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Throughout the magazine, you will see that we have been busy making improvements to all our campuses this year. Take a moment to read the "District Improvements" scattered throughout the pages. Next time you are on campus, you can come see them first-hand!





2020 District IMPROVEMENT

COVID supplies were purchased around the district to ensure a safe environment.

From the COLLEGE PRESIDENT



“Our Mississippi community colleges are the most affordable option for all Mississippians.”



Jim Haffey, Ph.D.
President,
Holmes Community College

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Haffey".

Our Foundation greatly appreciates you and the support you lend to our beloved HCC. Your support is the safety net for our students. A few hundred dollars for some students is the difference in affording their books and transportation so they can achieve the dream of a health science degree and a better life for their family. They in turn become productive, tax-paying citizens in our state.

Our Mississippi community colleges are the most affordable option for all Mississippians. Their educational opportunities lead to much higher wages, lower crime, and improvement in the overall health of our graduates. Holmes Community College changed my life, as well as the life of my wife, Rae Anne. It gave us both a fantastic foundation in higher education without being burdened with long-term, student debt. My daughter, Hayley, is now enrolled as a dual credit, high school student, and will enroll full-time this fall. It has been a blessing

to see the confidence of hundreds of high school students soar when they finish a dual credit course, realizing that if they are willing to work hard, college is attainable and achievable.

We have several exciting, new projects are on the horizon to enhance our student's experience. We strive to be frugal, and are excited that we are repurposing several older buildings-giving them a facelift so the next generation may enjoy them. In the next year we will have repurposed training facilities for football, baseball, and softball. An updated, state-of-the-art library, a new electrical lineman training facility, a new maintenance and housekeeping facility, an outdoor student pavilion, a new field house for our state champion soccer program, a student healthplex at 3 locations, updated classrooms, a new culinary arts program, a new heating and air conditioning program, and renovations to the outside of a dozen of our buildings throughout the district.

I humbly thank you for your loyal support of the Holmes Community College Development Foundation and the confidence you continue to place in our institution. I can assure you that we always try to be as practical as possible, being good stewards of your donations.

I know that you all agree that there is “No Place Like Holmes”

From the FOUNDATION PRESIDENT



“2020 has been an unprecedented year. There have been many challenges during the past year, and we are thankful to have dedicated leadership to navigate through these difficult times.”



Jesse Leverette
Holmes Community College
Development Foundation President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse E. Leverette Jr."

Thank you for your support to Holmes and to our Foundation. The Holmes Community College Development Foundation continues to provide support to deserving students, faculty, administration and staff. Your support helps to provide scholarships and the opportunity for a student to obtain a quality education at Holmes. As Dr. Jim Haffey has said on several occasions, a scholarship worth a few hundred dollars could be the difference in a student being able to attend Holmes and get an education to prepare them to become more productive for the future.

In addition to providing scholarships, your support through the Development Foundation helps to grow and improve our campus facilities, purchase new equipment, and secure new technology to better train and prepare our students for a successful career. The list of improvements for each campus is long, but the most significant developments are as follows: remodeling of the McMorrough Library, constructing a new maintenance facility on the Goodman Campus, repainting and remodel-

ing of various buildings, paving roadways, and adding wrought iron fences to secure campuses. Furthermore, workforce program equipment was modernized to enhance training, and computers and servers were updated to advance technology on all campuses.

2020 has been an unprecedented year. There have been many challenges during the past year, and we are thankful to have dedicated leadership to navigate the college through these difficult times. The administration, faculty and staff have done an outstanding job of protecting students and associates, while continuing to provide a quality education. In addition to the list of improvements, HCC was the first college to begin all online with classes for 5,210 students. Hotspots were provided so students can park and work on assignments in their vehicle. COVID supplies are continually purchased to ensure a safe environment.

Holmes Community College was recently named Mississippi's Best Community College by Stacker on its list of "Best Community College in Every State". Ranking is based on a rigorous analysis of academic, financial, and student life data from the U.S. Department of Education, along with millions of reviews from students and alumni. As members of the Holmes family, we can all be proud and agree that HCC has impacted our lives.

Please join me in thanking our leaders at Holmes and thanks to you for your continued support of the Holmes Community College Development Foundation.

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Holmes Community College Development Foundation was established more than 45 years ago to represent the nine-county district the college serves. Its purpose is to provide funds for scholarships for students attending Holmes as well as provide funds to support other educational activities of the college, such as faculty development, modernization of classroom equipment, student development activities, and sponsorship of capital improvement campaigns.

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2020 District IMPROVEMENTS

The iconic Goodman Campus water tower was given a fresh coat of paint.

Large photo: The Goodman Campus now has a large, beautiful, cedar pavilion near the Chapel on the Hill. It is a must-see!



Holmes Alumnus DESIGNS HISTORY

“They’ve kept the core and I’m pleased to have my name in it.
So, let’s hope a Mississippian can take it home.”

In November, Mississippi voters headed to the polls and passed a flag referendum adopting the new “In God We Trust” magnolia design that just so happens to be the concept of Holmes alumnus and graphic designer Rocky Vaughan.

Voters passed the measure 72.98% (943,918) to 27.02% (349,522). The legislature adopted the measure in January when they returned to session and made the decision official.

The flag features a white magnolia blossom on a dark blue backdrop, with red bands and gold stripes. This is perfect for Mississippi since it is known as the Magnolia State with the magnolia as the state flower and the magnolia tree as the state tree.

The flower is surrounded by 20 stars, signifying Mississippi’s status as the 20th state in the union, and a gold five-point star to reflect Mississippi’s indigenous Native American tribes.

