. **Honorees Recognition in McDaniel Auditorium**
- 11:30 a.m. **Connection! Performance in the McDaniel Auditorium**
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch in the Grove (until 1:15 p.m.)
Little Bulldog Zone (for the kids) Opens in the Grove
Steel Drum Band Performance in the Grove**
- 12:15 p.m. **Honorees Lunch with the President in the Grove**
- 1:15 p.m. **Annual Alumni Meeting in the Library (Light Appetizers Served)
Children's Drama Production with Popcorn in the Fine Arts Building**
- 2:00 p.m. **Coachmen Performance in the Chapel on the Hill**
- 2:30 p.m. **Parade Begins at Cook Dorm**
- 3:00 p.m. **Pep Rally Held in Main Parking Lot**
- 3:30 p.m. **Band Enters the Football Stadium**
- 3:45 p.m. **Honorees Recognized on the Football Field**
- 3:55 p.m. **National Anthem Performed by the HCC Chorale**
- 4:00 p.m. **Kick-off!
Halftime: Presentation of the Homecoming Court &
Crowning of the Queen**

Need a cool place to sit or a minute away from the crowd? The McMorrough Library will be open to all guests! Come visit, and enjoy a cold glass of water and light snacks on us!

For our State and Ole Miss fans, the games will be streamed live so you don't have to miss one minute! Ring your cow bell, yell Hotty Toddy, and cheer our Bulldogs to victory!



Magnolia GOLD program begins in conjunction with National Guard

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes Community College is partnering with the Mississippi Army National Guard to offer a new military science program called Magnolia GOLD. The "GOLD" stands for Guard Officer Leadership Development.

During the fall of 2015, students have the opportunity to take a course called Foundations of Officership, and during the spring of 2016, students will have the opportunity to take that course as well as Foundations of Leadership. Additional courses will be added in 2016, giving students the chance to complete a total of four Magnolia GOLD classes.

Courses are open to all students, with no prerequisites necessary. Two elective credit hours will be awarded for the first two courses, and three credit hours for each of the second two. The Foundations of Officership course introduces students to the personal challenges and competencies that are critical for effective leadership. Students will learn how the personal development of life skills such as cultural understanding, goal setting, time management, mental/physical resiliency, and stress management relate to leadership, Officership, and the Army profession.

"I am very excited about this pro-

gram," said SFC Timothy Harper, instructor for the Magnolia GOLD courses at Holmes. "This course provides great leadership opportunities, and the projects are designed to enhance the students' ability to plan and execute difficult tasks."

This program lends itself to students interested in becoming National Guard officers, whether they choose Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) or Officer Candidate School (OCS). Although there are additional opportunities for those already in the National Guard, there is absolutely no military obligation required to take Magnolia GOLD courses, and it doesn't mean that you will be required to join the Guard.

"I want to stress that even though the program is extremely beneficial training for those interested in a military career - we have three students already in the Mississippi National Guard taking the course at this point - it is also great for students with different future plans," SFC Harper said. "The skills learned and experience gained will benefit all students, whether they plan to go into a career in education, healthcare, business, or another field."

SFC Harper, a native of Rankin County, who has worked with the Marines and the National Guard for 20 years, brings of wealth of knowledge and experience to the program.

"I have been extremely impressed with how motivated and dedicated this first cohort of students has been since day one," SFC Harper said. "They are a great group of students, and I look forward to seeing their progress over the course of the semester."

For more information about the Magnolia GOLD program, contact SFC Harper at tiharper@holmescc.



Pictured are the Holmes Community College Foundations of Officership class members who are current members of the Mississippi National Guard with instructor SFC Timothy Harper. Pictured (left to right) are, Jasmine Gibson, Rodrick Williams, Ty'Asia Gee, and SFC Harper.

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In addition to SSS, the college now offers more than 50 academic majors, approximately 30 professional programs, over 50 extracurricular activities, 10 athletic sports, and a variety of work-study positions. Programs like SSS have enabled Holmes to enjoy continuous growth and expansion, adding new locations and programs each year to better serve its students.

For more information, contact Director of Student Support Services Linda Alexander Jones at (662) 472-9002 or lalexander@holmescc.edu.



Cox earns national nurse educator certification

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College Associate Degree Nursing Instructor Tiffany Gordon Cox recently earned the designation Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) after meeting strict eligibility criteria and successfully completing

a rigorous certification examination developed and administered by the National League for Nursing (NLN).

"The NLN's Academic Nurse Educator Certification program has conferred new visibility and stature upon the academic nursing community that is long overdue," said Dr. Beverly Malone, CEO of the NLN. "Through the certification program, we have made clear to the ranks of higher education that the role of nurse educator is an advanced professional practice discipline with a defined practice setting and demonstrable standards of excellence."

Cox has been employed as an instructor on the Holmes Ridgeland Campus since February of 2013. She received her bachelor's in nursing from Alcorn State University in 1992, a Master of Public Policy and Administration from Jackson State University in 2002, and a Master of Nursing

Education from the University of Mississippi in 2012. Cox is presently enrolled to begin pursuit of a PhD in Nursing Administration and Education at William Carey University.

Cox has served as a nurse for 23 years in various areas such as orthopedics, home health, enterostomal therapy, oncology/hematology, psychiatry, utilization review, case management, and education. She is also a 2003 Presidential Management Scholarship recipient which led to employment with the USDA Forest Service of Washington, DC, in the Safety and Health Division, as well with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration in Rockville, Maryland. After her 20-year career in direct patient care, nursing management and grant administration, Cox decided to return to school and began a career change as a nursing instructor, mentoring those in the field

in which she has devoted over half of her life.

In addition to teaching, Cox is actively involved in the Eliza Pillars Nursing Association, the Mississippi Nurses Association, the American Nurses Association, National League of Nurses, Sigma Theta Tau, Phi Kappa Phi, the Alcorn Alumni Association and Band Alumni Association, and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Inc. She has received numerous scholarly and professional awards in her career with the most recent being Nursing Instructor of the Year for Holmes Community College. She is married to SFC. Joe Lee Cox and the mother of Madison, 9 and Chase, 7.

National group names Surrell Outstanding Business Officer

From Staff Reports/Photos



Matt Surrell of Winona, director of business services at Holmes Community College, was recently selected as a 2015 Outstanding Business Officer (OBO) Award winner for Region VI by the Community College Business

Officers (CCBO) organization. This award is given to business officers who have made outstanding contributions to business and financial management in higher education.

Surrell was recognized during the awards banquet at the 33rd Annual CCBO International Conference held in Las Vegas, Nevada, Sept. 19 - 22.

CCBO provides networking opportunities, educational and professional development workshops, and other resources to help business officers achieve success as they serve their respective community colleges. CCBO is widely recognized as the premier community college association serving professionals throughout the United States and Canada.

"CCBO is pleased to be able to recognize individuals who truly demonstrate excellence and exceptional ser-

vice," said CCBO Awards Committee Chair Suzette S. Senn. "We anticipate an exciting year for CCBO and look forward to seeing the award recipients in Nevada."

Surrell, whose office is located on the Goodman Campus of Holmes, has served as director of business services for five years. Prior to his position at Holmes, he worked as an assurance/audit senior associate for HORNE, LLP, in Grenada for seven years following a one-year internship with the company.

Surrell earned a bachelor of business administration in accounting from Millsaps College and his master of accountancy from the University of Mississippi. He is a member of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) Business

Managers Association, the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers (SACUBO), the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO), and of course, CCBO.

A man dedicated to his community, Surrell currently serves on the Winona School District Board, as a volunteer coach for youth baseball and soccer teams, and as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and active member of local mission efforts for Winona Church of Christ. His hobbies include watching Ole Miss athletics, hunting, fishing, and running.

Surrell and his wife, Jennifer, have three sons: Paxton, 7, and Kasen, 3, and Rylan, 4 months.

Coulter earns PhD from Claremont University

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College English Instructor and Writing Center Director Stacey Coulter recently earned her PhD in English from Claremont Graduate University in Claremont, California.

A native of Prentiss, Coulter obtained a B.A. in English from Mississippi College and a M.A. in English from Wake Forest University, where her master's thesis focused on the poetry of W. B. Yeats. She has been a faculty member at Holmes since 2006, and was named Humanities Teacher of the Year in 2014. Prior to her em-

ployment at Holmes, Coulter taught English courses at Davidson County Community College, University of LaVerne, Copiah Lincoln Community College, as well as Mississippi College.

Although she has enjoyed literature since she was young, Coulter's determination to be an English major came the summer after her freshman year in college when she read Anne Moody's memoir "Coming of Age in Mississippi." She said that she admired Moody's tenacity and commitment to civil rights and knew that she wanted to commit

her education to studying literature. In graduate school, Coulter's major area of study was twentieth century British literature with a particular interest in post-colonial and feminist theory. During her time at Holmes, Coulter has taught developmental English courses, English Composition I and II, and British Literature.

When Coulter is not teaching, tutoring, or writing, she enjoys hanging out at her home in Fondren with her husband, Reuben, their three-year-old son, Jackson, and their dogs.

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course is designed for schools, businesses, and citizens who are interested in obtaining the skills and knowledge necessary to perform CPR, with the use of an automatic external defibrillator, and have the knowledge necessary to perform basic first aid.

The Oral Communications workshop is scheduled for Sept. 22, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The four-hour course, facilitated by Chaka Turner, will cost \$25. The Oral Communications workshop involves discussion of how communication is key to a company's success. Specifically, it addresses the following fundamentals: body language skills, oral communication skills, and written skills.

The Customer Service Training workshop will be held on Oct. 15, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Also led by Chaka Turner, the course will cost \$25 and last four hours. Participants will learn core skills all employees should have for company and career success, including exceptional customer service skills, business etiquette, active listening skills, problem-solving skills, and handling irate situations.

