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Holmes announces Phi Theta Kappa All-Academic Team

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Slade Allgood

Ashlee Bennett

Ethan Burton

Johnna Davis

Sarah Leflore

Each year, every two-year college in the state may nominate up to two students per campus to the Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic Team. Nominations are based on outstanding academic performance and service to the college and community. Five Holmes Community College students - Slade Allgood, Ashlee Bennett, Ethan Burton, Johnna Davis and Sarah Leflore - were named to the 2018 team. These students will be honored at the Annual

Recognition Luncheon held at the Mississippi State Capitol and the Jackson Convention Center on March 28.

Slade Allgood of Carthage is studying pre-med on the Holmes Ridgeland Campus. He is an Ambassador, president of the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and a member of Focus Factor, a Christian organization on campus. Allgood was also a member of the 2017 Homecoming Court, serving as an es-

cort for Freshman Maid Adrianna Watkins of Madison. Upon graduation from Holmes, Allgood plans to transfer to Mississippi College where he will major in biology, with a focus on medical sciences, and minor in chemistry. After MC, he plans to attend medical school with the goal of becoming a trauma surgeon.

Ashlee Bennett of Grenada is a sophomore biological sciences major on the Holmes Grenada Campus. She is

a graduate of Winona Christian School and her honors and activities at Holmes include Freshman Class Favorite, Freshman Homecoming Maid, Grenada Student Body

Homecoming Maid,

Ambassador, Student Government Association president, Phi Theta Kappa president, Baptist Student Union member and Writing Center tutor. Bennett also tutors outside of Holmes, serves as a Get2College intern and volunteers for Hudspeth Regional Center, helping developmentally-delayed adults with recreational and learning skills. She is a member of Kilmichael Baptist Church.

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Watkins crowned 2018 Most Beautiful

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured is 2017 Most Beautiful Bayley Cook crowning 2018 Most Beautiful Georgia Watkins.

Georgia Watkins of West was named 2018 Most Beautiful in Holmes Community College's Beauty Review held Feb. 28 on the Goodman Campus. Watkins, daughter of Tommy and Jennifer Watkins, is a freshman pre-nursing major on the Goodman Campus.

A graduate of Winona Christian

School, Watkins is active on campus at Holmes. She is a cheerleader, Ambassador, member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and on the President's List. She also enjoys studying anatomy and physiology, and plans to earn her bachelor's in nursing from University of Mississippi Medical Center and eventually become a nurse practitioner. In her free time, she enjoys reading and working out.

Over the course of the evening, other awards were given, as well. Kaly Robinson of Cleveland, a freshman on the Ridgeland Campus, was named Most Photogenic. The Top Five included Watkins;

Nicole Creel of Flora, a sophomore on the Ridgeland Campus; Anna Franklin of Grenada, a sophomore on the Grenada Campus; Josie Harris of Benton, a freshman on the Goodman Campus and Hallie Murtagh of Lexington, a sophomore on the Goodman



Pictured is (center) 2018 Most Beautiful Georgia Watkins with the other ladies named to the Top 10. They are: (left to right) Tamara Greenlee, Kerri Hannah, Hallie Murtagh, Nicole Creel, Most Beautiful Georgia Watkins, Anna Franklin, Josie Harris, Kaly Robinson, Catherine Pannell and Han-

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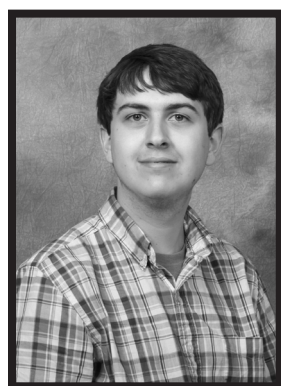
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Black Panther: First Impressions

By Ethan Burton
Growl Reporter



It is impossible to reject that “Black Panther” will become a massive American icon as it is already one of the fastest opening films of all time. The movie

has garnered impenetrably high praise and adoration from many critics and filmgoers. A friend and I went to see the film the night after it released. We came to the theatre an entire hour early and were directed to wait in line for our seats for one of the six screens dedicated to showing the movie. We were taking part in a huge cultural event, and I was not disappointed when the picture rolled. It was a spectacular film – one with passion, perception and purpose. Therefore, I wanted to share my first impressions of the film after seeing it.

[SPOILERS AHEAD]

First, let’s get all of my griping with the movie out of the way. The main problem with the film is its overabundant and bloated CGI effects. While the CGI works well with the City of Wakanda itself where the entire sci-fi utopia is rendered in painstaking detail, more practical effects would have helped breathe realism into many of the scenes. In particular, the computer-generated rhinos especially seemed pointless, considering that real rhinos could have been used since they are native to Africa where the film was made. However, the CGI was necessary for the scene where Black Panther stabs one of the rhinos in the head. Suffice to say, the film’s computer visuals will not age very well.

Now let’s get into what I loved about the film, which is mostly everything

else. The film has received a lot of attention, for better or worse, for its political and racial implications. I thought that the story handled these topics very well. I enjoyed the movie’s overarching theme as a conflict between ideologies and principles as much as a conflict with guns and spears. Wakanda, a virtual utopia, had only obtained its advanced state by isolating themselves, hoarding all the fiction super element Vibranium for themselves, and turning a blind eye to the rest of the world. The Wakandans are essentially extreme nationalists, with the main protagonist King T’Challa, the Black Panther and the rest of his council holding the same principles.