Mississippi was the last state in the country whose flag, which was adopted in 1894, included the Confederate emblem.

Advocates for changing the flag had argued the Confederate insignia was a reminder of America’s war to uphold slavery and a painful symbol for Black Americans. They also argued the 1894 flag hampered the state’s economic growth.

Those supportive of the old flag claimed its removal

would lead to further erasure of history.

Vaughan, who hails from Ackerman, was a member of the choral music program while a student at Holmes in 1996-97. Vaughan said he had been working on a new flag design for the last eight years.

He said he can’t take full credit for the final design because others had a part in it. Greenwood native Sue Anna Joe, who lives in San Francisco, drew the magnolia that was used in the final design, while Oxford resident Kara Giles was brought in by the Commission to work on several of the final designs.

“It’s odd taking credit when there are other inputs in it, but I will claim the core ingredients,” said Vaughan. “I will do that.”

“They’ve kept the core and I’m pleased to have my name in it,” added Vaughan. “So, let’s hope a Mississippian can take it home.”

As for the symbolism, this is what he said:

“I didn’t want to overthink this thing. I didn’t want to overthink it all. I didn’t want to do homework. I didn’t want to spend nights in the library. I didn’t want to do anything. I don’t need help or research to symbolize the Magnolia State. It’s already there, right?”

At Top: Rocky Vaughan is pictured in front of the new Mississippi State flag with his sons, Ryder (left) and Brody (right).

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Legacy Club members pledge a minimum of \$1,500 annually. These gifts help bridge the gap between Holmes' essential needs and available funding.

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On the Cover

A COACH LOOKS BACK

Influenced by so many, Robert Pool brings a love for sports, learning, and Holmes to the next generation and beyond.



When legendary Holmes Community College football coach Robert Pool was 14, he lost his father. His high school coach, Benny Weeks, stepped up to become a major influence in Pool's personal and athletic life and directed him on his path in education and coaching.

"I was called to education because of my relationship with Coach Weeks," said Pool. Weeks coached Pool in football, baseball and tennis.



The Hernando native and now Lake Cormorant resident met his wife, Billie Joyce, while in high school. After high school, Pool attended Northwest, serving as a student manager for the football team. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from The University of Mississippi.

After college, Pool took a position coaching football and baseball at Hernando High School where his teams played in two championship games for baseball. A few years later, Pool transitioned to Magnolia Heights in Senatobia where he coached for six years and had two state championship appearances, winning one of two.

In 1980, Pool credited a relationship with the late A.J. Kilpatrick for bringing him to Holmes as an assistant coach. Kilpatrick, who was the head coach at Holmes Junior

College at the time, led the Bulldogs to a state championship in 1981.

Pool left Holmes to become the head coach at Greenwood High School before returning to Holmes in 1986 as head coach. Billie Joyce also joined the faculty as a social science instructor, teaching Sociology and marriage and family. In her spare time, she tutored students who needed additional academic attention. Pool credits the late M.R. Thorne and Henry B. McClellan for their leadership during this time. Thorne served

at Holmes," said Pool. "Tiller is now a retired Army Ranger. I know he is one tough guy to get through Ranger School and serve the United States of America," said Pool.

The three players are members of the Holmes Community College Sports Hall of Fame. Baldwin has been inducted into the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame, and Jones, a mainstay along the offensive line for the Seattle Seahawks, is in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

"I am very proud of the players

"Everyone wants to win, bottom line, but the players who played for me at Holmes are among some of my most memorable in my career."

as president while McClellan was Assistant to the President.

In addition to coaching, the position as head football coach came with a lot of responsibilities, such as field maintenance and recruitment. Pool built great relationships with his players, and they worked hard on the field to be their best.

"The bottom line is everyone wants to win, but the players who played for me at Holmes are among some of my most memorable in my career," said Pool.

Randy Baldwin, Reggie Tiller, and Walter Jones are among a few of the star athletes who played under Pool during his career at Holmes. Baldwin and Tiller played on the 1988 football team that had a State Championship appearance but lost to Hinds.

"I am especially proud of Reggie Tiller, who was a great wide receiver

and even prouder to see the good people they have become," said Pool.

After coaching, Pool became Holmes' dean of students and athletic director.

The Pools are regular supporters of the college and the Milton Lee Olive Football Program Scholarship organized by former head football coach Jeff Koonz.

The scholarship was established in memory of Milton Lee Olive, III, who was the first African American to receive a Medal of Honor in the Vietnam War. Olive received the medal for sacrificing his life for the lives of his platoon and commander by falling on a grenade and absorbing the full blast. A Milton Lee Olive, III monument, which was made possible by the generosity of Lexington attorney Don Barrett, is located on the Holmes County Courthouse grounds in Lexington.

Holmes eLearning

TWENTY YEARS AND A HABIT OF SUCCESS

Holmes leads online learning as one of the state's top-ranked providers, but it has not come easy. Over the past two decades, the dedicated staff has overcome insurmountable obstacles such as hurricanes, pandemics, and dial-up.

The award winning eLearning Department of Holmes Community College is celebrating its twentieth anniversary and continues to be a steady leader in education innovation at Holmes Community College and the state. The eLearning Department consists of a complex team of talented people who provide students with an alternative to traditional classroom courses that aligns with their schedule.

"I could not ask for a more dedicated and resourceful group of individuals who go above and beyond to get the job done," said Vice President for eLearning Tish Stewart. "They think outside the box to find solutions not only for the students who are taking online courses but also for the face-to-face instructors who need assistance in moving their lectures to the virtual world. The eLearning Department is a team effort, and it takes all of us to make things happen."

