



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Students win statewide contests
- Graduation
- HALS Speakers
- Metro Legal Professionals Association

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HOLMES CC PARALEGAL STUDENTS PLACE 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD IN MISSISSIPPI PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

For the 6th year, Holmes Community College Paralegal Technology students have placed in the Mississippi Paralegal Association's Student Essay Contest. 1st place winner, Rachel Munoz, 2nd place winner, Alyse Nichols, and 3rd place winner, Alexis Bridges, represented Holmes in this annual contest. All three won a cash award, one year's free membership to MPA, and

a year's subscription to Facts & Findings, the quarterly publication from the National Association of Legal Association. Students from all over the state were invited to submit essays about what area of law they would like to work in and why. We are very proud of Rachel, Alyse, and Alexis.



*Pictured above: Rachel Munoz, Darleen Dozier (Paralegal Director), and Alexis Bridges.
Not pictured: Alyse Nichols*



2016 Paralegal Graduate Receives the Metro Legal Professionals Association Student



Rachel Munoz, May 2016 graduate in the Paralegal Technology program, was awarded a Student Scholarship by the Metro Legal Professionals Association.



DOWNTOWN JACKSON...

Holmes Paralegal Students Travel To Jackson for Tours

On October 15, 2016, students traveled to downtown Jackson, Mississippi to tour the Old Capitol Museum and the MS Supreme Court.

We were greeted by Justice Jim Kitchens, who showed students the Supreme Court Chambers where current cases are heard. He gave an interesting lecture on the history of the court and types of cases the court can hear. The next stop was to the Old Capitol Museum, which portrays a history of Mississippi government and includes a history of the building itself. Students toured rooms where debates regarding secession from the Union took place, where various laws regarding African Americans and wom-

en were discussed, and where the original MS Supreme Court library was located.

This was a great day of learning outside the classroom environment for the students.



COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS

Ridgeland Trunk or Treat—Holmes paralegal students and graduates participate each year in the city-wide event, playing games with local children and handing out candy as they come by. Students who are unable to attend collect candy for donations, as thousands of children come through the lines each year.



Holmes Paralegal students partnered with Metro Legal Professionals Association to gather food and household items for the Southern Christian Service for Children and Youth. They donated the items during the 2016 “Meet-n-Greet”, held by Metro LPA in March.



Community Service—continued...

Students and their families put together over 100 personally-made Valentines to be distributed to shut-in residents in the Hattiesburg, MS area.

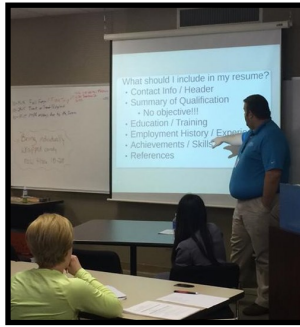
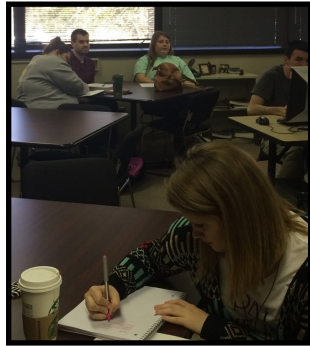
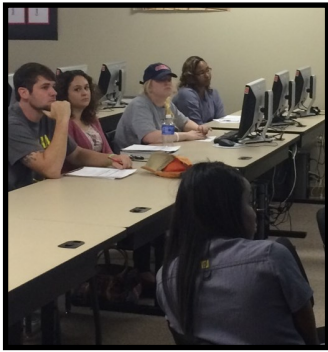