The Exceptional Team Leadership workshops, led by Michael J. Harbaugh, are based on the Center for Continuous Improvement's (CCI) nationally recognized leadership development process that has yielded measurable positive results in more than 110 different industries over the past

30+ years. Each workshop will last from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and the dates are as follows: Workshop 1 - What is Successful Team Leadership?, Sept. 8; Workshop 2 - Preparing Yourself For Team Leadership Success, Sept. 22; Workshop 3 - Lead Others? First Lead Yourself, Oct. 6; Workshop 4 - Goal Setting For Success, Oct. 20; Workshop 5 - Turning Solutions into Action, Nov. 3; Workshop 6 - Leveraging the Power of Organizational Goals, Nov. 17; Workshop 7 - Making the Most of Your Time, Dec. 1; Workshop 8 - Motivation and Confidence, Dec. 15; Workshop 9 - Building A Successful Team, Jan. 12, and Workshop 10 - Creating and Sustaining Top Performance, Jan. 26.

"I cannot express how excited we are about pairing with Holmes," said Whitney Wood Hurt, director at Yazoo County Economic Development District, Yazoo County Chamber of Commerce, and Yazoo County Port. "Holmes has always been part of our community, and anytime I've called on them to help with something, they show up. This new facility is a blessing to Yazoo County as much as it is to the college, and we look forward to all that is to come."

"I've always had a special place in my heart for Yazoo County," Dr. Harfe said. "Holmes has had a strong



Representatives from the Yazoo County Economic Development Council, the Yazoo County Board of Supervisors, the Delta Council, and Holmes Community College proudly celebrate the ribbon-cutting for the Yazoo County Economic Development and Education Center in Yazoo City, which serves as Holmes CC's newest location for classes.

presence and positive relationship in Yazoo County for a number of years, as well. Two of our strongest Board of Trustee members - Bob Bailey and Becky Fisher - are from Yazoo County, and we have had college class offerings at the local high schools here for some time.

"After substantial research, we realized that this county has the most potential for growth out of our nine-district counties. We feel like this community wants us here, and we want to be here. Our tuition is low, and enrollment is high. From the high school dropout who needs to get a GED to the student that will go on to become a chemical engi-

neer, we work to serve everyone and don't want to leave anyone behind.

"We won't put the brakes on where we see the potential for growth. If we grow too large for this building we're starting in, we'll find more space. If the community requests a type of class we're not yet offering here, and it is something that will prove to be even fairly sustainable, we will make it happen. The sky's the limit."

For more information about the upcoming Yazoo City workforce training workshops, contact Workforce Coordinator/WIOA Director Earline Russell-Smith at (662) 472-9105 or esmith@holmescc.edu.

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and Katrina Myricks business and office technology instructor, Ridgeland.

The faculty and staff members recognized for 20 years of service with the college included Sherrie Check, vice president for career and technical education, Goodman; Bill Grace, athletic trainer, Goodman; Jenny Jones, academic dean of the Goodman Campus, Patsy Rogers, admissions representative, Goodman, and Andy Wood, director of the Goodman Campus.



Pictured is (left) Head Women's Basketball Coach Jamilah Andrews presenting a 10-year recognition lei to Cynthia Abel, administrative assistant to the academic dean.

The Holmes employees recognized for 15 years of service with the college included Kevin Baker, director of information technology, Goodman; Christi Blair, licensed practical nursing instructor, Goodman; Mike Blankenship, vice president of workforce development, Ridgeland; Jay Cheatham, art instructor, Goodman; Joy Kellum, business office assistant, Ridgeland; David Malone, supervisor of grounds, Goodman; Gale Sheppard, business and office technology instructor, Goodman and Grenada, and Angela Tanner, housekeeper/custodian, Grenada.

Finally, the employees recognized for 10 years of service with the college included Matt Convertino, Carla Ross, Heather Mooney, Pamela Sills, Alice Austin, Mandy Burrell, Tabetha Daves, Lilly Austin, Cynthia Abel, Donna Ahlrich, Tonya Lawrence, Kay Kelly, Jerry Harris, Earline Smith, Jason Flanigan, Sonny Sparks, and Will Alexander.

In the next several months, Holmes will continue to celebrate not only its employees, but the many milestones the college has reached over the past 90 years since the college first opened its doors.



Pictured are (left to right) Gale Sheppard, Jay Cheatham, Joy Kellum, Christi Blair, Angela Tanner, Mike Blankenship, and David Malone, recognized for 15 years.



Pictured are (front row, left to right) Matt Convertino, Carla Ross, Heather Mooney, Pamela Sills, Alice Austin, Mandy Burrell, Tabetha Daves, Lilly Austin, Cynthia Abel, (back row, left to right) Donna Ahlrich, Tonya Lawrence, Kay Kelly, Jerry Harris, Earline Smith, Jason Flanigan, Sonny Sparks, and Will Alexander, recognized for 10 years.

eLearning now offers accelerated four-week courses

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured is Shiquita Haralson, Holmes Community College student and administrative assistant for the associate degree nursing program on the Ridgeland Campus. Haralson is just one of the many students who have excelled at Holmes through utilizing the accelerated online course offerings.

The Holmes Community College eLearning Department is now offering online accelerated four-week courses. The first session of courses will be offered Sept. 21-Oct. 16, and students can sign up any time from now until the Friday before classes begin, Sept. 18. The classes will use eBooks that will already be loaded into the course.

The four-week courses offer a number of benefits to participating students. "We are excited to debut new four-week course offerings for the fall of 2015," said Brian Risher, instructional design specialist. "For the past few semesters, the eLearning Department at Holmes Community College has promoted the slogan, 'Anywhere. Anytime. Online.'" These new four-week courses give students even greater flexibility in their schedule."

Presently, 13 different course offerings are available, including Art Appreciation, Introduction to Business, Computer Applications I, American History I and II, Personal and Community Health, Music Appreciation, General Psychology, Human Growth and Development, Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems, Marriage and Family, and Legal Environment of Business.

"I am very pleased to be able to offer an online class in the four-week format for the student that needs or wants to move at a faster pace," said Elizabeth Spooner, adjunct instructor of computer science. "With the four-week classes, students can focus on one or two subjects at a time and master the course work."

To view online classes from the eLearning web page, interested students can click on "Holmes Courses"

and choose "Fall 2015" for the term, "Holmes Provided" for the session, "Academic" for the division, and "Online" for the campus, and look for "1st 4wk" in the title.

To register for a fall four-week class, students must login to MyHolmes.

"Having the opportunity to take online classes is a great advantage to college students," said Shiquita Haralson, Holmes student and administrative assistant for the associate degree nursing

program on the Ridgeland Campus. "eLearning gives students the privilege to work at their own pace and complete their academic career without having to sit inside of a classroom."

"I have taken both 8-week and 15-week online courses since I've been enrolled at Holmes, and it was a superb experience. The benefits I received from taking online classes included the abundance of free time as a college student, as well as the opportunity to complete the assignments at my convenience, including before the assignment due date."

The eLearning Office can also assist in customizing a schedule to fit a student's individual needs. Interested students can call the eLearning Office at (662) 472-9162 if they do not see a class that they need.

For more information about the four-week courses or other Holmes Community College eLearning offerings, visit <https://www.holmescc.edu/elearning/>, or contact Director of eLearning Tish Stewart at stewart@holmescc.edu.

Attala Education Center offers plumbing

From Staff Reports

Holmes Community College Attala Educational Center, in conjunction with Ivey Mechanical Company, LLC, is offering an "Introduction to Plumbing Trades" training course this fall. An informational meeting was held on Sept. 24 for all students interested in pursuing a career in plumbing. The 80-hour course will be held Oct. 5-16, and at the end of the training, students will receive a nationally accredited certification through NCCER - The National Center for Construction Education and Research.

Ivey Mechanical Company is headquartered in Kosciusko, with locations in Jackson; Atlanta, Ga.; Birmingham,



Ala.; Hebron, Ky.; Lexington, Ky.; Louisville, Ky.; Fayetteville, N.C., and Raleigh, N.C. Ivey recently acquired OptiMech, LLC, which is a cutting edge provider of design-build mechanical solutions serving the needs of the industrial and institutional marketplace.

For more information, contact the Attala Educational Center at (662) 290-0808 or call the switchboard at (662) 472-9000 and ask to be transferred to the Center.

Holmes offers Business Management Tech district-wide

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes Community College is proud to announce that it is now offering a new Business Management Technology program in Goodman, Grenada, and Ridgeland beginning this fall. The program is one of the institution's Business and Office Technology (BOT) concentrations offered through the Career/Technical Education (CTE) Department. All BOT programs include courses designed to prepare students for a variety of entry-level positions through selection of a concentration leading to an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree.

The new Business Management Technology program provides students with relevant professional management knowledge and effective skills in

technology, entrepreneurship, human resources, and web and social media design and maintenance. Students will develop skills in innovative aspects of technology and business management with an emphasis on project-based learning and field externships. The externships could easily result in permanent employment opportunities for students following graduation.

Through the Business Management Technology program, students have the opportunity to earn a Technical certificate after completing the first-year, as well as the options to earn an Advanced Technical certificate or an AAS. "I'm excited about this program because it's a new curriculum that I think the students will really enjoy,"

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Electrical Lineman Program information meeting set for Oct. 1

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes Community College Goodman Campus will hold an Electrical Lineman Program information meeting for those interested in being a part of the spring cohort on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 5 p.m. in the Science and Mathematics Building auditorium. The meeting is mandatory for all potential students who are interested in applying to the 16-week training program.

Qualified electrical linemen are currently in demand, and this hands-on course is taught by instructors with valid experience and specialized education in the field. The course requires participants to complete 608 clock hours of training to earn the electrical lineman certificate. Those interested must have a high school diploma or GED certificate, be 18 years of age or older, and be prepared pass a drug test as well as a Department of Transportation (DOT) physical.

After completion of the program, each trainee will be able to drive commercial vehicles requiring Class A license, and will have the necessary knowledge and physical training to successfully work in the electrical lineman field. Program graduates will understand all aspects of the electrical lineman safety manual, make connections of meter loops, transformers, and other equipment on de-energized poles, assist with the framing and installation of poles and apparatus on the ground, read and understand general information on the REA specification book, assist in the burying of cable and other related work, differentiate between an energized and de-energized structure and recognize appropriate hazards, make basic connections and disconnections, check voltage/amperes, and operate vehicles and equipment safely.