Stewart is from Newport, a small community in Attala County just east of Goodman. She holds a Bachelor of Science from Mississippi State and also earned a Master of Science in Online Leadership from California State University.

The advancement in technology is the drive behind the department's continued success. Holmes eLearning has been recognized nationally for their outstanding

offerings and voted as one of the best Online Community Colleges in Mississippi. As eLearning celebrates this anniversary, Stewart reflected on the developments of the Holmes eLearning department.

The original team tasked with creating the Holmes eLearning Department were Sue Ellen Stubbs, Kevin Martin, Audra Kimball, Tina Boyette, Elizabeth Spooner, Dr. Myra Harville, and Beta

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Keramati. The vision started with an online classroom around 1999 when dial-up internet was in its prime.

"It goes back to the previous Holmes presidents, vice presidents, deans, and directors who supported a plan for increasing course offerings, improving technology, and implementing online pedagogy," said Stewart. "Our current president and cabinet still provide the support and leadership that Holmes eLearning needs to continue striving for the next level."

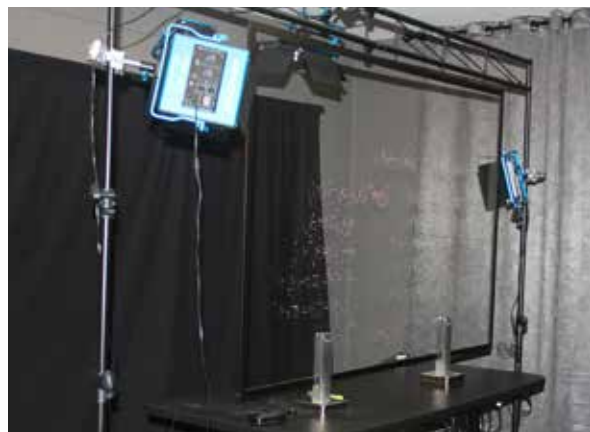
The first online classes at Holmes were offered in the Spring of 2000. Holmes started with three online courses and increased at a marginal pace for the next couple of years. Stewart took the reins in January 2005 and en-

countered an unexpected hurdle to her efforts — Hurricane Katrina.

The natural disaster of Hurricane Katrina impacted the whole state of Mississippi and drove the innovation of the online learning experience at the state level. This innovative approach was a solution to keep the students of Mississippi on their educational track during the large displacement after the storm. It was not until then that the concept was truly embraced by the entire system of Mississippi's community colleges to put web enhancement in every community college course.

In the early years of Holmes eLearning, the instructors were using two learning management platforms, BlackBoard and Desire to Learn, to provide content to the students with physical textbooks. It was not until 2013 that Holmes switched platforms to Canvas by Instructure. Some of the early milestones were providing more than one section of a course, creating more provided hours than hosted hours, hosting virtual faculty meetings, and having a full-time faculty trainer.

Holmes eLearning now offers 137 unique courses with 366 sections across six different terms each fall and spring semester. The increased course offerings are due to many factors, such as eco-



nomic changes, self-registration, online advising, the inclusion of eTextbooks, and virtual proctoring.

The Holmes eLearning Department is constantly striving to push the envelope and press into new areas. One area that sets Holmes eLearning apart from other schools is the Learning Glass and Green Screen studio. The Learning Glass utilizes innovative lightboard technology that has elevated how recorded lectures are presented. The magic is created

In March, Holmes was the first college to convert to all online classes with 5,210 students being taught and receiving instructional support.

tating slides, graphics, or working math problems while not having to worry about how it appears for the student. The image is inverted during the recording process so that stu-

while the instructor records him/herself lecturing and anno-

dents see the information written correctly. The Green Screen enables the presenter to create the perfect background to enhance his/her lecture for more visually interesting content. For example, an instructor could utilize a graphic of the "Mona Lisa" as he/she discusses the notable aspects of this famous painting.

In fall of 2019, Holmes eLearning implemented Canvas Studio. This video repository creates a space where all instructors and students are able to upload and record videos directly into Canvas, taking the Holmes online learning environment to the next level. Not only does this option allow instructors and students to upload videos, this offering also provides opportunities for closed captioning, video quizzing, and seamless integration throughout Canvas courses.

The eLearning department has continued to pick up the pace in keeping up with technology. The Spring of

2020 proved to be a difficult time for all due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, but the Holmes eLearning Department took this experience as a time to elevate training for all instructors.

Today, the six-person eLearning team manages 366 course sections offered online, oversees 178 online instructors, and manages five proctor locations. Stewart pushes the team to stay at the front of educational innovations for Holmes. Her goal is beyond offering the best online course experiences in the state; Stewart wants Holmes to be a global leader in online education.



Shelton Award Winner

LESLIE SPELL

Leslie Spell is the recruiting specialist and ambassador sponsor at Holmes Community College on the Goodman Campus. Spell is the recipient of the Paul and McCreia Shelton Award to honor her hard work and dedication to Holmes Community College.

Spell, a native of Lexington, attended Holmes, earning an Associate of Arts degree. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Belhaven University and a Master of Science in Guidance and Counseling from Jackson State University. Spell is currently pursuing her Ed.D. in Higher Education from The University of Mississippi.

The passion Spell pours into her current position comes from her diverse knowledge in higher education as a result of teaching, counseling, and recruiting for more than 20 years. Spell oversees the Goodman Campus ambassadors, a select team of academically accomplished students. The ambassadors conduct campus tours, assist with student registration, manage prospective student outreach efforts, and participate in both community and campus events.