Students attend Mississippi Paralegal Association—Fall 2015 Seminar

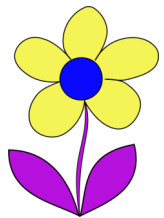


Resume Workshop

Students participated in a Resume Workshop, whereby a counselor advised them on proper ways to work up their resumes and cover letters in order to impress future employers.



~~~~Spring Fling 2015~~~~

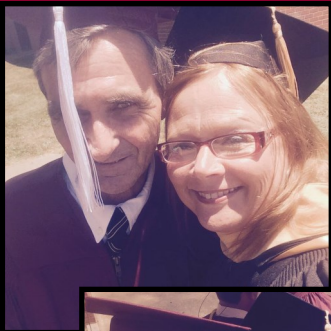


HALS students participated in Spring Fling during the April festivities on the Ridgeland Campus.



GRADUATION—MAY 2016

The Paralegal Technology program was well-represented again on May 13, 2016 as Holmes Community College celebrated it's 2015-2016 Commencement Services. This graduating class had the largest number to return and march in the commencement ceremony and we had a great time!



More graduation fun...

2015-2016 Graduates

Marching:

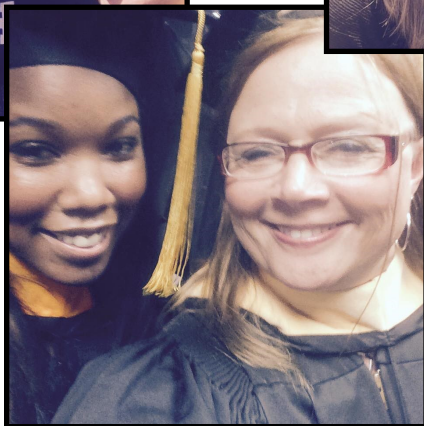
- Cate Barnes
- Lynn Dilmore
- Mark Halderman
- Walter Higgs
- Jake Holder
- Audrey Manor
- Brittney Miles
- Greg Mitchell
- Alyse Nichols
- Wendy Parham
- Brittney Roberson
- Chasity Robinson
- Andrew Taylor

Not-Marching:

- Kristi Dawson
- Deanna Dean
- Lauren Harrison
- Susan Jenkins
- Katelyn Johnson
- Nicole Lewallen
- Jessica Marsman
- Paden Martin
- Jessica McKee
- Alexandria McLemore
- Rachel Munoz
- Getarah Shepard
- Victoria Swinney



Even the staff had a great time...





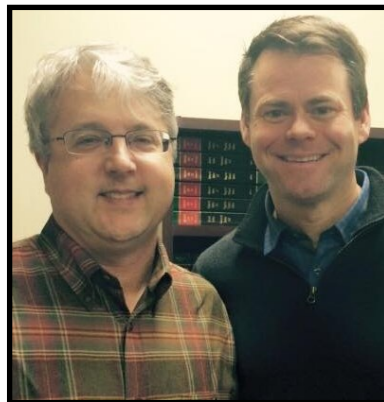
HALS October Meeting— Latonya Allen

Chancery Court Court Reporter

Latonya Allen, Court Reporter for the Chancery Court of Madison County, talked with the group about her legal career and various titles and responsibilities she’s had over the years.



HALS January Meeting— Craig Robertson, Esq....Family Law



Craig Robertson, Esq. talked with us about his family law practice. He explained Mississippi laws as it involves divorce, child custody, and child support.

HALS January Meeting— Lane Lowther... MS Foreclosure Law

Lane Lowther, HCC Paralegal graduate, returned to discuss his work in foreclosure law. Other graduates who returned to hear him were Nikki Jones, Valerie Wiley, Kimberly Warren, and Manish Chatlani.



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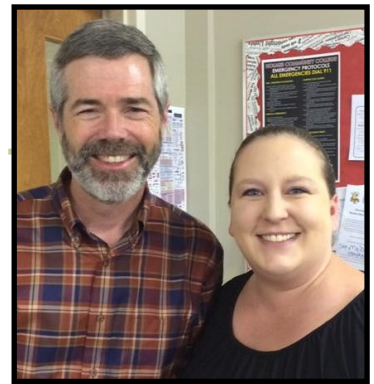
HALS March Meeting— Dylan Singleton, Director of Operations and

Dylan Singleton, HCC Paralegal Graduate, talked with the group about the positions he's held with the ACLU since graduation. He explained the importance of learning all aspects of an organization and being able to excel in each, thereby giving one an advantage in moving up.



HALS April Meeting— Shawn McKee, IT Director of Copeland Cook Taylor & Bush, PLLC

Shawn McKee talked with the group about the importance of security while working on computerized equipment, both in and out of the law firm. Students were educated on the various way hackers attempt to get into law firms data bases and what employees of all levels can do to alleviate these efforts.



Civil Litigation Special Guest Christy Roberts, Paralegal



Christy Roberts joined the Civil Litigation II class to share about her experiences with appeals courts. She gave hints for working through the appeals process and examples of situations that went right, and those that went wrong. Students loved hearing scenarios of cases