King T’Challa’s love interest, Nakiya, who represents globalism, tries to convince him that Wakanda should use their resources to help the rest of the world. The chief villain, Killmonger, (ironically) represents imperialism, wanting Wakanda to use its powers and resources so that Wakanda can conquer the world and seek vengeance for Africa’s former oppressors. This battle of philosophy adds depth to the story that can be compared to real world issues, but it does not make the viewer feel guilty if he/she does not agree with the movie’s conclusion of rejecting nationalism.

The main antagonist, Killmonger, is my second favorite character in the film (behind Okoye, aka Michonne from “The Walking Dead”). He is charmingly cruel, ruthless and considers himself vindicated. As a young boy living in California slums, Killmonger witnessed the death of his father by the hands of his own uncle, T’Challa’s father. This tragedy sparked a hatred in the boy, hatred of the world, hatred of the people that have oppressed his race, and hatred of his own family that betrayed him. He dedicates his life to killing, as a hardened soldier in the U.S. military, just so he would be

prepared to slay his cousin, T’Challa. He has set out to carry out his father’s grand delusion of overthrowing the world by avenging his death and taking Wakanda’s throne for himself. He is the complete antithesis of T’Challa: selfish, sadistic and lacking a conscience.

The action sequences are very well orchestrated and focused, zooming in on more close-quarter combat like “Captain America: White Winter Soldier.” My favorite scenes were set atop a rocky Warrior Falls, where T’Challa had to battle warriors from other tribes who wished to take the throne from the king. Keep in mind that they fought gladiator style while only steps away from the edge of a steep waterfall.

There are few special effects in these set-pieces; instead we get pure, intense hand-to-hand combat, which is more engaging and personal than a bunch of explosions. I also loved how the movie implemented the Black Panther suit’s ability to absorb energy during combat and use it as a shockwave for strategic defense. The filmmakers were thinking logically when planning these scenes.

The film’s visual design, too, was excellent. The Black Panther’s suit itself is sleek and stylish. It’s dark and stealthy like Batman’s outfit but specialized for speed. T’Chaka’s brief transition into the suit was smooth but not as awesome or sophisticated as Iron Man’s. The Wakandans’ costumes draw heavily from African culture, with deep colored patterned dresses and ritual accessories. I especially loved the design of the women warriors’ battle dresses, with their bold crimson robes and golden rings, while carrying long spears. The City of Wakanda itself looks like a sci-fi version of New York from the distance. A closer look of the city shows citizens still grounded to their roots, an indication of their deep sense of heritage and national pride.

And the soundtrack, FANTASTIC,

as it was my favorite part of the whole experience. Instead of the tired and true dramatic orchestra music in virtually every action film, we get dynamic trap instrumentation, traditional African drums, and excellent songs from Hip-Hop/R&B stars like Kendrick Lamar, SZA, and the Weeknd. It manages to carry the action forward, while giving the setting of an advanced African city an extra layer of personality. The highlight is the spectacular “All the Stars,” where SZA serenades the audience while the credits roll. I cannot recall a recent soundtrack that nails the theme and setting of a movie quite like this.

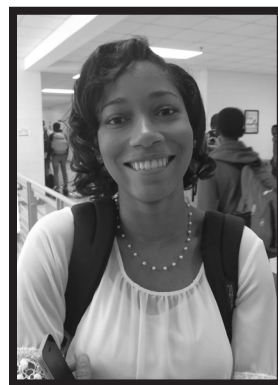
Overall, this was the best Marvel movie I have seen since the original “Iron Man.” For half of the film, I forgot that I was watching a Marvel movie. It felt like its own separate entity, removed from godlike superheroes, alien supervillains and outlandish camp. It was the unique standalone superhero movie I wanted it to be. And while I do not agree with the immense level of praise it is receiving, a person cannot deny that there was heart and soul put into Black Panther.



Original drawing by Ethan Burton.

6 ways to enjoy Holmes

By Kanisha Wade
Growl Reporter



As a Holmes student you may be wondering how to enjoy your short time at Holmes, so here’s a list for you.

1. Get involved on campus. For a college student this is very important. Holmes has lots of organizations for you to get involved in on each campus. Look at Dog Tracks; most organizations have the times they meet on there each week. Also, these things look good on your resume!

2. Get to know your teachers. One of the many things you can enjoy about Holmes is the teachers. Since you don’t attend a university the teachers are more personal with you. You won’t find that at most universities. So, get to know your teachers; this will also come in handy when you need recommendations for scholarships going into a university.

3. Talk to the people in your classes. A great thing about Holmes is that you have people from all over Mississippi attending the college Holmes. So, when you are in class, talk to the people around you, get to know them. It is always good to have friends while

you are here.

4. Go to events on campus. Throughout a semester, Holmes has many events on your campus that you can attend. The big one this semester is the Spring Fling. Everything is free just because you’re a Holmes student. Don’t miss out on these opportunities!

5. Study hard. You have to study for your classes. No matter how easy they are, study. It is a good discipline to have so when you do go on to a university your studying skills are already there. Besides if you don’t study, you just might fail the class and who wants to take a class over again?

6. Enjoy the town you are in. Holmes has campuses in three towns. If you have a car take a little tour around the town and see what you can find. Ridgeland has lots of shopping places and food places to eat, or you can simply drive down the road to the Ross Barnett Reservoir and spend some time there. Enjoy the town your school is in for the two years that you are there. It will make your time at Holmes more enjoyable than it already is.