Recruiting prospective students from the nine-county district is an essential role of the college, which requires a great deal of commitment and organization. Therefore, Spell works closely with the Goodman campus ambassadors, providing them with leadership, communication, and recruiting strategies to ensure her team is the ultimate point of contact. As a recruiting specialist, Spell also travels to college, job, and/or military fairs hosted by schools and employers within the district and shares recruiting resources with counselors and career centers. Hence, Spell covers a lot of ground on behalf of the college.

"I am committed to building personal relationships with students and their families, while laying the necessary groundwork to recruit them to Holmes," Spell said. One of Spell's most rewarding responsibilities is being the primary caretaker of the Holmes Community College mascot, Major, a four-year-old English bulldog, who represents the college at academic and athletic events throughout the year.

Spell resides in Goodman and is affiliated with various professional organizations, such as the Mississippi Counseling Association, Mississippi Community/Junior College Counselor Association, and the Mississippi Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers. She enjoys reading, cooking, and watching her daughter, Taylor (16), play basketball.



W.C. “Dub” Shoemaker

THE SPIRIT OF HOLMES

The Holmes Community College Development Foundation, Inc. is thankful for a substantial gift from the estate of Nell Slade and W.C. “Dub” Shoemaker, which is to be used for capital improvements or operations of the Attala Center specifically earmarked for medical and/or related education.

Shoemaker, who was extremely active in the HCC Development Foundation Board, loved Holmes Community College and wanted to see that Holmes continued to make advancements at the Attala Center. He passed away in October 2019.

The Shoemakers moved to Kosciusko in the mid-1960s, and neither wasted time leaving their marks on Kosciusko and the surrounding area.

A Sumrall native, the late Nell Shoemaker attended nursing school at Baptist Hospital in Jackson in the three-year program. After the Shoemakers moved to Kosciusko, she was approached by Holmes Vo-Tech Director and future Holmes President M.R. “Reid” Thorne about starting a nursing program for Holmes, which they did, in the late 1960s at the Kosciusko hospital. While teaching for Holmes as a solo instructor for almost seven years, Nell Shoemaker enrolled at Mississippi State in the graduate program.

Dub Shoemaker grew up on a farm in Simpson County and was one of five children. At the age of 17, Shoemaker’s dad encouraged him to leave the farm and find work in Jackson. After starting out as a copy boy at the *Daily News*, he worked his way to reporter and covered important events in history, such as the Civil Rights Movement and the first heart transplant. Along the way, he met many influential people, including Medgar Evers and Ross Barnett.

In 1965, Dub and his business partner, George Keith of Carthage, bought the Kosciusko-based newspaper known as *The Star-Herald*, which he bought outright a few years later. Since that time, he owned or co-owned newspapers in Pontotoc, Forest, Morton, and Mendenhall and had an interest in a newspaper in Madison. At one point, he started a newspaper at Mississippi State called



Dawgs Bite, which is now strictly an online magazine. He also had a printing business in Kosciusko that produced newspapers and newspaper sections throughout most of the nation. Shoemaker also helped start Bluff Springs Paper Company. In 1989, he sold *The Star-Herald*.

Mr. Shoemaker’s work received numerous awards, and he was recognized for achievement in journalism by the University of Southern Mississippi, The University of Mississippi and the Mississippi University for Women. He was an influential businessman, owning printing and paper companies as well as serving in various leadership capacities and on several boards of directors. He served as president of the Mississippi Press Association and is a member of its Hall of Fame. He served on the School of Mass Communication and Journalism Advisory Board and was named a member of the Mass Communication and Journalism Hall of Fame. He also served on an advisory board in journalism at The University of Mississippi and was on the board of the MSU Foundation.

Additionally, Mr. Shoemaker was a former chairman of both the Mississippi Economic Council and the Mississippi Job Training Council. He was also a former member of the State Board of Education Accreditation Commission, former chairman of the Kosciusko-Attala County Chamber of Commerce, and former board member at Merchants and Farmers Bank. Shoemaker held a similar role in the community economic development foundation. At Holmes, Shoemaker served on the Foundation board since its inception in 1974 and was co-chair of one of the capital campaigns with the late Dr. Donald E. Phillips.

Mr. Shoemaker was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Kosciusko and was active in the Rotary Club plus other community organizations.

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ENBRIDGE PRESENTS NCRC GRANTS (bottom) The Holmes Community College Development Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce the awarding of two grants totaling \$11,000 specifically for the McMorrough Library renovation on the Goodman Campus and testing at the Attala Center.

Enbridge Inc., headquartered in Calgary, Canada, has a workforce of more than 12,000 people, primarily in the United States and Canada. Enbridge (ENB) is traded on the New York and Toronto stock exchanges.

Enbridge was named to the Thomson Reuters Top 100 Global Energy Leaders in 2018. They were selected to Bloomberg's 2019 and 2020 Gender Equality Index and has ranked among the Best 50 Corporate Citizens in Canada for 18 years running.

Money provided by the Enbridge Community Investment Grant will afford the purchase of essential equipment to redesign McMorrough Library's three study rooms as productive work spaces and multimedia conference hubs for both small groups and individuals.

Tables with multiple USB ports will be added to each space, which will allow people to work together while sharing electronic files via laptops, phones, and tablets. In addition, each room will have a 40" flat screen mounted above the table, serving as the centralized point of view to improve communication and encourage teamwork. This design addresses different learning style concepts as well as offers collaborative environments for not only encouraging positive study habits but also establishing effective workplace practices.

At the Attala Center, the Kosciusko Attala Partnership will use the grants to offer the National Career Readiness Certificate test to students at the Career Technical Center of Attala County. The Attala Center provides the testing at a discounted rate, which will allow more students to be able to take the test.