Pictured are some of the 2015 graduates during the Electrical Lineman Field Day last spring.



For more information, contact Earline Russell-Smith, Workforce Coordinator, at (662) 472-9105 or esmith@holmescc.edu.

Holmes Ridgeland Campus ADN freshmen participate in St. Dominic Senior Wellness Fest

From Staff Reports/Photos

The 47 Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus freshmen Associate Degree Nursing (AND) students participated in the 17th Annual St. Dominic Senior Wellness Fest on Sept. 22. Held at Mississippi Trade Mart, the annual event is one of Mississippi's largest senior events of the year.

This year's event, titled "Wellness Under the Big Top," featured many senior service vendors, entertainment and free screenings, all with a circus theme.

Screenings included cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure, hearing, vision, functional reach, glaucoma, urinalysis and bone density. Shots and vaccinations, including flu, pneumonia, shingles and tetanus/pertussis, were also available, as well as an opportunity for participants to have fun. The event included a live band,

giveaways, door prizes, and lunch. The Holmes nursing students assisted in administering a number of the screenings, while also assisting with greeting participants, handing out giveaway and goodie bags, manning the door prize booth, running the popcorn station, and preparing the sac lunches.

For more information on the ADN

Program at Holmes CC Ridgeland Campus, contact Alice Austin at 601-605-3419 or aaustin@holmescc.edu.



Pictured is Ridgeland Campus freshmen ADN student **Morgan Louise Solari** checking a participant's blood pressure at the 17th Annual St. Dominic Senior Fest on Sept. 22 at the Mississippi Trade Mart.



Pictured are Ridgeland Campus freshmen ADN students (left to right) **Zachery Parker** and **Maxen Othello** ready to greet Senior Fest participants.



Pictured (above) are Ridgeland Campus freshmen ADN students (left to right) **Rachel McFarland**, **Mary Margaret Johnson**, and **Summer Desper** ready to greet participants to Senior Fest.



Pictured (left) are Ridgeland Campus freshmen ADN students (left to right) **Connor Ozbourn** and **Elliot Williams** preparing sack lunches for participants at the 17th Annual St. Dominic Senior Fest on Sept. 22 at the Mississippi Trade Mart.

Ridgeland Campus iCreate Creative Arts Club holds first open mic lunch meeting

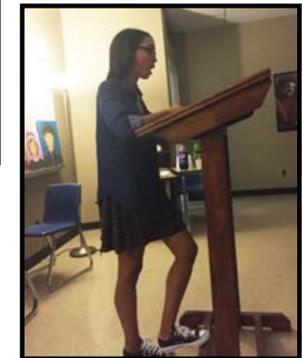
By Joshua Dilmore
Growl Editor/Photographer

The Holmes Creative Arts Club iCreate held its first open mic lunch meeting Thursday, Sept. 3. The meeting was held in iCreate sponsor and Holmes English Department Chair Steve Deaton's classroom, which was transformed into a dim-lit lounge for club members to perform and showcase their art. The informal environment and "come as you are" theme of the club helps create an intimate setting between artist and audience.



Sara Hill performs her song "Swallow Me Whole This Isn't a Love Song" during the first open mic lunch meeting shot by iCreate on Sept. 3.

month at 12:15 p.m. in Madison Hall, Room 201. Pizza and soft drinks are provided. Students are encouraged to come and to perform songs, poems, stories, and other creative works, as well to bring visual art to display. Anyone is welcome to just come look and listen, including faculty and staff.



Genesis Powell recites her poetry during the first open mic lunch meeting shot by iCreate on Sept. 3.



iCreate sponsor **Steve Deaton** performs his song "Eulogy Best Kept to Himself."

For club member Daja Hoard, this is her second semester being a part of iCreate. "iCreate lets me be myself and show people who I am without feeling scared that someone will judge me," Hoard says.

The Creative Arts club would not be made possible without the support of the English Department, led by sponsors Ametra Pleas and Steve Deaton. Open mic lunch meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of every

Holmes grad returns to share with Physics students

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are (left to right) **Kathryn Erickson** with **Dr. Santosh Parakkal** prior to Erickson speaking to Dr. Parakkal's class on Sept. 17.

Kathryn Erickson, sales engineering manager at DataStax, spoke to Dr. Santosh Parakkal's class in Science Building East Thursday, Sept. 17 about what to expect before and after graduation. She is a Holmes Community College alumna, and daughter of Jackie Watkins, inventory specialist on the Ridgeland Campus.

Prior to joining DataStax, Erickson was a leader within the Sales Engineering team at Fusion-io. She brings with her nearly 12 years of experience in the Federal sector. Prior to Fusion-io Erickson led, conducted, and patented research at the MITRE Corporation. She also worked as part of the CyberTrust team at the National Science Foundation (NSF), which guided academic research in information security. Before the NSF, Erickson worked at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) developing new digital forensics investigative techniques.

Erickson was a computer science major at Holmes, and upon graduation, earned a bachelor's degree in software engineering from the University of Southern Mississippi and a master's in Security Informatics from Johns Hopkins University. She and her husband, Jon, reside in Great Falls, Virginia, with their daughter Karoline.

Attala Education Center offers variety of new classes

From Staff Reports

Holmes Community College Attala Educational Center is excited to announce the addition of new (non-credit) community course offerings for the fall of 2015 and spring of 2016. The Center is offering Basic Photography, Conversational Spanish, Customer Service Training, a "Know Your Cell Phone" training course, a "Don't Let Your Smartphone Be Smarter than You" course, and 10 Exceptional Team Leadership workshops.

The Customer Service Training workshop will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 15, from 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. The four-hour course, led by Chaka Turner, cost \$25. Participants will learn core skills all employees should have for company and career success, including exceptional customer service skills, business etiquette, active listening skills, problem-solving skills, and handling irate situations.

The Basic Photography course will be offered on Thursdays from Oct. 8 - Nov. 12. The class, led by James Phillips, cost \$50 and requires participants to bring their own cameras.

The Conversational Spanish course will be offered on Tuesday nights from 6 - 8 p.m., Oct. 13 - Nov. 17. The

course, which cost \$50, will be taught by Rachel Hawkins. The cost includes the course textbook.

The purpose of this class is to give participants an immediate ability to speak in Spanish. Participants will learn quickly in an engaging classroom atmosphere. The class will begin by covering the alphabet, pronunciation, key questions, and basic words to describe the home. Participants will also learn colors, money, numbers, days of the week, common greetings, time, directions, traffic signs, menus, and transportation, among other topics. For this class, it is imperative that participants attend all sessions.

The "Know Your Cell Phone" workshop will be held on Tuesday mornings from 8 - 9:30 a.m., Oct. 27 - Dec. 1. The course, facilitated by Bess Armstrong, cost \$25, and seeks to teach each student the basic features of his or her own cell phone.

Objectives of the course include learning how to: power on and off the phone, send and end calls, call 911 with one number, save contacts, program speed dial numbers, turn the volume up and down, properly charge the phone, change the screen color resolution, lock

the phone, and take and send pictures with the phone.

The "Don't Let Your Smartphone Be Smarter than You" course will be held on Thursday evenings from 6 - 7:30 p.m., Oct. 29 - Dec. 3. This course is also led by Bess Armstrong and cost \$25. The goal of this class is to teach each student how to utilize all the benefits available when operating their smartphone. In this workshop, participants learn how to: set up email, send and receive email, surf the Web, send and receive text messages, save pictures, print pictures, download applications, take and send videos, add additional phone numbers to specific contacts, create a calendar, set reminders.

The Exceptional Team Leadership workshops, led by Michael J. Harbaugh, are based on the Center for Continuous Improvement's (CCI) nationally recognized leadership development process that has yielded measurable positive results in more than 110 different industries over the past 30+ years. Each workshop will last from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The dates are as follows: Workshop

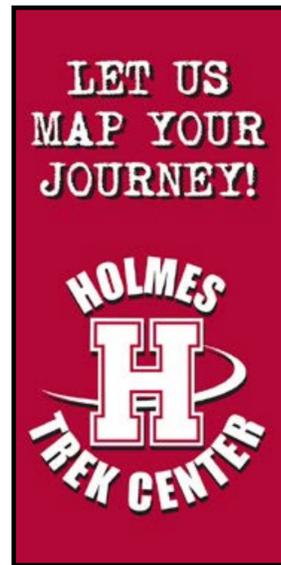
1 - What is Successful Team Leadership?, Oct. 22, \$50 fee; Workshop 2 - Preparing Yourself For Team Leadership Success, Nov. 19, \$50 fee; Workshop 3 - Lead Others? First Lead Yourself, Dec. 3, \$50 fee; Workshop 4 - Goal Setting For Success, Jan. 14, \$50 fee; Workshop 5 - Making the Most of Your Time, Jan. 28, \$50 fee; Workshop 6 - Motivation and Confidence, Feb. 11, \$50; Workshop 7 - Building A Successful Team, Feb. 25, \$50; Workshop 8 - Creating and Sustaining Top Performance, March 24, \$50; Workshop 9 - Employee Evaluation And Discipline, April 7, \$25 fee, and Workshop 10 - Making Decisions and Solving Problems, April 21, \$25 fee.

Truck Driving and Workforce Welding classes will begin in the spring of 2016.

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

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

By Miranda Birchfield
Growl Reporter
Staff Photos



Every Holmes Community College student needs to head to the Trek Center on their campus and discover all of the benefits it has to offer. The Trek Center offers a welcoming and supportive environment for students to come and prepare for their future success. From academic and career coaching to personality assessments, there is something that can help everyone. It is located in the Donald E. Phillips Business Tech Building on the Goodman Campus, on the first floor of the main building on the Grenada Center, and Ridgeland Hall of the Ridgeland Campus.

There are knowledgeable coordinators who will help you "map your journey" by helping you set reasonable academic goals and determine which major is best for you, among other things. The Trek Center also

offers an assortment of academic and career workshops, with topics including financial aid, academics, graduation, career opportunities and life skills.