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The Absent Parent

By Tamera McCook
Growl Reporter



As I reflect over my childhood, I often think of how blessed I was having been brought up by both my mother and father. Both of my parents were very influential over my life and my decision making. Although sometimes I didn't make the best decision, I made choices based on what would please my parents. My brother and I were raised in Jackson, specifically the suburbs of South Jackson. During the summer months, when we were out of school, my father would often take my brother and me fishing, swimming, and to his home state of Florida. My dad taught my brother and me both valuable life lessons that we are now able to apply to our adult lives. My mom also made sure she played a valuable part in our upbringing as well. Often times she and I would have a mother and daughter day out, which would occur mostly on the 3rd Saturday of every month, and during this time we would shop, eat, and have long conversations about what was going on in my life. Both of my parents had a vital role in molding me and my brother into the mature, responsible adults that we are today. Without the leadership and sternness of my father, and the nurturing and caring spirit of my mother, I know without a shadow of doubt that my brother and I would not have turned into the law-abiding citizens we are today. This is why it is my belief that both parents should assume equal responsibility in raising a child.

Growing up, my dad made sure that all of my teachers, and staff at

each school I attended knew him on a first name basis. He made frequent visits to my schools, some of which I had no prior knowledge. He would often sit in my classes and observe my interaction with the teacher, and students as well. Anytime my teachers needed a volunteer for help, whether it was a field trip, pep rally, teacher-student basketball game, or field day, his name was the first on the roster. I can recall one day he came to Peeples Middle school, where my brother and I were both APAC students, to participate in a student-teacher basketball game. Although my dad stayed at the schools more than some of the students, he never embarrassed me, and I was always happy to see him there, even when I was in trouble. Knowing that he would come at the drop of a dime reassured me of one thing; I had a supportive and loving father who would always be there for his children, no matter the situation or circumstance.

My father would often take my brother with him wherever he went. Whether it was right down the street to the store, or to work with him for the day, he felt that anytime he spent with him was valuable. I can remember once, my dad took my brother to the Hinds County Detention Center, where he was a deputy sheriff. My brother had been acting up in school, which was totally out of his character. He had never been the type to get in trouble at school or try to fit in with his peers. This particular day he had been acting up to a point where my dad felt that it was necessary to show him where he could end up if he chose the wrong path in life. I wasn't around during the conversations they had, or even when he was locked in that cell for eight hours, but I do know one

thing, it worked! My brother finished high school, and went to college where he majored in criminal justice. Once he graduated college he went into the law enforcement academy and finished at the top of his class. Most of his childhood friends who grew up mostly without their fathers or a positive male role model, took a total different path in life. Most of them did not finish high school and made no attempt towards college. They have yet to be successful in life, and they still live with their mother. This is the clear difference between a household with both parents, and a household with only one responsible parent.

A woman should not have to raise a man alone. In order for a boy to mature properly into a man, a positive role model must be present in that child's life. This is evident in my household. I am currently raising two sons with an almost absentee father. Although there father isn't present, I have a father who is present in my sons' life. I am also blessed with a great brother who is involved as well. My father grew up with no father, but a mother and grandmother present, which is where he received his foundation. He made many mistakes in life but his maturation into a man was crippled because he had no positive male role model evident in his life. Had his father assumed responsibility, I'm sure my father's upbringing would have turned out very different. Children need the 'rod of correction' to drive out foolishness, especially boys who are growing into young men. Young men long for assurance from their fathers, and often times when that assurance from a male isn't given, it causes unruly behavior because there is a void in that child's life. This is

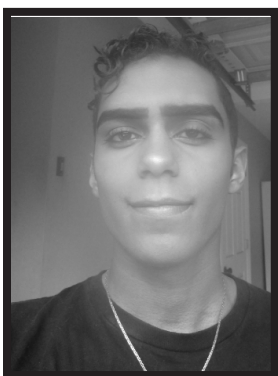
evident in the many jails and prisons in this country.

It is healthier for children to be raised in a home with a stable environment where parents share equal responsibility of raising that child. A child must be fed spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically. One parent can get the job done, but when both parents are on one accord and are looking out for the betterment of that child, he or she has a better chance of being successful in life. This is proven day in and day out when you look at our judicial system, schools, and even in your own neighborhood. Many struggles that come from raising a child is because that child is a victim of having only one involved parent. In order to give any child the best chance at succeeding in life, both mother and father must actively do their part in that upbringing of that child.

In order for this society to see change, we must first start at home. Oftentimes single moms rely on teachers, coaches, social workers, and any other professional who comes into contact with their child to 'help' with the raising of their child. This is because one parent feels that the attention, support, and love they can provide is not sufficient enough for their child. This is where the saying "it takes a village to raise a child" derives from. It actually does not take a village but if one parent assumes all the responsibility of raising that child, then the parent often feels there is more on them that they can bare, causing life to be more difficult. This adds on to the stress the child has to deal with as well. Two has always been better than one! Financially and physically, when there is more support life can be a lot simpler, and a child can enjoy being a child.

Fire and Fury

By Malik Jamileh
Growl Reporter



Hello, student body. If you are like me, politics was served at your dinner table on Sunday, Feb. 11. The Grammy's 60th anniversary got controver-

sial quick as politics made its way to the stage. Hillary Clinton's appearance drew mass opinions about how political the Grammy's has become. A huge political statement was made as Hillary Clinton read from her book, "Fire and Fury." The Grammy's ratings dropped to an all-time low, pulling a total of 19.8 million viewers. Compared to 2017, this was a 24 percent drop. How could one half of the

country view the Grammy's as a platform to expose injustice and the rest not? Why was it so offending to some to see problems we face every day expressed through performances?