"More employers are requiring the ACT WorkKeys NCRC tests, and as a work ready community, we want to ensure that as many students as possible can take it. Our partnership with the Career Technical Center is very important, and their leadership in workforce development and training for future generations has proven to be very effective for students entering college or seeking work right out of high school," said Darren Milner, Executive Director of the Kosciusko Attala Partnership.

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

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

CORPORATIONS THAT LOVE HOLMES We are excited to continue our community partnerships with Wal-Mart, Trustmark, BankPlus, and Atmos. These relationships help us invest in Holmes to provide our students with the best tools for learning.



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS The HCC

Development Foundation is enrolled in Kroger's Community Rewards Program. If you have not already indicated an organization for Community Rewards through Kroger, we would love for you to indicate Holmes. It is really easy to enroll through your Kroger account. Once you sign into your account, all you need to do to enroll is **enter our code: MW962** for The Holmes Community College Development Foundation.



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CAR LICENSE PLATE Show

your pride wherever you drive! The Holmes Community

College Development Foundation has launched a new opportunity for Mississippi residents, especially alumni, employees, and friends, to show their support of Holmes through their daily travels.

Newly established FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Gladys and Dale Lewis Scholarship: The Lewis' are both alumni and were employees of Holmes Community College for over 30 years. Their love and support for the college continues due to their passion for education. The recipient of this scholarship should be a full-time student on the Goodman Campus with a financial need.



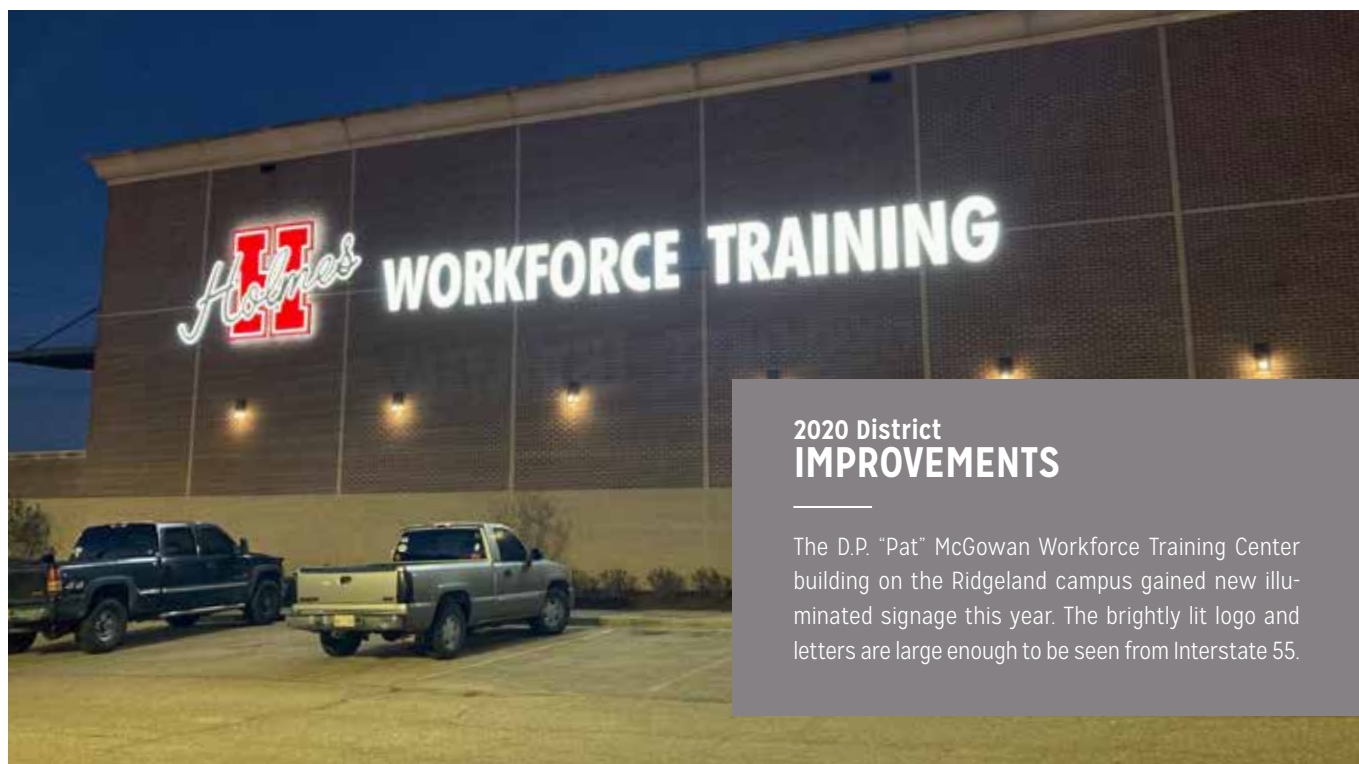
D. P. "Pat" McGowan Scholarship:

The D. P. "Pat" McGowan Scholarship was established by Frank and Marilyn McGowan Meigs in memory of her father. Mr. McGowan attended Holmes Junior College and was a 1942 graduate. He was a member of the

Board of Trustees of Holmes Community College for 48 years and served as President for 25 years. The recipient should have a financial need and be enrolled full-time in an academic or career technical program housed in the D.P. "Pat" McGowan Workforce Training Center on the Ridgeland Campus. Preference will be given to students from Yazoo county.