Students can also receive advice on the different types of resumes and how to complete them, transfer procedures, and interview skills. There are even opportunities to participate in mock interviews, where the student will be told what they did well and what they can improve upon. The trek centers on each campus are open during regular school hours.

For more information, contact coordinators Jonathan Wright at 662-472-9065 for the Goodman and Grenada campuses or Victor Parker at 601-605-3302 on the Ridgeland Campus.



Pictured is (left to right) Ridgeland Campus student **Nathaly Espinoza** with Trek Coordinator **Vic Parker** during the Ridgeland Campus Trek Center Open House on Sept. 23.



Pictured is (far right) Goodman Campus and Grenada Center Trek Coordinator **Jonathan Wright** explaining what all the Trek Center helps with during the Goodman Campus Trek Center Open House on Sept. 22.



Faculty, staff, and students alike had an opportunity to enjoy refreshments at the three open houses held on the Goodman Campus, Ridgeland Campus, and Grenada Center Sept. 22-24.

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said BOT Department Chair NaTunya Johnson. "The Business Management Technology program is designed to keep students more engaged than traditional lecture-style courses. We've worked hard to incorporate more project-based and hands-on learning because we believe that those techniques will increase interest in BOT programs and help give students the skills needed to compete in today's job market."

Other BOT concentration options include Accounting Technology, Bill-

ing and Coding Technology, Medical Office Technology, and Office Systems Technology. Students also have the option to earn a Technical certificate in Office Systems Technology after completing the first-year requirements in that concentration.

Some of the career opportunities that the BOT programs prepare students for include positions as an accounts payable/receivable clerk, an administrative assistant, a claims specialist, a customer service representative, a data entry clerk, an executive assistant, an insur-

ance coding clerk, an inventory clerk, a medical billing clerk, a medical office assistant, a medical transcriptionist, a payroll specialist, a receptionist, and a tax/audit administrative assistant, among other possibilities.

BOT courses seek to provide a path for achieving successful employment in the workplace through the integration of academic, technical, and career skills. Coursework is delivered using face-to-face, online and hybrid formats. Students in BOT programs also have the option to join Phi Beta Lamb-

da (PBL) business organization. PBL provides students opportunities to gain additional job-related skills to prepare them for future careers.

For more information about BOT programs, contact NaTunya Johnson at (601) 605-3330 or njohnson@holmescc.edu.

You may also visit www.holmescc.edu/departments/technical/ and click on the Business & Office Technology link.

Holmes welcomes 17 new hires to the College

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes Community College recently welcomed 17 new hires to all three campuses. Those faculty and staff members include: Madeline Brewer, Reagan Dilmore, Shiquita Haralson, and David "Nathan" Hutchinson in Ridgeland; Tammy Caldwell, SFC Timothy Harper, Katrena D. Harris, Dustin Landry, and Scott Pitts, CPA, in Goodman, and Jennifer Brunson, Nettie A. Coggin, Amber Harrison, Patricia Nell Ray, and Julie Tipton in Grenada.

Ridgeland Campus



Madeline Brewer

Madeline Brewer, an associate degree nursing instructor, is a native of Jackson. She earned her BSN from Mississippi College before working as a staff nurse for St. Dominic Hospital. Brewer recently obtained her MSN from William Carey University, and is certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Tuberculosis Skin Test, and Basic Life Support. Brewer's husband, Andrew, is the director of production for EdgeTheory in Ridgeland.



Chief Christopher Dill

Chief Christopher Dill is the new Chief of Police on the Ridgeland Campus. He formerly served as a police lieutenant with the City of Clinton. Prior to becoming an officer, he obtained his bachelor's degree at Mississippi College and his associate's degree at Hinds. He and his wife, Mary Lou, who is a patrol officer for Mississippi College, reside in Clinton. They have three children; Caitlin Lacey, 18; Siobhan Lacey, 17, and Christopher Dill, 14. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting and fishing.



Reagan Dilmore

Reagan Dilmore, receptionist for the front office in Ridgeland Hall, was formerly employed with Delta State University in Cleveland where she served in a variety of capacities. She was the senior secretary and office manager for the university's police department from 2005-2007; the administrative assistant for the vice president of student affairs from 2008-2010, and the university apartment manager and

administrative coordinator of university facilities and calendar from 2010-2014. She also earned her bachelor's degree from the university in 2008.

Prior to Delta State, Dilmore worked as a bank teller and customer service representative at Planters Bank and Trust in Ruleville for one year. She and her husband, Nic, now reside in Flowood with their 8-month-old son, Lawson.



Shiquita Haralson

Shiquita Haralson, the administrative assistant for the associate degree nursing program, is also a native of Jackson. Haralson is currently working on her associate's degree at Holmes, and has been on both the Dean's and President's List for her outstanding academic achievements. She is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa national honor society, and prior to her current position, served as a work-study student for the eLearning department. She is the daughter of Mary Haralson, who works in financial aid on the Ridgeland Campus. In her spare time, Haralson enjoys shopping.



Nathan Hutchinson

Nathan Hutchinson, a welding instructor, is originally from Kosciusko. He earned his technical certificate in welding from the Holmes Goodman Campus in 2011. Prior to accepting the position at Holmes, he worked as a welder/fitter at Ivey Mechanical Company in Kosciusko for a year then as a welder/fitter at Taylor Machine Works, Inc., in Louisville for 3.5 years. Hutchinson's wife, Whitney, is a secretary at Scott Petroleum. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and following Mississippi State athletics.

Goodman Campus



Tammy Caldwell

Tammy Caldwell is a licensed practical nursing instructor and a native of Kosciusko. Prior to starting her position at Holmes, she worked as an RN at Holmes County Hospital and Clinics in Lexington for 14 years. A Holmes alumnus, Caldwell earned an associate of arts degree in pre-nursing in 1999, completed the licensed practical nursing program in 2001, and graduated with an associate degree of nursing in

2008. Upon graduating from Holmes, Caldwell earned a master of science in nursing education from the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 2014.

She is certified in IVs, trauma nursing care, advanced cardiopulmonary life support, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Caldwell also holds the Institute for Healthcare Improvement Accreditation from the Institute of Higher Learning, and is certified in Quality and Safety Education for Nurses through the American Association of Colleges for Nursing.

Sarah Clay is the new assistant librarian for the Goodman Campus. Clay earned her bachelor of music from The University of Southern Mississippi in 2002, followed by her master of social science degree from Mississippi College in 2009. Clay also recently completed her master of library and information science at USM.



SFC Timothy Harper

SFC Timothy Harper, instructor for the new Magnolia GOLD program, has over 20 years of experience with the Mississippi National Guard. A Rankin County citizen, he enjoys spending time with his two children, parachuting with the Army, and basically anything outdoors. Prior to his current position, he served as an investigator with the Secretary of State. SFC Harper is playing a big role in implementing the Magnolia GOLD program at Holmes, and hopes to expand to the other campuses in the near future.



Katrena D. Harris

Katrena D. Harris, a criminal justice instructor, is a native of Montgomery, Alabama, and brings over 20 years of service as a 911 dispatcher to Holmes. She earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in criminal justice from Jackson State University, graduating Magna Cum Laude. As a student at JSU, Harris had the opportunity to participate in the pilot Jackson Heart Study program for children and co-authored the scholastic article, "Knowledge and Perceptions about Clinical Trial Participation among African American and Caucasian College Students."

Harris is also on the ministerial staff at Pleasant Grove FGBC in Columbus. She and her husband, Roosevelt, have three adult children, one of which was just commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. In her spare time, Harris enjoys reading, helping others, traveling, and fishing. She is passionate about teaching and plans to pursue her PhD in legal studies in the near future.



Dustin Landry

Dustin Landry is the new defensive coordinator for the Bulldog Football Team. Prior to Holmes, he joined the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill football staff as a quality control assistant earlier in 2015. Landry served two seasons as an assistant coach at Troy University in Troy, Alabama, where he coached cornerbacks in 2013 and safeties in 2014. In 2014, he coached First-Team All-Sun Belt safety Montres Kitchens who led the league in interceptions and ranked seventh nationally.

Prior to Troy, Landry was the defensive coordinator at Navarro College in Corsicana, Texas, during the time they ranked No. 4 in the nation. Before making the move to Navarro, Landry spent the previous four seasons at Iowa State and Auburn as a graduate assistant and quality control specialist. Landry received his bachelor's degree in criminology and his master's in college administration from Auburn, then assisted with Auburn's linebackers in 2009 and the secondary during its national championship run in 2010.

Ethel Moore, originally a native of Batesville, is the new custodian supervisor on the Goodman Campus. She earned her bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in management from Rust College in 1990. Ethel enjoys walking, helping others, spending time with family, and participating in community service events. She and her husband, Dudley, have three children; Dudley, a doctoral student at The University of Alabama; Brittany, 16, and Demeria, 11.

Scott Pitts, CPA, an accounting



Scott Pitts, CPA

and business instructor, is a native of Brandon. Prior to working at Holmes, he worked as a CPA specializing in tax preparation for individuals and businesses in the Ridgeland area. He has an associate degree from Jones County Junior College and a bachelor's and master's degree from The University of Southern Mississippi. In his free time, he enjoys reading and watching football. Pitts and his wife Leslie, a sonographer at Jackson Heart Clinic, have two daughters: Aubrie, 10, and Kate, 7.



Jennifer Brunson
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Grenada Center

Jennifer Brunson, a business and accounting instructor, is a native of Grenada. Prior to coming to Holmes, she worked as a workforce management support specialist. She earned both her master's and bachelor's degrees from Delta State University upon finishing two years at Holmes. In her spare time, she enjoys collecting pottery and singing. Brunson and her husband, Alex - owner of Grenada



Amber Harrison

Amber Harrison, a native of Grenada, is an English instructor. She received her associate of arts degree in secondary education from Holmes before earning both a bachelor's and master's in English education from Delta State University. Harrison has six years of teaching English on both the high school and collegiate level. From 2009-2014, she was an English teacher at Grenada High School, and in 2011, presented at the Mississippi Council of Teachers of English (MCTE) Conference at Delta State on the problems facing English teachers in the K-12 classroom.