Metro Legal Professional's Association

Darleen Dozier, full-time instructor in the Paralegal Technology program at Holmes Community College, was inducted as President of Metro LPA in April. Members of this group work in various position in the legal field. They meet monthly for continuing legal education and networking. They are also involved in community service projects. Professionals working in any aspect of the legal field are welcome to join.



2016-2017 Executive Board of Metro LPA

Front row: Terri Spurk, VP; Darleen Dozier, President; Wayne Watkins, Induction Officer
Back Row: Renee Dean, Director; Lynn Gibbs, Treasurer; Roz Solis-Champion, Secretary; Frankie Springer, Parliamentarian

Terri Spurk and Frankie Springer are Holmes CC Paralegal Graduates

Wayne Watkins is immediate past Director of Career-Technical Programs at Holmes Community College

The induction ceremony was conducted by Wayne Watkins, immediate past Director of Career-Technical Programs at Holmes Community College. He, along with his wife, Jackie Watkins, were personal guests of Ms. Dozier for the ceremony.



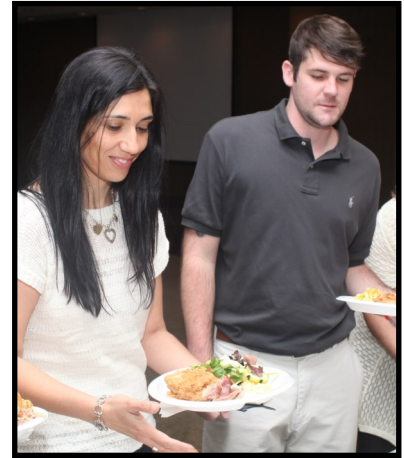
Left: Lee Cummings, Holmes CC Paralegal Student and member of Metro LPA, read the Code of Ethics of the organization to begin the ceremony.



Current students joined in on the induction ceremony to support Ms. Dozier.

Pictured left: Jaylon Robinson and Angela Rowland

Pictured right: Andrea Olmedo and Keegan Ellzey



Holmes Community College Paralegal graduates join Metro LPA in 2015. Pictured left: Terri Spurk, Darleen Dozier (Paralegal program Director), Veleonor Ballard, Kimberly Warren, Jacqueline Thomas (2015-2016 Metro LPA President).



Terri Spurk receives the 2016 Award of Excellence Award with Metro LPA. Terri is representing Holmes well as a paralegal graduate.



Terri SPurk and Darleen Dozier attend the MS Legal Professionals Association statewide meeting in September 2016.



The 2016 Holmes Community College Paralegal Technology Award was presented in April to Jake Holden. Jake was chosen because of his leadership qualities among other students, participation in HALS activities, and the overall hard work he exhibited throughout his education.

Congratulations Jake on receiving this award!



HOLMES ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL STUDENTS

The Holmes Association of Legal Students (HALS) meets once each month to either take care of internal business or hold educational meetings. It's the belief of HALS Faculty Sponsor, Darleen Dozier, that in addition to education, it's important for students to learn how to participate in activities on a national, statewide and local level. HALS is affiliated with the National Association of Legal Assistants and adheres to its Canons of Ethical Standards. HALS also participates in luncheons and seminars sponsored by the Mississippi Paralegal Association. Throughout this newsletter, readers will be exposed to activities HALS members and paralegal students participate in that enhance their education. HALS is an active group of paralegal students that strive to improve overall education through studies, as well as community service.