W & M Thomas STEM Scholarship: This scholarship was established by the Thomas family in honor of Mr. Wardell, Sr. and Mrs. Mary C. Thomas. Mr. & Mrs. Thomas were Attala county natives, who were committed to family, community, and Christ. Their philosophy that life is nothing more than a collection of outcomes to your choices fostered their belief that education is the path to a better future. The scholarship recipient must be a STEM major in the Student Support Services program. The recipient must be of African American, Native American, or Latina/o decent. The scholarship will be awarded to a graduate from a high school in Attala, Holmes, Leake, Choctaw, or Madison counties. Applicants are required to submit a 250 word or less essay on how their major will enable them to help their community or surrounding areas.

The Maryann Miller Endowment Trust: This scholarship was established by the estate of Maryann Miller. It was the donor's desire that the recipient attend the Goodman campus, preferably enrolled in a career-technical program and preferably a single parent. Students must be full-time and maintain a 2.0 grade-point-average.



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The D.P. "Pat" McGowan Workforce Training Center building on the Ridgeland campus gained new illuminated signage this year. The brightly lit logo and letters are large enough to be seen from Interstate 55.

Holmes CC Foundation SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

One of the main goals of the Development Foundation is to provide funds for scholarships for students attending Holmes. Thanks to our donors, we have been able to provide these scholarships for over 45 years.



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Alyssa Allen

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Scholarship



Noah Burton

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Scholarship



Kaylee Marshall

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Mary Lynn Ferguson

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Anna Claire Blaylock

Belk Family
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Mackenzie Bradberry

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Scholarship



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Scholarship



Landon Harris
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Burnis T. and Clytice
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Hannah Malone
Burnis T. and Clytice
Gardner Scholarship



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Scholarship



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Isaiah Sheffield
Class of 1963
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Scholarship



Alexa Hodges
F.C. and Annie P. Dailey
Memorial Nursing Scholarship



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F.C. and Annie P. Dailey
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Seth Skyes

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Milestone Scholarship



Noah Burton

McCrary Holmes
Milestone Scholarship



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Millennial Teaching
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Kenon Allen
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Lakesia Smith
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Liam Moorehead
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Sarah Fisher
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Shelby Cooper
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Spencer Burden
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Stephanie Harrison
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Completion Scholarship



Jasmine Newman
Ronald "Ronnie" K. Thomas
Memorial Scholarship



Brittany Cundall
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Welding Scholarship



Swayze Gardner
Trustees
Scholarship



Jennifer Phillips
W&M Thomas
STEM Scholarship



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Career Technical Education initiated the new programs of Massage Therapy and Culinary Arts Technology on the Ridgeland Campus, with Health Care Assistance programs on all Campuses.

Development Foundation

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Memorials and honorariums are great ways to celebrate an alumni or friend of the college. Place an engraved paver in the Chapel on the Hill courtyard, or donate to a cause your friend or loved one held dear.



Barbara Haffey Bogy (pictured left): Maggie Garrett, Patsy Rogers, Tish & Bubba Stewart, Jack Holmes, Dr. & Mrs. John Allen, Dr. & Mrs. Michael Heindl, Madison County Business League & Foundation, Jennifer & Matt Surrell, Dr. Lindy McCain & Mr. Marshall McCain, Donna & Andy Wood, Steve Cummings, Courtney & Sonny Sparks, Lois & Wirt Hayes, Carolyn Thomas, Bronwyn & Brandon Martin, Alice Anne Sisco, Maurice Ferguson, Linda Alexander-Jones, Angela Boyd, Tess Crenshaw, Fran & W.E. Thurmond, Jr, Margaret Davis, Dr. Jenny Jones & Mr. William Jones, Sherrie & Stephen Cheek

MEMORIALS:

Ellis Ables: Maggie Garrett, Carolyn Thomas

Marquerile Bailey: James W. Bailey

John Roy Baker: Grenada Higher Education Association, Dr. & Mrs. Jim Haffey

Dewitt Belk: Doris Belk, Julie & Gerry Taylor

Bill Bunch: Linda Bunch, Dr. Lindy McCain

Harold Bunch: Maggie Garrett

Blanche Burrell: Brittini Dickerson, Maggie Garrett

Cindy Crawley: Dr. & Mrs. Jim Haffey

Joe Crowder: Dr. & Mrs. Jim Haffey

Susie Dolbi: Maggie Garrett

Charlie Donald: Maggie Garrett, Dr. & Mrs. Jim Haffey, Dr. Lindy & Mr. Marshall McCain, Tish & Bubba Stewart

Elaine Dunn: Maggie Garrett

Geneva England: Margaret Davis

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Diane Harman: Maggie Garrett, Wyndy & Cody Peebles, Reba & Robby Robertson, Elizabeth & Johnny Belk, Sherry & Stephen Cheek, Carolyn Thomas, Dr. Lindy McCain, Brittini Dickerson, Dr. & Mrs. Jim Haffey, Tish & Bubba Stewart

Sherry Ingold: Maggie Garrett

Dianne Starling Jackson: Dr. & Mrs. Jim Haffey

Rebecca W. Jones: Maggie Garrett, Dr. & Mrs. Jim Haffey, Carolyn Thomas, Tish & Bubba Stewart, Dr. Lindy & Mr.