Nettie A. Coggin

Cabinets - have a one-year-old daughter, Hallie.

Nettie A. Coggin is an instructor of maintenance technology and precision machining technology in the maintenance technology program. This program prepares individuals to work in a variety of roles including, but not limited to, industrial maintenance and engineering support positions. Prior to accepting this position, she served as a senior maintenance technician. Coggin attended the University of Mississippi after completing an associate of science degree at Southwestern College in 1990.



Patricia Nell Ray

Prior to becoming a full-time instructor, Harrison served as an adjunct instructor at Holmes for three years; two teaching English, and one teaching remedial reading. Additionally, she completed training in education abroad with Education First Educational Tours in Rome, Italy, in 2014. In her free time, Harrison enjoys traveling, reading, and exercising.

Patricia Nell Ray, an associate degree nursing (ADN) instructor, previously served as an RN in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at Grenada Lake Medical Center and at Tri-Lakes Medical Center in Batesville. She earned her ADN from Holmes in 2010, followed by her BSN and MSN from William Carey University in 2012 and 2013, respectively. She also earned a specialized associate degree in respiratory therapy from Flagler Career Institute in Jacksonville, Florida. Ray is not only a registered nurse and registered respiratory therapist, she is also certified as an AHA Healthcare Provider in CPR, and in advanced cardiac life support.

She and her husband, Ronald,



Julie Tipton

have five children: Michael Koufonikos, 28, in the U.S. Army; Sarah Koufonikos, 26, a BSN student at Mississippi University for Women; Celivya Ray, 18; Summer Ray, 16, and Sharon Ray, 14. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau nursing honor society, has served as a Girl Scout Leader, a Boy Scout Leader, a member of the Mississippi National Guard, and was the first female in Mississippi to earn a Future Farmers of America (FFA) State Farmer degree. In her spare time, she enjoys cross stitching, sewing, swimming, and the outdoors in general.

Julie Tipton, another associate degree nursing (ADN) instructor, previously worked as a registered nurse at Greenwood Leflore Hospital and at Sta-Home Health and Hospice. She earned her associates from Holmes, her BSN from Delta State University, and is currently working on a graduate degree from Jacksonville University. Tipton earned the highest overall GPA as a nursing student at Delta State; received the award for Most Outstanding Junior and Most Outstanding Senior at DSU; served as both vice president and president of DSU's Student Nurse Association, was a member of Sigma Theta Tau, and was an ambassador and vice president of Phi Theta Kappa as a student at Holmes.

Tipton is certified in basic life support, advanced cardiac life support, neonatal resuscitation, and fetal heart monitoring. Her hobbies include reading, shopping, spending time with friends and family, and serving as a youth director at The Pentecostals of Grenada. Tipton and her husband, David, have three children; Cooper, 7, Anna, 5, and Ava, 2.

Ridgeland Campus PTK inducts 17 into honor society

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) at Holmes Community College in Ridgeland inducted 17 new members into the honor society for two-year college students on Sept. 14 in the McGowan Workforce Training Center.

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

Blair Booker, librarian and PTK advisor, opened the ceremony with a welcome and invocation before installing new chapter officers. The officers, along with Booker and English Instructor/PTK advisor Erin Renfro, inducted the new members, explaining meanings behind the symbolic rituals

of the PTK induction ceremony.

The 2015-2016 Ridgeland Campus fall inductees are: Jada Collins of Jackson, Jonita Cooper of Jackson, Lindsey Crutcher of Jackson, Morgan Daniels of Madison, Soma De of Ridgeland, John Eaves of Canton, Kyle Foster of Madison, James Gerache of Vicksburg, Melinda Harris of Carthage, Jacey Jarnagin of Terry, Myia McGinty of Jackson, Caitlyn Mizelle of Clinton, Jordan Pettit of Byram, Gloria Salters of Byram, Darlene Smith of Jackson, Regina Smith of Yazoo City, and Carles Walker of Florence.

The officers for the 2015-2016 school year are: Mallory Corley of Pelahatchie, president; Jake Hinkle of Madison, vice president of college project; Jessie May of Vicksburg, vice president of outreach; Elise Fullwood of Madison, vice president of hallmarks, and Nathaly Espinoza of Ridgeland, recording secretary.

For more information about Ridgeland's PTK chapter, contact Blair Booker at bbooker@holmescc.edu.



The Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of PTK in Ridgeland inducted 17 new members into the honor society for two-year college students on Sept. 15. Pictured are the inductees and officers: (seated, left to right) Myia McGinty of Jackson; Jordan Pettit of Byram; Elise Fullwood of Madison, vice president of hallmarks; Jake Hinkle of Madison, vice president of college project; Mallory Corley of Pelahatchie, president; Jacey Jarnagin of Terry; Nathaly Espinoza of Ridgeland, recording secretary; Melinda Harris of Carthage; Soma De of Ridgeland; Regina Smith of Yazoo City; (standing, left to right) Morgan Daniels of Madison; Jacey Jarnagin of Terry; Caitlyn Mizelle of Clinton; John Eaves of Canton; Gloria Salters of Byram; James Gerache of Vicksburg; Kyle Foster of Madison; Carles Walker of Florence; Jonita Cooper of Jackson; Darlene Smith of Jackson; Jada Collins of Jackson, and Lindsey Crutcher of Jackson.

There's a new chief in town

By Angel Cooper
Growl Reporter

As of Monday, Sept. 21, there's a new chief of police on the Ridgeland Campus and he goes by the name of Christopher Dill. Chief Dill. Along with the rest of the campus officers, he is here to make students' daily learning environment as safe and comfortable as possible. While on campus if there are and emergency needs don't hesitate to contact our campus police at 601-605-3333 or visit their office



located in the student union beside the book store. No matter the emergency accidents, stolen property, or break in Chief Dill and staff will be glad to assist each and every student of this campus.

Campus Safety Tips:

- Avoid walking alone, especially at night. Call Campus Police (601-940-0089) for an escort, if necessary.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid unpopulated and poorly or lit

- areas after dark.
- If you feel you are being followed, change direction and walk towards a populated area.
- If you are confronted, don't panic. YELL! Use your adrenaline to your advantage.
- If assaulted, call Campus Police (601-940-0089) as soon as possible.

Visit <https://www.holmescc.edu/administration/safety/> for more information.

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McCrary accepted into physician scholarship program

From Staff Reports/Photos



Lily Fran McCrary

Lily Fran McCrary, a recent graduate of Holmes Community College and Lexington native, was recently selected to participate in the undergraduate portion of the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program (MRPSP). She is the daughter of Frankie and Robin McCrary of Lexington. McCrary will be attending Mississippi State University this fall.

Created in 2007, MRPSP identifies up to 20 college sophomores who demonstrate the necessary commitment and academic achievement to become competent, well-trained rural primary care physicians in our state. The program offers two years of undergraduate academic enrichment including MCAT (Medical College Admission Test) preparation and a clinical experience in a rural setting. Upon completion of all medical school admissions requirements, the student will be admitted to the University of Mississippi School of Medicine through Direct Entry.

During medical school at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine or College of Osteopathic Medicine at William Carey University, each MRPSP scholar is under consideration for \$30,000 per year based on available funding. Consistent legislative support of MRPSP translates to 60 medical students receiving a total of \$1,800,000 to support their education this fall. Additional benefits include personalized mentoring from practicing rural physicians and academic support.

Upon completion of medical training, MRPSP Scholars must enter a residency program in one of five primary care specialties: family medicine, general internal medicine, medicine-pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology or pediatrics. The MRPSP Scholar must provide four years of service in a clinic-based practice in an approved Mississippi community of 20,000 or fewer population located more than 20 miles from a medically served area.

MRPSP provides a means for rural Mississippi students to earn a seat in medical school, receive MCAT preparation, earn a \$120,000 medical school scholarship in return for four years of service and learn the art of healing from practicing rural physicians.

For more information, contact MRPSP Associate Director Jake Donald at 601-815-9022, wjdonald@umc.edu or <http://mrpsp.umc.edu>.

Spell accepted into dental scholarship program

From Staff Reports/Photos



Brett Spell

Brett Spell, a recent Holmes Community College graduate and Lexington native, was recently selected to participate in the undergraduate portion of the Mississippi Rural Dentists Scholarship Program (MRDSP). She is the daughter of William and Angela Spell of Lexington. Spell is now a student at Delta State University.

Created in 2013 by the Mississippi Legislature, MRDSP identifies up to five college sophomores and juniors who demonstrate the necessary commitment and academic achievement to become competent, well-trained rural pediatric or general dentists in our state. The program offers two years of undergraduate academic enrichment including DAT (Dental Admission Test) preparation and clinical experience in a rural setting. Upon completion of all dental admissions requirements, the student can be admitted to the University of MS School of Dentistry.

During dental school, each MRDSP scholar may receive \$35,000 per year based on available funding. The program will award nine new scholarships in 2015-2016, totaling \$315,000. With continued legislative support, the program hopes to grow to 12 scholarship totaling \$420,000 by 2016. Additional benefits include personalized mentoring from practicing rural dentists and academic support.

After completing dental school, MRDSP scholars must practice general or pediatric dentistry in a rural or

medically underserved community. The MRDSP scholar must provide dental services as determined by the MRDSP in a full-time clinical practice in an approved Mississippi community of 10,000 or fewer population located more than 20 miles from a medically served area.

MRDSP provides a means for rural Mississippi students to receive DAT preparation, benefit from mentoring, learn the art of oral healthcare from practicing rural dentists, and earn a \$140,000 dental school scholarship in return for four years of service.

For more information, contact MRDSP Associate Director at 601-815-9022, wjdonald@umc.edu or <http://www.umc.edu/mrdsp>.

McMorrough Library offers workshops, exhibits, breakfast

From Staff Reports/Photos



Bill Bannister, wooden toy-maker, with his exhibit in McMorrough Library during Homecoming 2014. Bannister, alongside artists Doris Belk and Kristin Travis, will present exhibits during Homecoming 2015 on Oct. 24. McMorrough Library will also offer a variety of other exhibits, workshops, and guest lecturers this fall.