Accepting that minorities are victims of social inequality is harder for some. The thought of exposing one is a threat to the very system which has molded privilege for others. Many viewers would rather

ignore the reality around them and turn the TV off, since it's not what affects their white picket fences. Even with the TV off, the static of fire and fury in the hearts of the oppressed rage on.

By Liz Howell
Growl Editor

Student Spotlight



Amira Wallace

Hometown: Jackson

Holmes Campus: Goodman

Major: English

Post-Holmes plans: I plan to attend Tougaloo College.

Career Ambition: My ambition is become an author.

What are your hobbies?

My hobbies are writing, watching Netflix, acting and baking.

Something interesting: I really like Kpop, and I'm great at tripping over air.

All-Academic (continued from Front Page)

Ethan Burton of Goodman is a graphic design major on the Holmes Goodman Campus. He plans to attend Delta State University upon finishing his degree at Holmes, and his career goal is to become a creative director. On campus, he is a member of the Baptist Student Union and the Growl newspaper staff. In 2017, Burton placed in the Mississippi Press Association Competition for his editorial cartoon, and in 2018, he

won first place in the Short Story Category of the Goodman Creative Writing Contest.

Johnna Davis of Flora is a sophomore social work major on the Holmes Ridgeland Campus. A graduate of Tri-County Academy, her honors and activities at Holmes include Freshman Homecoming Maid, Sophomore Homecoming Maid, Ambassador, Student Government Association sophomore represen-

tative and Phi Theta Kapa vice president of outreach. Davis is also a member of First Baptist Church of Flora and plans to attend Mississippi State University in the fall of 2018.

Sarah Leflore of Greenwood is a pre-nursing major on the Holmes Grenada Campus. She is a member of the Baptist Student Union and serves as SGA representative and Phi Theta Kapa vice president of scholarships. Her

honors include: Residential Life Honors and President's List scholar. Upon graduation from Holmes, she plans to attend Mississippi University for Women and pursue her BSN degree. Her ultimate career goal is to become a nurse practitioner at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson.

To learn more about Phi Theta Kappa, visit <https://www.ptk.org/default.aspx>.

Tricia Walker performs at Holmes as part of "Exploring the Mississippi Delta" series

From Staff Reports/Photos



Tricia Walker

This spring, Holmes Community College is hosting a series, "Exploring the Mississippi Delta," on the Ridgeland Campus to celebrate the Delta's rich heritage. The first event was a performance and presentation, "The Mississippi Delta: Birthplace of American Music" by Tricia Walker on Feb. 26. Walker, a Grammy Award-winning

songwriter and director of the Delta Institute of Music at Delta State University, performed at 12:30 p.m. in the McGowan Workforce Training Center on the Holmes Ridgeland Campus.

A native of Mississippi, she earned her bachelor's from DSU and her master's from Mississippi College before moving to Nashville in 1980 to pursue a career in music. As a writer for Word Music and PolyGram music she has written songs that were recorded by Faith Hill, Patty Loveless, Kathy Troccoli and Allison Krauss. Krauss even won a Grammy for her version of the song, "Looking in the Eyes of Love," which Walker co-wrote with her. She also worked as a vocalist and instrumentalist with award-winning artists Shania Twain and Paul Overstreet.

Walker has also served as creative director for Crossfield Music Publishing where she developed a staff of five writers and produced company demos and masters. She was the founder of the Bluebird Café's legendary

Women in the Round, a writer's show featuring singer/songwriters Ashley Cleveland, Karen Staley, Pam Tillis and herself. To learn more about Walker, visit her blog/website at <http://bigfrontporch.com/>.

As the "Exploring the Mississippi Delta" series progresses, Holmes English Composition II students will be reading and discussing the New York Times Best Deller "Dispatches from Pluto: Lost and Found in the Mississippi Delta" by Richard Grant. A British citizen, Grant offers a look at the Delta as an adventurous travel writer who braved mosquitoes, humidity, snakes and southern drawling natives to hold a mirror up to readers of a world both familiar and perplexing.

Other events Holmes is hosting as part of the series include:

A book discussion of "Dispatches from Pluto: Lost and Found in the Mississippi Delta" with Holmes English instructors Arnetra Pleas and Dr. Andy Kelly on Thursday, March 22,

at 12:30 p.m. in the McGowan Workforce Training Center. This event is free and open to the public.

A presentation by Richard Grant about his novel "Dispatches from Pluto: Lost and Found in the Mississippi Delta" sponsored by a grant from the Mississippi Humanities Council on Tuesday, April 10, at 12:30 p.m. in the McGowan Workforce Training Center. This event is free and open to the public.

A Spring Art Show, "The Landscape of the Mississippi Delta," which includes works from Holmes art students. The show, directed and curated by art instructor Kris Wilson, will be in the Ridgeland Library. Date and time to be announced.

For more information about the "Exploring the Mississippi Delta" events, contact Mary Brantley at (601) 0605.3319 or mbrantley@holmescc.edu.

Holmes participates in AHA Wear Red Day

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes showed support for the American Heart Association (AHA) by participating in their National Wear Red Day on Friday, Feb. 2. Wear Red Day is part of the AHA's campaign to increase awareness of heart disease, since heart disease and stroke cause 1 in 3 deaths among women each year.