Marshall McCain, Dr. Jenny & Mr. William Jones

Colby Kyle: Mr. & Mrs. Dale Lewis, Mrs. Vickie George

Rita Langham: Maggie Garrett

Olene Little: Grenada Higher Education



Jerry Harris (pictured above): Dr. Jenny & Mr. William Jones, Tammy & Robert Livingston, Laura Ann Sealy, Susan & Robert Coffin, Judy Bond Eubanks, Janet Bond Waits, Tish & Bubba Stewart

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Dr. Lindy & Mr. Marshall McCain

Sandra Manning: Maggie Garrett

Rufus & Alice Mason:
Nancy Mason

M.C. McDaniel: Jack W. McDaniel

Barbara Parrish: Maggie Garrett,
Dr. & Mrs. Jim Haffey

Melissa Pilgrim: Carolyn Thomas

Mrs. Ragan: Maggie Garrett

Alma Sanders Starling: Dr. &
Mrs. Jim Haffey, Dr. Lindy McCain

Sara Starnes:
Dr. & Mrs. Jim Haffey

Ronnie Sullivan:
Dr. & Mrs. Jim Haffey

Andy Thweatt: Maggie Garrett

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Lena Lou Thomas

Betty Tullos:
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William (Billy) Wigley:
Dr. & Mrs. Jim Haffey

Pam Williams: Maggie Garrett,
Dr. & Mrs. Jim Haffey

David Wynne: Maggie Garrett,
Dr. Lindy & Mr. Marshall McCain,
Tish & Bubba Stewart

HONORARIUMS:

Clytice Gardner: Linda Bourgeois

Danny Chandler: Anonymous



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Above: The Ridgeland Campus purchased weather resistant outdoor furniture for several locations where students can sit and study.

Middle Left: Montague Street on the Goodman Campus was repaved, giving the main road through campus a fresh, tidy look and a smoother ride!

Middle Right: Even the snowmen are looking better this year! Thanks to Jack Holmes for sending us his work of art.

Bottom: A new maintenance building was built on the Goodman Campus, complete with illuminated signage.





Development Foundation BEQUESTS & TRUSTS

The following people have named Holmes Community College in their estate planning and have provided appropriate confirming documentation:

Clytice & the late
Burnis Gardner

Margaret & the late
John T. Keeton, Jr.

Mrs. Freda B. Harper
& the late Billy Harper

Billy Joyce & Robert Pool
Anonymous

TYPES OF PLANNED GIFTS

Bequests

Leave a gift without diminishing the assets available to you during your lifetime.

Charitable Remainder Trusts

Give to Holmes while providing a life income for yourself or beneficiaries.

Gift Annuities

Receive life income without a huge donation or complicated agreement.

Life Insurance

Make a substantial gift through relatively modest annual payments.

Retained Life Estate

Transfer the ownership of a home or farm while retaining the right to use the property during your lifetime.

Holmes is ready to work with you and a financial advisor or attorney, in confidence and without obligation, to help you explore the best possible method of giving for your circumstance.

Foundation 2020 BY THE NUMBERS

2020 \$10,311,962*

2019 \$9,413,314

2018 \$7,923,291

2017 \$7,888,987

2016 \$7,004,237

2015 \$6,439,569

2014 \$6,234,923

2013 \$3,817,521

2012 \$3,817,606

2011 \$3,446,980

2010 \$3,317,929

2009 \$3,034,693

23%
of Holmes'
staff and faculty
donate to the
Foundation.

*Pending Audit



Foundation Supported MINI GRANTS

Each year, the Development Foundation awards grants to reinvest in Holmes, ensuring our students have the tools they need for learning.

Mary Leigh Poole, *Biology*
Specimen survey sets, distillers, and filters

Dr. Samuel Dasary, *Chemistry*
Chemistry lab equipment

Roger Wade, *Public Safety*
8 jump boxes, 3 floor jacks, weapons, gear, and 3 unlock kits

Wendy Grace, *Academics*
Furniture and materials to create a Teaching and Learning Center for instructors and staff

Jeffery Brown, *Band*
Yamaha Euphonium and Top Action Tuba

Alan Kinsey, *eLearning*
Furniture and materials to create a Teaching and Learning Center for instructors and staff

William Fitts, *Industrial Maintenance*
Sharp Aquos Board

Arnetra Pleas, *Literature*
Field trip to Birmingham, AL, to visit historical places related to her African-American Literature class topics

Jamie Sample, *Biology*
3 of "The Crime Scene Investigator" PCR Basics Real-Time Starter Kit

Dr. Rekam Giri, *Physical Science*
Telescope, iPad with pencil & applications

Greg Wilson, *Anatomy & Physiology*
Heart monitor with connector, pre-gelled electrodes, etc.

Jennifer Smith, *Library*
Equipment for visually impaired students

Dr. Antoine Gates, *Science*
20 LED microscopes for science labs

Kris Wilson, *Fine Arts*
15 Klopfenstein easels

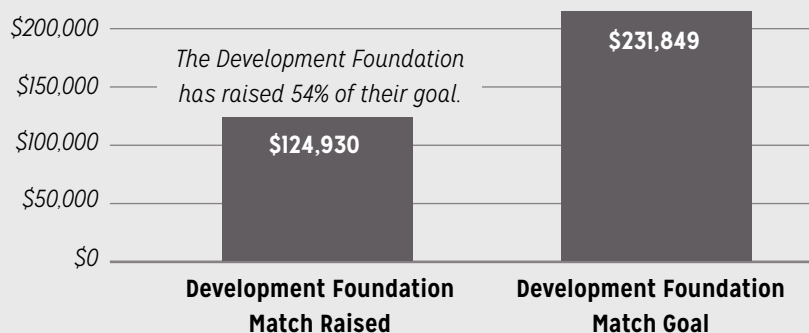
Giving McMorrough A NEW LOOK

The Holmes Community College Development Foundation, Inc. has steadily been moving forward with the renovations of the McMorrough Library and Archives made possible by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grant and through the generous contributions made to the Development Foundation to match the NEH grant.