Bill Bannister, presenting his wooden toys he makes; Doris Belk, presenting watercolor and acrylics, and Kristin Travis, presenting still life canvases.

The last exhibit for the fall will be "Freedom Rides: Journey For Change," presented in November.

The library will also host a few speakers presenting on various

topics. A schedule will be released soon providing more information.

McMorrough Library is also now serving breakfast from 7:30-11 a.m., Monday-Thursday. The menu includes sausage biscuits, croissants, and ham and cheese croissants for \$1 each, as well as hot coffee, hot cocoa, and cappuccino for \$1. Tea is available for 75 cents, and faculty and staff can purchase coffee or hot chocolate for 50 cents a cup. In a few weeks, iced coffee and iced cappuccino will also be available.

For more information about McMorrough Library, contact Jim Thompson at jathompson@holmescc.edu or 662-472-9164. You may also visit <https://www.holmescc.edu/library/>.

Grenada Arts Partnership has two upcoming shows

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Grenada Arts Partnership: The City of Grenada and Holmes Partner for the Arts are proud to offer two spectacular performances in the Holmes Grenada Center Corey Forum in the coming months. The Partnership will present Brass Transit in concert this October and Rhonda Vincent and The Rage in January 2016.

Brass Transit's performance will be on Thursday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for reserved, \$20 in advance, and \$25 at the door.

The band Brass Transit includes veterans of the Hall-of-Fame rock and soul acts like the Drifters, Sam and Dave, Aretha Franklin, Ben E. King, the Marvellettes, Frankie Valli, Mary

Wilson, Martha Reeves, Little Anthony and the Imperials, Del Shannon and the Mamas and the Papas.



Pictured is Brass Transit, performing at the Corey Forum on Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.

Rhonda Vincent and The Rage will perform on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016, at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 for reserved, \$20 in advance, and \$25 at the door.



Pictured is Rhonda Vincent and The Rage, performing at the Corey Forum on Jan. 21, 2016, at 7 p.m.

Rhonda Vincent is the queen of bluegrass, and Rhonda Vincent and The Rage are the most award-winning band in Bluegrass Music, boasting over 100 Awards.

For more information on these shows, call 662-227-2302.

Moving Wall is moving into Mississippi

By Joshua Dilmore
Growl Editor

The Yazoo County Chamber of Commerce invites the public to be a part of Vietnam Veterans Memorial (VVM) replica, "The Moving Wall," on display Thursday, Oct. 29, through Monday, Nov. 2, in Yazoo City. "The Moving Wall" is a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The exhibit will be open to the public 24 hours a day and will be free for viewing for five days. The memorial will be located at the new property of Baptist Yazoo at 1490 East Broadway Street.

Supervisor Jane Dew says, "We are honored that 'The Moving Wall' will visit our community and appreciate the generous efforts of the committee in bringing this very special experience to Yazoo County."

Yazoo County Chamber President Jason Patterson says that he is excited to see the memorial coming to the Yazoo community and that he has had the opportunity to see the original VVM in Washington, D.C., with his father, a veteran of the 101st Airborne Division.

"I had the opportunity to visit the memorial in Washington, D.C., with him once, and I watched him seek out the names of friends he served with who were killed," Patterson said. "He shared memories of each individual and sometimes spoke of how they died. That was a very powerful experience for me that really helped me have a greater understanding of the sacrifices made."

Of course, this will not be the first



Image provided by Yazoo City Chamber of Commerce

time the memorial has visited Mississippi. In May 1999, "The Moving Wall" was on display in Grenada.

"The Moving Wall" visits between 20-30 cities in the United States each year and 75,000-100,000 people visit the memorial, according to the Yazoo County Chamber of Commerce. Many who visit the memorial leave notes, letters, and even photographs in loving memory of those killed in battle. From Alaska to Hawaii, "The Moving Wall" crosses the country. Volunteers will be at the memorial site to help those searching for those precious names on the wall. Executive Director of the Yazoo County Chamber of Commerce Whitney Hurt says Yazoo City is no stranger to strife, from disastrous tornadoes to a historical flood that have hit the region for years. Still, Hurt says

that the citizens of Yazoo persevere and that "It is this tenacious spirit that will pull together and help those who need to heal and remember."

You may ask, "Who created the memorial?" Renowned artist Maya Lin is responsible for designing the original memorial. Lin entered her design in a contest for the VVM which won against hundreds of other submissions. A fun fact: Lin conceived the idea for the memorial while eating dinner in the school cafeteria using her food as a "model." As for the "The Moving Wall," John Devitt is responsible for devising the memorial replica, which he was inspired to do after attending the annual commemoration ceremonies for veterans of the Vietnam War. Devitt created the replica using his own finances, claiming that he felt

he needed to "share [his] experience with those who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington." The Wall was first put on display in June 1984, and since then, two structures of "The Moving Wall" now travel the United States from April to November. According to an article posted by the organization Vietnam Veterans of America, Devitt travels with the wall 10 months out of the year, driving a truck hauling a trailer full of panels with more than 58,000 names. Devitt says that "The Moving Wall" continues to inspire anyone who gets the opportunity to see it. "Over the years, I've seen it do the same thing 'The Wall' did to me in 1982," Devitt adds. "It generates pride. It's awesome." Ironically, Devitt did not think that he would be moved by a "block of stone." He never expected to feel so moved. All persons are encouraged to see "The Moving Wall" and experience what Devitt as well as countless others have since the VVM was first built.

For those who want to volunteer or make a contribution for the event, contact Whitney Hurt at (662) 746-1273, via email at chamber@ycecd.com, or visit the website www.themovingwall-yazoo-county.ms.org. "We still have a long ways to go to get sufficient funds to make this a proper successful experience," Hurt said. "We are working on fundraising plans and donations of time from volunteers from the people in Yazoo County and other counties in the Middle Mississippi region."

Pope Francis Makes History for the United States

By Mason McAdory
Growl Reporter

Pope Francis arrived in the United States for his first time ever just before 4 p.m. on Sept. 22. Pope Francis spent four days prior to arriving in the United States in Cuba, where he gave speeches to urge the youth of Cuba to dream big and stay united. Pope Francis will be spending six days in the United States where he will have many meetings and speeches. The Pope decided to come to the United States to stress his love for the poor and make an effort to solve significant political, social, and economic controversies.

Although Pope Francis is only the fourth head of the Catholic Church to ever visit American soil and the first in 50 years, the security measures that



Pictured are (left to right) President Barack Obama and Pope Francis.

Photo courtesy of Associated Press.

the United States has taken to protect the Pope has also made history. With Pope Francis being a world-wide reli-

gious leader, his highly anticipated visit has triggered one of the largest security arrangements in U.S. history. The U.S.

secret service, F.B.I., and state and city law enforcement agencies will have 10,000+ personnel on duty during the Pope's six days in the United States.

After a warm official welcome on Sept. 23, the Pope will encounter the most politically driven day on Sept. 24. Pope Francis will speak on illegal immigration, climate change, abortion, and same-sex marriage. These topics could cause turmoil in the republican and democrat parties touching on subject each stand strongly for. Although the Pope understand these things he stands strong behind his religious beliefs and is overall looking forward to his very first visit to the United States.

2015 Alligator Season Brings in New Record

By Mason McAdory
Growl Reporter

New records for the longest and the heaviest alligators were harvested during the 2015 alligator season. The season opened at noon on Aug. 28 for both public and private waters. The season closed on the Sept. 7 for public waters and remains open until Sept. 21 for private waters. Private water permits allow for longer season and offer some additional opportunities that public water permits do not allow. For example, hunters are allowed to use high powered rifles during daylight hours with private water permits.

The record breaking gator was harvested early in the season. During the late evening hours of Saturday Aug. 29 the Mississippi record for both heaviest and longest alligator was broken. Hunting partners Kennie Crechale



Kennie Crechale and Ronnie Clifton from with their record-breaking beast weighing 826 pounds.

from Morton and Ronnie Clifton from Petal harvested the record breaking

beast while hunting on private land at Davis Island. Weighing in at 826

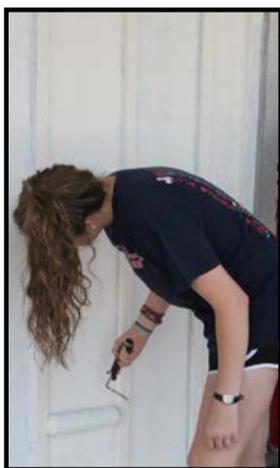
pounds and with a length of 14 feet, 1/4 inch, this monster gator beat the previous record by 4 pounds and 4 inches. The girth of the gator at the base of the tail was 4 feet and the belly was an astounding 5 feet, 8 inches. This is the first gator over 14 feet to ever be reported in the state of Mississippi.

"There are a lot more alligators out there that can break this record," said Ricky Flynn, program coordinator for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

Dazzlers serve community, paint Masonic Lodge

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College 2015 Dazzlers dance team took time today to paint the outside of the Masonic Lodge in Goodman next to the McDaniel-McGee Multi-Purpose Center on Aug. 24.



Ridgeland OTA gives helping hand to Warren-Yazoo Mental Health Facility

Contributed Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) students recently participated in a collaborative event with Warren-Yazoo Mental Health. The students assisted the Helping Hands Day Treatment Program in providing a prom for the elderly population. The students enjoyed dancing the

day away to increase social interaction and participation of clients in the day treatment program. The students and instructors, Sherry Hager and Kana Williams, are proud to partner with Warren-Yazoo Mental Health to increase community awareness of the many services offered by occupational therapy practitioners.



Pictured are the Ridgeland Campus OTA students who participated in the Warren-Yazoo Mental Health prom for the elderly.

Healthy@Holmes forms Heroes 5K Team

From Staff Reports/Photos

Healthy@Homes recently started a 5K Walking Team, Healthy@Homes Heroes, which includes employees from all three campuses. The walks will be at various locations throughout the school year.

The Healthy@Holmes walks for the fall include: Black River Festival on Sept. 12 in West; Junior Auxiliary Run on Oct. 3 in Grenada; Pink-O-Ween breast cancer awareness walk on Oct. 31 on the Goodman Campus; Mistle-

toe Market Place 5K on Nov. 7 in Jackson, and Maintain Don't Gain walk and potluck on Nov. 20 on the Ridgeland Campus.