Pictured (above) are faculty and staff members from the Grenada Campus and (below) from the Goodman Campus.



Pictured (above and below) are faculty and staff members from the Ridgeland Campus on Wear Red Day.



Holmes OTA participates in MSOTA Legislative Day

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are (front, left to right) Kana Williams, Cade Montague, (second, left to right) Valencia Curtis, Madelyn Simpson, Erin Stradley, Zakaiya Wright, Carly Lott, Krystal Titus, Kate Nicodemus, (third, left to right) A'Kiemia Gibson, Anna Kathryn Baioni, Kathryn Hodges, Miranda Wright, Peyton Dixon, Somer Greer, (fourth, left to right) Margaret Corcoran, Lindsey Savell, Hannah Nason, Jasmine Rhodes, (back, left to right) Adrian Hunter and Shelby Hedgepeth.

On Thursday, Feb. 1, the Holmes Community College Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) students and instructors participated in the 2018 Mississippi Occupational Therapy Association (MSOTA) Legislative Day at the State Capitol. This event gave students an opportunity to network with state representatives and OT practitioners statewide.

From the time MSOTA was established in 1976, the organization has been continually committed to the advancement and safeguarding of occupational therapy in the state of Mississippi. The present day success and effectiveness of MSOTA is dependent on an active board of directors and a strong membership base.

The Holmes OTA program, housed on the Ridgeland Campus, is a two-year/ five-consecutive-semester program of study that prepares students to work as co-participants in the entire occupational therapy process at the discretion of the supervising licensed occupational therapists. Graduates of the OTA program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the Occupational Therapy Assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be

a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA), eligible to obtain licensure to practice in the state of Mississippi.

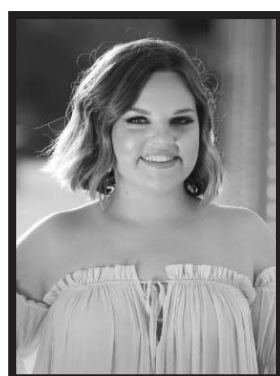
From the competitive and selective application process, applicants are chosen to enter the program each fall. For the past two years, Holmes has had a 100 percent pass rate of the NBCOT exam by the program's graduates.

The program is led by Kana Williams and Cade Montague.

For more information about the Holmes OTA program, contact Williams at kwiliams@holmescc.edu or (601) 605.3343.

Biology class visits Natural Science Museum

By Hannah Graves
Growl Reporter



On Tuesday, Feb. 13, Mr. Gates' Principles of Biology II 8:15 class began arriving at the Natural Science Museum around 8 a.m. We were told to be early, 8:10 a.m. at the latest. We were

there to have class as usual, but with a guest instructor and we were to take thorough notes. Our instructor was a man in his late twenties or early thirties and he was just as humorous as he was educational. As he taught us about the many species of animals, reptiles, and insects, he was sure to keep us entertained with jokes and gags. He interacted with the class with a king snake and an adolescent alligator, at separate times of course, and allowed those of us who weren't scared to feel the thick, smooth scales of the alligator's tail. Alligators were his key point, so he asked the class, "Do any of you know how many species of alligators there are?" and the answers were along the lines of,

"20?" or "50!" and he said, "There are only two, the American alligator, also known as the Mississippi alligator, and the Chinese alligator." This was a fact that I found interesting and I am sure I was not alone. After cracking a few more jokes, he educated us on the number of snake species in Mississippi, which he told us is 55 and he also told us that only 6 of the 55 are venomous, and he was very specific when he explained that snakes cannot be 'poisonous' because poison is ingested and venom is injected.

Following our classroom session, the class was split up into two groups and I was in the first group. We were taken into the museum's research labs and among all the preserved creatures and fossils, we got to see a humongous whale vertebrae that was found in Mississippi which used to be almost completely under water, this was my favorite part of museum although it is behind closed doors. Our instructor led us to a dim lit room, every wall was lined with locked grey cabinets and there were 2 rows through the middle. We were all unsure of what these cabinets contained as our instructor began to tug on the handles to see which cabinet would be unlocked.

When he opened the doors, he pulled out a drawer that was chock full of well preserved, Red-tailed Hawks, with at least 8 in the drawer, he said some of them dated back to the year 1930, we were looking at a bird that roamed the lands of Mississippi in the 1930's! I thought this was amazing and this was also a first for me, after all the years of field trips to this museum, I was finally on the ultimate field trip, beyond the "Employees Only" sign. Once we finished touring the room full of locked cabinets, our group was given the chance to roam the public areas of the museum while the second group was given the same tour of the research labs. The aquatic area of the museum had a new, interactive tank where a student intern allowed us to touch, feel, and observe

a few sea stars and sea urchins, this was also a first for me. I grew up going to this museum, but I had never seen it in this capacity. I left the museum in awe of the experiences I had just gained and excited to learn more about these career opportunities as well as the creatures we just learned so much about.