Ongoing efforts have resulted in beautiful transformations throughout the McMorrough Library and Archives as seen in the lobby entrance, main reading area, Makerspace, computer lab, Mississippi Room, recruitment area, conference room, and public restrooms. New circulation and reference desks, as well as additional computer resource stations, have



NEH Infrastructure and Capacity Building
Challenge Matching Grant Status
(Total Grant = \$463,698)



also added a nice touch to the modernization of the library. With most face-lifting projects of new flooring and fresh paint completed, new funds are still needed to implement interactive technology in the study rooms, purchase essential furniture for key spaces, and renovate the facility's catering room, all of which will accommodate opportunities of engagement for community, faculty, staff, and students.

The estimation cost of the overall project is \$463,698, with half of the total amount (\$231,849) to be matched by the Holmes Community College Development

Foundation, Inc. in order to receive the equivalent NEH funds. Currently, NEH has certified \$124,930 of the dollar-per-dollar match requirement as submitted by the Development Foundation. Hence,

additional monetary resources are necessary to ensure the completion of this renovation project in a timely manner.

Only through new financial support given to the Development Foundation can the overarching goal of securing a lasting preservation of the humanities for the college and its neighboring communities be accomplished. Tax exempt donations can be made to the Holmes Community College Development Foundation, P.O. Box 527, Goodman, MS 39079. Please contact the Foundation office at (662) 472-9017 to discuss giving opportunities for the matching grant.



NOW'S YOUR CHANCE:

Funds are still needed to implement interactive technology, purchase essential furniture for key spaces, and renovate the facility's catering room.

[HOLMESCCALUMNI.360ALUMNI.COM/CAMPAIGN/341/LIBRARY-RENOVATION-CONTRIBUTIONS/](https://holmesccalumni.360alumni.com/campaign/341/library-renovation-contributions/)



Legacy of LEADERSHIP

The Foundation is governed by an 18-member Board of Directors, who annually elect officers from its membership. In addition, there is a Foundation Board of Governors with representation from the nine counties served by the college.

Board of Directors

Elected Members: Jesse Leverette (P), Dr. Brady Richardson (VP), Wirt Hayes (T), Doris Belk (S), Joe Adams, Johnny Belk, Trey Bowman, Eugenia Collins, Maurice Ferguson, Jack Holmes, Donald Milner, Wilton Neal, Rev. Gene Richardson, Robby Robertson, Austin Taylor, Ben Tharp, John Wallace, Dr. Lynn Wright

Ex-Officio Members: Dr. Jim Haffey, Dr. Lindy McCain, Walter Alford, Rev. James Young, Sonny Sparks, Dr. Don Burnham, Dr. Michelle Burney, Katherine Ellard, Brittini Dickerson (Assistant Secretary & Treasurer)



Board of Governors

Attala: Johnny Belk, Doris Belk, Wirt Hayes, Jack Holmes, Rev. Gene Richardson, Dr. Brady Richardson, Robby Robertson, Frank Shaw Jr., Austin Taylor, Carolyn Thomas, Rev. James Young

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Choctaw: Trey Bowman, William Strawbridge, Ben Tharp

Grenada: Paul McCarley **Holmes:** Maggie Garrett, Dale McBride, Dr. Lynn & Mr. Elton Wright

Madison: Betty Sue & Joe Adams, Danny Chandler, Becky & Jesse Leverette, John Wallace, Tommy Worthey **Montgomery:** Eugenia Collins, Maurice Ferguson, Margaret Harris

Webster: Hugh Gibson, Jan & Chuck Putnam **Yazoo:** Jim Golden

Out of District: Clytice R. Gardner (*Rankin*), Dr. Sam Massey (*Rankin*), Jack McDaniel (*Hinds*), Don Milner (*Warren*), Dr. J. L. Peebles (*Oktibbeha*), Fred & Martha Ray (*Hinds*)



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The Alumni Association is proud to offer these services: record maintenance, alumni relations, alumni development, homecoming activities, and the annual golf tournament. The association is also responsible for the Holmes Alumni House, the Holmes House, and the Chapel on the Hill.



Alumni Association Executive Committee

Elected Members:

Derek Starling, Sr., President
Jacob Black, Vice President
Kay Asken, Secretary
Hilliary O'Briant, Treasurer
James Young, Past President

Ex-Officio Members: Jesse Leverette (*President, Development Foundation*), Doris Belk (*Secretary, Development Foundation*), Wirt Hayes (*Treasurer, Development Foundation*), Dr. Jim Haffey (*President, Holmes Community College*), Dr. Lindy McCain (*Executive Director, Development Foundation*), Dr. Don Burnham (*Vice President, Ridgeland Campus*), Dr. Michelle Burney (*Vice President, Grenada Campus*), Andy Wood (*Vice President, Goodman Campus/Athletic Director*)



Derek Starling, Sr.



Jacob Black



Kay Asken



Hilliary O'Briant



James Young



Katherine H. Ellard

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Right: The Grenada campus made external renovations to the Jack L. Holmes Library and maintenance facility. They also added a lighted walking trail. *(Bottom)*



Holmes COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Holmes' Organization Number: MW962



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There are so MANY ways to support Holmes, and some will not cost you a penny! See if you have checked all of the avenues to show your love.

- ☐ Start employee payroll deduction
- ☐ Bequest your estate
- ☐ Endow a scholarship
- ☐ Make HCC your Amazon Smile charity
- ☐ Join HCC's Kroger Community Rewards
- ☐ Buy a Holmes CC specialty car tag
- ☐ Buy a paver in the Chapel courtyard
- ☐ Join the Legacy Club
- ☐ Make a memorial gift or honorarium
- ☐ Play in the annual golf tournament
- ☐ Join the Online Alumni Community
- ☐ Follow us on Instagram
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How did you score?