In order to be a part of the team, Healthy@Homes is asking that each member commit to at least two walks per semester.

The sponsors for each campus are Wyndy Peeples for Goodman, Kathryn Cox for Grenada, and Donna Alrich for Ridgeland.



Student Spotlight



Katherine McLeod

Hometown: Jackson
Holmes Campus: Ridgeland
Major: Nursing
Post Holmes plans: Attend/finish nursing school and then work in a hospital.
Hobbies: Drawing, Calligraphy
Special Talents/Skill: Katherine owns her own calligraphy business called Golden Arrow Designs and is extremely talented.



Pictured are the Ridgeland Campus OTA students doing a special class activity outdoors and enjoying the beautiful weather on Sept. 22.

What to eat on the Ridgeland Campus

By Angel Cooper
 Growl Reporter

On a busy day with school, work, and family duties when do you have time to sit down and eat? Well at the Ridgeland Campus there are hot lunches available for students on the go! Here's a schedule of what will be on campus for the next upcoming week:

Monday- Larry's Fish House: Fish plates, catfish filet, chicken tender, French fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, sweet and unsweet tea.

Tuesday- Mazzios Pizza: personal pan pizza (your choice of topping) with drink, salad with drink, or sandwich with drink.

Wednesday & Thursday- Two4Seven: burgers, fries (regular or loaded)



chicken-on-a-stick and drink of your choice.

These trucks are available between the hours 10:30am until 1:00 pm! Not only are these meals convenient between classes or in a hurry before work they are within reasonable price for a college student. Each meal listed price ranges between \$5-10. So next time in a hurry don't fret walk right over to the book store and let one of the food trucks save the day.

Goodman Ambassadors hold bake sale

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Goodman Campus Ambassadors held a bake sale on Aug. 31 at the McMorrough Library to raise money for their yearly activities.

Pictured are (left to right) Taylor Adcock, Cheyenne Bennett, and Miranda Burchfield.

Ridgeland Campus holds Student Activities Fair

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus held a Student Activities Fair from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. today, Aug. 24. Students had the opportunity to come by and find out ways to get involved on campus.

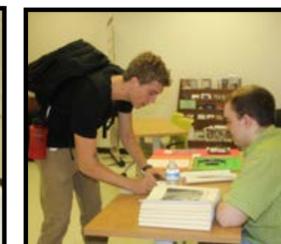
Ridgeland organizations include Ambassadors, Associate Degree Student Nurse Association, Holmes Association of Legal Students (HALS), iCreate (Creative Arts Club), Student Government Association, Focus Factor, Natural Science Club, Phi Beta Lambda (PBL), Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), Sigma Phi Sigma mortician's' fraternity, SkillsUSA, Social Science Forum, Student Occupational Therapy Association, Student Practical Nursing Association (SPNO), Computer Science Club, Growl newspaper staff, and Horizons yearbook staff.



(left to right) Byankuh Shelby and Dominique Butler flip through last year's Horizons yearbook after signing up to join the staff during the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus Student Activities Fair on Aug. 24.



(left to right) Librarian and PTK sponsor Blair Booker and PTK president Mallory Corley stop for a photo with the PTK booth at the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus Student Activities Fair on Aug. 24.



(left to right) John Eaves fills out an information sheet while about joining the club while iCreate President Joshua Dilmore looks on at the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus Student Activities Fair on Aug. 24.

From a student's view: Reflecting on the 10-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina

By Savannah Campbell
 Growl Reporter

It's been 10 years, and for some of us it feels like it was just yesterday. On Aug. 23, 2005, Hurricane Katrina originated over the Bahamas heading towards Florida. On Aug. 26, 2005 Katrina was classified as a Category 5 hurricane as it was approaching the Gulf Coast, with racing winds at 125 mph and 25-0 miles wide. Katrina was the deadliest hurricane since 1928

There were over 1.45 million people without power for days. Experts estimate that Katrina caused more than \$100 billion in damage according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The exact number of deaths is uncertain but they estimate that there was about 1,833 fatalities, 40 percent was caused by drowning. Levee failures caused the massive flooding in New Orleans and surrounding parishes.

Hurricane Katrina is the largest residential disaster in U.S history. Most of us just heard and saw on the news about how bad and destructive Katrina was. Which is nothing compared to the people who were living there, who had spent their entire lives growing up there for it just to be completely washed away in such a short amount

of time. When I asked Kacey Bonnette, a resident of Slidell (which is just 30 minutes away from New Orleans) about her experience with Katrina, it took my breath away. Even though it happened 10 years ago, she talked about it as if it had only just happened. Her school was shut down for a little over six weeks, her home was partially flooded and several trees had fallen down, blocking many streets in her neighborhood and Parish.

As she was talking to me and describing every vivid detail, I couldn't imagine having something like that actually happen to me. From waking up one morning with everything being completely fine and normal to having your whole world change in an instant. It definitely becomes a wake up call and makes you realize how lucky you actually are and how nothing is definite, and in a moments notice everything can change.

May we never forget the lives lost and damage done by Katrina as we reflect on the anniversary.



Photos taken during Hurricane Katrina, which hit New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast in Aug. 2005.

Photo courtesy of Associated Press.



Opening Convocation

From Staff Reports/Photos

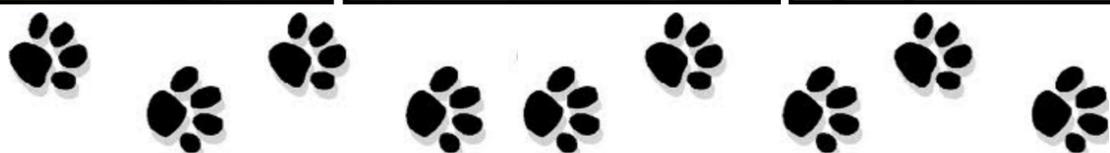
Holmes Community College held its Opening Convocation in the Goodman Campus coliseum on Monday, Aug. 10. Following the tropical-themed meeting, faculty, staff, and their families enjoyed a cookout complete with tailgating, water slides, a zip line, face painting and more on Holmes' beautiful campus. 2015-2016 is already off to a great year!



Alumni Foundation Golf Classic

From Staff Reports/Photos

On June 12, Holmes held the 2015 Foundation Golf Classic at Deerfield Golf Club. Seventeen teams participated. The weather was hot but all enjoyed the day and the course was in great shape.



Holmes hosts Military Friendly Game in Grenada

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Football Team moved their Sept. 17 non-division contest with East Central Community College to Grenada High School at and during the game, honored current and former military members with a Military Appreciation Game.

Veterans and active service men and women were recognized by their military branches during halftime of the game and were admitted free to the game with their military ID. Area high school students with a school ID, school shirt or team jersey were also admitted free, as well as Holmes students with their Holmes ID.

Proceeds from the Military Appreciation Game are being used to help endow the Milton Olive Scholarship through the Holmes Community College Development Foundation, Inc. Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 527, Goodman, MS 39079 and are tax deductible.

Olive, originally from Chicago and later moved to Holmes County, was the first African American to receive a Medal of Honor in the Vietnam War. The men of Company B's 3rd Platoon considered their Oct. 22, 1965, patrol near Phu Cuong routine. As they moved through jungle brush, they tried to spot Viet Cong operating in the area. At different times, they were under varying degrees of enemy fire, sometimes pinned down temporarily. Olive, by all accounts a good-humored, hardworking soldier, was constantly up front, exposing himself to enemy fire.

Olive and four others, including his platoon commander, were quietly and steadily pursuing one band of Viet Cong through the tangled growth. Suddenly, one of the enemy turned and threw a hand grenade into the middle of the platoon. Olive dashed forward and grabbed the grenade. Yelling "I've got it," he tucked it into his middle and moved away from the others, falling on the grenade and absorbing the full blast.

In 1979, the city of Chicago recognized Olive by naming Olive Park on Lake Michigan in his honor. OL-



ive-Harvey College, one of the City Colleges of Chicago, is named after both Olive and fellow Medal of Honor recipient Carmel B. Harvey. The Milton L. Olive Middle School in Wyandanch, Long Island, New York, is also named in his honor. In 2007, a State Historical Marker was erected for Olive in Lexington. The dedication ceremonies included an address by the Adjutant General of the Mississippi National Guard. Fort Campbell has a recreation facility named in his honor.

As for the football game, after trailing 16-0 in the second quarter, the Bulldogs scored 14 unanswered points to pull within two points in the third, but East Central added two more scores to pull out the 29-14 non-division win here in the 2015 Military Appreciation Game at Grenada High School.

With the loss, the Bulldogs fell to 1-3 on the season. Holmes returns to division play Thursday in Moorhead against Mississippi Delta Community College. The game can be watched live at www.holmesccmeida.com or heard live on the Bulldog Football Network at breezynews.com, 101.1 FM, 100.1 FM or at 103.9 FM.

East Central took a 3-0 lead with 11:37 to play in the first quarter when they hit a 32-yard field goal. With 2:12 left in the first quarter, the Warriors went up 10-0 on an 18-yard touchdown pass. The extra point was good.

East Central increased the lead to 16-0 after another passing touchdown, this one from 19 yards out with 7:27 left in the first half. The extra point was no good.

Holmes got on the scoreboard with 5:26 left in the half when Dre Massey scored from six yards out. Alex Robles' extra point was good, and East Central led 16-7 at half-time.

The Bulldogs pulled within two points early in the third quarter when Aquindus Henson powered his way in from five yards out. Robles' extra point was good, and EC led 16-14.

East Central scored once more in the third on a 10-yard run and on a one-yard run. The Warriors made one of two extra points in the second half.

Henson had 14 carries for 73 yards. Josiah Coatney had 13 tackles with 2.5 TFLs while Buddy Benson had nine tackles with one TFL, and Kris Newson had eight tackles.