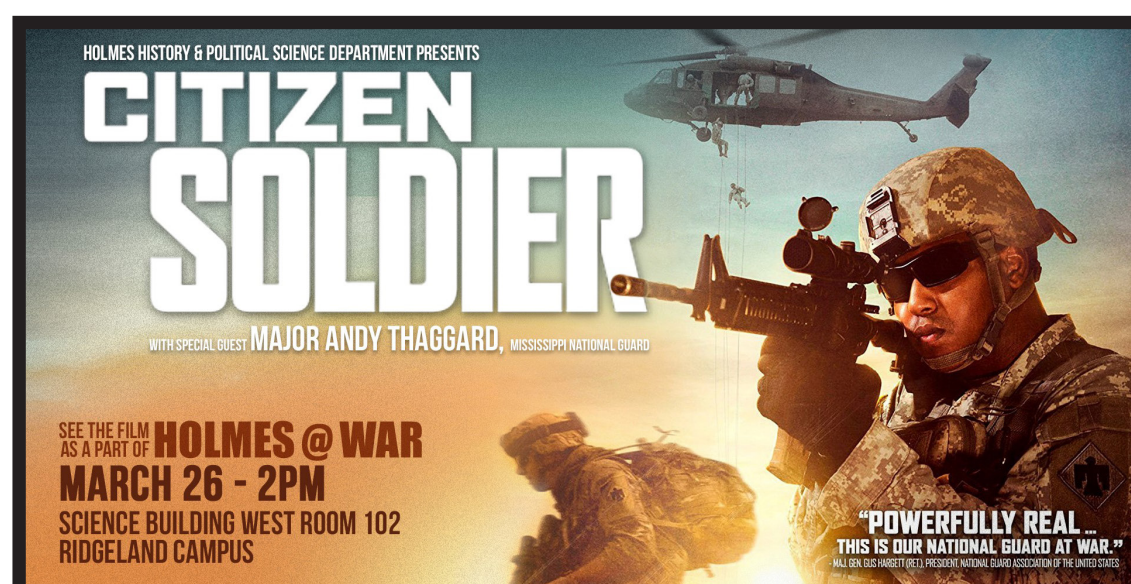


Holmes to present Citizen Soldier

From Staff Reports/Photos

On Monday, March 26, the Holmes History and Political Science Department is presenting "Citizen Soldier" with special guest Major Andy Thaggard from the Mississippi National Guard. The film "Citizen Soldier" is going to be shown in Science Building West Room 102 on the Ridgeland Campus at 2 p.m.

This film and commentary by Major Thaggard is part of the Holmes@War series that the History and Political Science Department implements each spring. For more information on the series, contact History and Political Science Department Chair Laura Canard at lcarnard@holmescc.edu.



Holmes announces President's and Dean's List

Alissia Falls, Cassidy Gatson, ChiKee-
ciah Parker, Hallie Westbrook, Emanuel
White

Pontotoc
Nickolas Bails

Prentiss
Jasmine Rhodes

Purvis
Charleigh McPhail

Raymond
Stacey Boykin, Shelby Hedgepeth,
Mary Homan

Richland
Yoel Bacallao

Ridgeland
Thierno Bell, Jillian Campbell, Glenn
Clark, Margaret Corcoran, Reece Dent,
Chandler Garrett, Cristina Quinte-
ro Gonzalez, Cory Harper, William
Hooper Jr, Price Horner, Satoshi
Maehata, Jana Newell, Tyler Robbins,
Destiney Robinson, Bennie Sanders,
Momodou Secka, Peyton Watson,
Lauren Wells

Sallis
Annais Allen, Jonathan Dew, Jamal
Harmon, Jason Hill, Nate Killebrew,
Katlyn McLellan, Bailey Rutledge,
Jordan Tharp, Ashley Trehern, Shelby
Turner

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Loran Stricklen

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Steven Burdette

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Abigail Bishop

Starkville
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James Johnson

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Kimberly Moore, Kelsey Oswalt

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Cody Smallwood

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Taylor Henson, Rhyan Welch

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Montero Barton, Rictavius Haymon,
Trent Pike

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Water Valley
Laura Allgood, Bridget Dempsey,
Nathan Hill

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Jonathan Boles, Camry Davis, Shey-
anne Dean, Cory Felton, Thomas
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Lela McCullough

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Andrea Fly, Presley Grillette, Ethan
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auri Sampson, Janice Scott, Sarah Ste-
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Hayes Gordon, De'Andria Green,
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witt, Chelsea Williams

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Denham Springs, La.
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Linsey Childs

Duck Hill
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Jessica Robinson, Zachary Williams,
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Wilma Parker, Cody Weeks

Eupora
Claude Herard, Jaime Hernandez,
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Flora
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Brennan Boteler, MiKayla Patton,
McKenzie Sims, Douglas Wray

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Lorenzo McCaskill, Brittany Moore,
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Greenwood
Lana Miller, Arneshia Robinson

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Tristan Anthony, Rylee Artman, Jordan
Barnes, Kateashia Blackmon,
Caleb Blair, Briannia Byford, Miran-
da Campbell, Jimeiah Cashaw, Holly
Chandler, Jillian Conner, Jeremiah
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Joseph Robertson, Katherine Rush,
Xavier Savery, Demetrice Sherrod,
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Wilson, Simone Harris, Christopher
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na Miller, Janna Odom, Mark Palmer-
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Lexus Patrick, Austin Pritchard, Kay-
la Rawson, Zachary Rawson, Mak-
inzee Rone, Randall Russell, Destany
Vidonne, Jordan Wallace, Josie White,
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William Brown, Parker Burgess,
Brooke Burrell, Keylin Bustillo,
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olas Crump, Justice Cummins, Mary
Dee, Mathias Dryden, Collin Forten-
berry, Jared Green, Jazmine Haley,
Cara Head, Hailey Hinson, Paige
Hough, Samuel Ingram, Mary John-
son, Michael Johnson, Matthew Kelly,
Victoria Kennedy, Charles Lowe, Tim-
othy McElroy, Connor McKay, Shelby
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Shipra Pandey, Kenrick Perryman,
Orlando Pittman, Ashley Regan, John
Seale, Shelby Smith, Mitra Talukdar,
Lydia Thompson, Miriam Thompson,
Makayla Upkins, Thomas Vinson,
Abigail Wilkerson

Mantee
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Melaine Anderson, Kayla Neal

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Courtney Clay, Mark McClain

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Evelyn Oakes

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Aubree McWilliams

Mize
Michael Pilgrim

Moss Point
Brandon Conerly

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Oakland
Darius Shelby

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Holmes announces President's and Dean's List

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Starkville
Roosevelt Harris, Daley Weaver

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Bell, Montague join Holmes family

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Amber Bell of Kosciusko has joined the Holmes Community College family as a Smart-Start Navigator at the Attala Center in Kosciusko.

"I'll be teaching students who are in the GED program career skills, such as how to create a resume, how to respond to interview questions effectively and how to behave professionally at work," Bell said. "I'm excited for this opportunity to provide counseling and assistance for students concerning career and vocational decisions."

Bell earned her master's in higher education administration and student personnel, as well as her bachelor's in liberal arts from The University of Mississippi. Prior to her employment at Holmes, she was employed with BlueCross BlueShield of Mississippi as a provider service representative.

Before BlueCross BlueShield, she worked as a graduate research assistant for the Department of Writing and Rhetoric, a tutor/mentor for the Student-Athlete Success Center and as a tourist guide for the Competition Corps while completing her college studies.

Bell's honors, accolades and professional memberships include: Gamma Beta Phi, Student Personnel Association, Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Sigma Alpha Lambda National Leadership and Honors Organization.

In her free time, Bell enjoys walking in the local park and watching her favorite shows on Netflix.

Cade Montague of McAdams has joined the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus as an academic fieldwork coordinator and instructor for the Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology (OTA) program.

The son of Frank and Teresa Montague, he began his college education at Holmes Community College

in Goodman after graduating from Kosciusko High School in 2002. Montague attended Holmes on a choir scholarship and received the Music



Major of the Year award in 2004. Upon graduation, he transferred to Mississippi College in Clinton where he was a member of the Mississippi College

Singers and Kinesiology Club. After completing his bachelor's in exercise science in 2007, Montague took a position as a fitness specialist at Baptist Healthplex at Mississippi College.

After a fulfilling year at the Healthplex, Montague was accepted into the Occupational Therapy program at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. He completed his master's degree in May of 2011 and earned his state licensure in Mississippi, Florida and Louisiana in addition

to his national registration through NBCOT. Montague worked in various settings throughout the aforementioned states until joining the staff at Holmes.

In his new position, he teaches several courses including anatomy, kinesiology, pathology of orthopedic conditions, and Occupational Therapy Skills II. He also arranges the clinical fieldworks for the OTA students and conducts site visits.

In his free time, Montague enjoys cooking and experimenting with new recipes, running throughout his neighborhood in Belhaven, playing the piano, traveling and exploring cities throughout the country (his favorites are New Orleans and New York) and spending time with his friends and family. He enjoys reading and loves anything by David Sedaris, J.D. Vance and Stephen King.

Montague is also a huge fan of music, the theatre and live entertainment. He enjoys attending New Stage and Thalia Mara theatres to see current shows, traveling to NYC to check out Broadway productions and following his favorite musicians to see them live in concert.

It's spring! Time to get ready for the next step

By Timothy Jones
Growth Reporter

Spring Break is approaching and deadlines are closing. Scholarships and internships are closing as soon as mid-March. If you are a sophomore, and plan on attending a university upon graduating in May these websites can offer you a great deal of money: www.scholarships.com and <http://www.internships.com>. Take advantage of these website to discount the price of school and to gain lifelong experiences in your career. For further information visit the Trek Center on your respective campus. Vic Parker, is the Trek

Coordinator for the Ridgeland Campus and you can set up an appointment with him by emailing vparker@holmescc.edu. Jonathan Wright is the Trek Coordinator for Goodman and Grenada, and his email is jwright@holmescc.edu. It is also a good idea

to visit the website of the university you'd like to transfer to; you can often find scholarship information specific to their institution.

Are you interested in having your work published? Do you love to take photos? Have a passion for writing? We need you! We would love to have you contribute to our paper and our blog, the HCC Grid. You are welcome to send in submissions for possible publication even if you were unable to "officially" join the staff this spring.

For more information, contact: Mary Margaret Busby at: mbusby@holmescc.edu.

Holmes reveals 2018 Who's Who

From Staff Reports/Photos

Recently, Holmes Community College announced Mr. and Miss Holmes for each campus.



Ridgeland Campus
Mr. and Miss Holmes for the Ridgeland Campus are Davis Edwards of Brandon and Melanie Owah of Ridgeland.

Edwards, son of Chuck and Shelly Edwards, is a graduate of Park Place Christian Academy. He is a Student Government Association (SGA) sophomore representative and an Ambassador. Edwards attends First Baptist Church of Fannin, and outside of Holmes, runs a mobile petting zoo business called Dave's Party Pals.