Bulldog Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result	Time
Aug. 27	@ Hinds	L, 32-28	Final
Sept. 3	<u>Pearl River</u>	W, 34-14	Final
Sept. 10	<u>Itawamba</u> *	L, 40-14	Final
Sept. 17	<u>East Central</u> *	L, 29-14	Final
Sept. 24	@Miss. Delta *	W, 45-21	Final
Oct. 3	@Northwest *		2 p.m.
Oct. 8	<u>East Miss.</u> *		7 p.m.
Oct. 15	@Coahoma *		7 p.m.
Oct. 24	<u>Northeast</u> *		4 p.m.

Home games underlined

* Conference Games & Oct. 24 is Homecoming

Bulldogs go to 1-1 in the North Division



The Bulldogs used a powerful running attack and big defensive scores to roll past Mississippi Delta Community College, 45-21, in a big North Division contest on Sept. 24.

With the win, the Bulldogs improved to 2-3 overall and 1-1 in the North Division. Holmes travels to Northwest Mississippi Community College Oct. 3, at 2 p.m. in a division contest. You can listen on the Bulldog Football Network.

Holmes wasted no time getting on the scoreboard in the first quarter when Willie Cooper pressured the Delta quarterback forcing a fumble and picking it up and running it in from 24 yards out. Kyle Settlemyr's kick made the score 7-0 with 14:46 left in the first quarter.

Delta took advantage of a Bulldog fumble later in the quarter and connected on a 16-yard touchdown pass. The PAT was good, and the game was tied at seven with 7:45 remaining in the quarter.

Holmes' Aquindus Henson scored twice in the first quarter, once from three yards out and once from five yards out. Settlemyr connected on both PATs and Holmes led 21-7 with 22

seconds left in the quarter.

The Bulldogs added another score with 8:32 left in the first half when Dejeric Bryant scampered in from six yards out. Settlemyr's extra point made the score 28-7.

Delta broke the line on fourth down and blocked a Bulldog punt and returned it for a touchdown in the second quarter. The extra point was good, and Holmes led 28-14 at halftime.

Henson scored his third touchdown of the night in the third quarter, this time from three yards out. Settlemyr's extra point put the Bulldogs up 35-14 with 9:36 left in the quarter. Settlemyr booted a 23-yard field goal with 14:57 left in the fourth quarter to put the Bulldogs on top 38-14.

The Bulldogs got their second defensive score of the night when the Trojan quarterback left the ball on the ground, and Josiah Coatney picked it up and raced in from four yards out. Settlemyr's extra point with 9:41 to play in the game was good, and Holmes led 45-14.

Delta added a score with 5:20 to play on a one yard run. Holmes ended the night with 333 yards on the ground. Henson had 71 yards on 15 carries and three touchdowns while Treviante McDaniel had 52 yards on nine carries. The Bulldog defense had nine tackles for loss for 45 yards and four sacks of two Delta quarterbacks. Theron Hodges had six tackles with 2.5 TFLs and one sack while Isaiah Williams had four tackles.



Dre Massey, #1 Josiah Coatney, #40 Aquindus Henson, #36



Montez Hairston, #52 Buddy Benson, #46

Six Bulldogs were named Football Players of the Week following the Sept. 10 game against Itawamba Community College. Those players included Dre Massey, RB, Offensive Player of the Week; Montez Hairston, OL, Offensive Lineman Player; Buddy Benson, LB, Defensive Player; Aquindus Henson, RB, Make-The-Play, and Jamar Smith, LB, Yard Dog. Henson was also named Offensive Player and Josiah Coatney, DI, was named Defensive Player following the Sept. 17 game versus East Central.

Ten Bulldogs compete in Juco Showcase

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Ten members of the Holmes Community College Bulldog baseball team took part in the Juco Showcase recently.

Participating included: Geoffrey King, infielder, Southaven; Cody Greer, pitcher, Water Valley; Michael Harrison, pitcher, Magee; Jarvis Griffith, outfielder/infielder, Taylorsville;

Derrick Sylve, pitcher, Hammond, La.; Tregra Williams, infielder/pitcher, Atlanta, Ga.; Tyler Hines, catcher, Morton; Blake Keel, pitcher/outfielder, Pass Christian; Carr Morris, infielder/outfielder, Taylorsville; and Ben Hudson, pitcher/infielder, Kosciusko.

Cheerleaders, Dazzlers perform for area high schools

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(above) The Holmes Community College Cheerleaders and Dazzlers enjoyed performing at Winona High School Friday, Sept. 25. They also performed (below) at Carroll Academy on Sept. 17.



Women's Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result	Time
Aug. 25	<u>Southwest</u>	W, 2-0	Final
Aug. 28	<u>Pearl River</u>	L, 6-0	Final
Sept. 1	@Co-Lin	W, 5-1	Final
Sept. 4	@Northwest *	W, 1-0	Final
Sept. 15	<u>East Central</u> *	L, 1-0	Final
Sept. 18	@Itawamba *	W, 1-0	Final
Sept. 22	@Southwest	W, 2-1	Final
Sept. 25	@Meridian	L, 3-2	Final
Sept. 29	@MGCCC *		2 p.m.
Oct. 2	<u>Co-Lin</u>		2 p.m.
Oct. 6	<u>Northwest</u> *		2 p.m.
Oct. 14	<u>Hinds</u> *		3 p.m.
Oct. 16	@East Central *		2 p.m.
Oct. 20	<u>Itawamba</u> *		2 p.m.
Oct. 23	@Hinds *		5 p.m.

Home games underlined

*Conference Games

Oct. 14 is Faculty Appreciation Day

Men's Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result	Time
Aug. 25	<u>Southwest</u>	L, 1-0	Final
Aug. 27	<u>Pearl River</u>	L, 4-0	Final
Aug. 29	<u>Andrew College</u>	L, 3-1	Final
Sept. 1	@Co-Lin	W, 4-2	Final
Sept. 4	@Northwest *	L, 3-1	Final
Sept. 15	<u>East Central</u> *	W, 4-1	Final
Sept. 18	@Itawamba *	L, 5-0	Final
Sept. 22	@Southwest	W, 1-0	Final
Sept. 25	@Meridian	W, 3-1	Final
Oct. 2	<u>Co-Lin</u>		4 p.m.
Oct. 6	<u>Northwest</u> *		4 p.m.
Oct. 14	<u>Hinds</u> *		1 p.m.
Oct. 16	@East Central *		4 p.m.
Oct. 20	<u>Itawamba</u> *		4 p.m.
Oct. 23	@Hinds *		7 p.m.

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Lady Bulldogs fall to Lady Eagles in extra time, 3-2

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The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs fell here Friday in extra time, 3-2, to the Meridian Community College Lady Eagles.

Kylee Laird and Micaela Robinson each had goals for the Lady Bulldogs.

Holmes travels to Mississippi

Gulf Coast Community College on Tuesday, Sept. 29, and then returns home on Friday, Oct. 2, to play Cophiah-Lincoln Community College at 2 p.m.

Holmes Bulldogs defeat Eagles, 3-1

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The Holmes Community College Bulldogs defeated Meridian Community College at home on Friday, Sept. 25, in a non-division match. Final score was 3-1.

Jon Mark Michael, Juan Flores and Joseph Patterson each had goals in

the match against the Eagles. Holmes returns to action on Friday, Oct. 2, versus Cophiah-Lincoln Community College in Ridgeland. Match time is 4 p.m.



Meet The Growl Staff Fall 2015



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



Savannah Campbell
Hometown: Madison
Major: Nursing
Campus: Ridgeland
Future plans: I plan on going to USM or Holmes for nursing school. After that I plan on working in a hospital hopefully in a peiadritic department.
About me: A native of the area, I graduated from Madison Central. I am a very outgoing person, and enjoy being around people at all times.



Angel Cooper
Hometown: Jackson
Major: Pre-Health
Campus: Ridgeland
Future Plans: I plan to enroll in the Holmes LPN program and continue on to an RN program afterward.
About me: I am a proud mother, wife, daughter, and sister. Since I was a little girl, it has always been my dream to be a nurse and to take care of ones who are in need. I am a hard-working student and mother, and rarely have free time, but when I do I enjoy spending time with family and friends. I also enjoy shopping; it is somewhat I like to think of as my therapy.



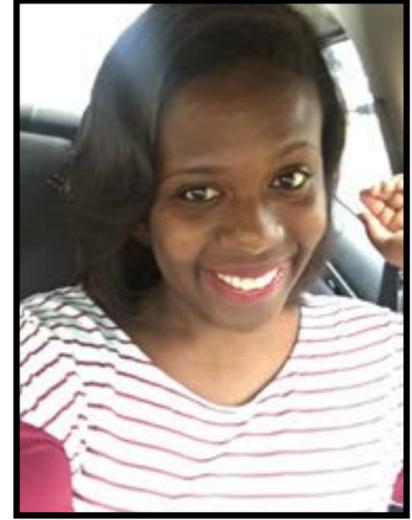
Joshua Dilmore
Hometown: Clinton
Major: English
Campus: Ridgeland
Future Plans: I plan on graduating Holmes before attending Mississippi College next fall to major in English. My ultimate goal is to earn a masters in English and teach on the college level.
About me: I am a member of Phi Theta Kappa,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



Mason McAdory
Hometown:
Major: Kinesiology
Campus: Ridgeland
Future Plans: Finish my degree in kinesiology and then attend Physical Therapy school.
About Me: I love Ole Miss and Dallas Cowboy football. I also love to be outdoors.



Stephfon "Shay" Robinson
Hometown: Kosciusko
Major: Criminal Justice
Campus: Goodmen
Future plans: To attend Ole Miss after graduation, and enroll in their NROTC program.
About me: I'm a former Kosciusko Whippet JV defensive end, varsity mid-linebacker. I'm quiet most of the time, although I'll talk openly with anybody, though I do shy away from directly starting a conversaition with people I don't know.



Santia "Tia" Williams
Hometown: Jackson
Major: Pharmacy Tech
Campus: Ridgeland
Future plans: To find a job in pharmacy technology.
About me: I'm 26, and I'm the youngest of three other siblings. I don't have any children, I love to shop, I love to work and make my own money, and love to hang out with friends and family.

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