Edwards is a business major and is considering attending Mississippi State University and majoring in public relations.

Owah, daughter of Emmanuel and Doris Owah, was born in Lagos, Nigeria, and moved to the United States when she was six years old. She lived in Jackson for 11 years and recently moved to Ridgeland in 2015.

Owah is an Ambassador, Phi Theta Kappa member, SGA secretary, chemistry lab assistant and Social Science Club member. She also participates in Focus Factor, which is a Christian organization.

Owah is currently a member of First Baptist Church of Jackson. Her passion is working with children and being an influence in their lives. She works at the pre-school nursery three times a week at First Baptist Church ministry and pours life into their hearts. Owah also volunteers for Sta Hom hospice. At Sta Hom, she helps with delivering items to the patients and also going to their homes to sit and visit with them. Owah's hobbies include Bible journaling, shopping, reading, working out, but more specifically running. Upon finishing her studies at Holmes, she plans to transfer to Tougaloo College and major in biology/minor in chemistry. After attaining a bachelor's degree, her plan is to go to medical school.

Her dream is to one day attend Meharry School of Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee, and become obstetrician gynecologist or pediatrician.

Owah adds that her favorite quote is, "Success does not lie in results, but in efforts being the best is not so important, doing the best is all that matters." Her favorite scripture is Jeremiah 19:11, "For I know the plans for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you



Goodman Campus
Mr. and Miss Holmes for the Goodman Campus are Miguel Garcia and Liz Howell.

Garcia, son of Jose Luis Garcia and Hermelinda Garcia, is a graduate of Kosciusko High School. He is president of SGA, a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, a member of Holmes Plus and attends Chapel on the Hill weekly. Outside of Holmes activities, he enjoys reading and exploring fossil creeks.

Garcia has been on the President's List for two semesters at Holmes and is currently in the honors psychology class. Upon graduation, he plans on going to Mississippi State University and majoring in kinesiology. His ultimate goal is to become a physical therapist.

Howell, the daughter of Michael and Sarah Howell, was homeschooled from the fourth grade through graduation. She is president of the Gaming Club, editor of the Growl newspaper, Hall-

mark Editing Chair for Phi Theta Kappa, a member of MOSAIC, a bookstore employee, a member of Baptist Student Union and head tutor at the Writing Center. Last year, she won first place in the poetry category and third place in the creative nonfiction category for the Goodman Campus Literary Competition. Howell is also in the Honors Psychology class.

In addition to all of her on-campus activities, Howell also teaches Sunday school (ages (3-11) at Zama Baptist Church. In her free time, she enjoys writing, drawing and playing video games.

Following graduation from Holmes, she'll most likely attend Delta State University to pursue her bachelor's degree in English. Howell plans to get certified to teach while working on her degree and hopes to eventually obtain an MFA in creative writing and a PhD in American Literature.



Grenada Campus
Mr. and Miss Holmes for the Grenada Campus are Will Tartt and Ashlee Bennett.

Tartt, son of Keith and Sharon Tartt, is a sophomore criminal justice major and graduate of Kirk Academy. He is a member of the Baptist Student Union, serves as treasurer for SGA and also serves as an Ambassador. Tartt enjoys working with his volunteer fire department, hanging out with friends and helping with community projects. He was voted Class Favorite as a freshman and served as an escort for Ashlee Bennett on the Homecoming Court in 2016 and 2017.

Bennett, daughter of Felicia Woods, is a sophomore biological sciences major. She is a graduate of Winona

Christian School and her honors and activities at Holmes include Freshman Class Favorite, Freshman Homecoming Maid, Grenada Student Body Homecoming Maid, Ambassador, SGA president, Phi Theta Kappa president, Baptist Student Union member and Writing Center tutor. Bennett also tutors outside of Holmes, serves as a Get2College intern and volunteers for Hudspeth Regional Center, helping developmentally-delayed adults with recreational and learning skills. She is a member of Kilmichael Baptist Church.

Other than Mr. and Miss Holmes, students are named Class Favorites for each campus.

Freshman Class Favorites for the Ridgeland Campus are: Bailey Hudson of Flora, Vandrey Jones of Jackson and Kalyn Marie Robinson of Brandon. Sophomore Class Favorites for the Ridgeland Campus include: Carleigh Achee of Brandon, Slade Allgood of Carthage, Savannah Collins of Brandon, Johnna Davis of Flora, Jazmine Haley of Madison, Travis Jones of Brandon, Laura Ann Kelley of Madison, Destiny Lockett of Canton, Jesse Qualls of Learned, Michelle Patton of Madison and Adrianna Watkins of Madison.

Freshman Class Favorites for the Goodman Campus include: Josie Harris of Benton, Emily Martin of Lexington, Loftin Price of Kosciusko, Brendon Quon of Lexington and Albertina Veasley of Kosciusko. Goodman Sophomore Favorites include: Lamar Land of Durant, Whitney Matthews of Lexington, Charleigh McPhail of Purvis and Hallie Murtagh of Lexington.

Finally, Freshman Class Favorites for the Grenada Campus are: Alexis Brown of Grenada, Gregory Clark of Grenada, Macie Craddock of Grenada, Courtney Dees of Grenada, Anna Marie Gray of Holcomb and Kendall Preston of Grenada.

Sophomore Class Favorites include: Sierra Anderson of Grenada, Jeremy Brown of Grenada, Emma Kate Gibson of Gore Springs, Sarah Leflore of Greenwood, Danielle Mitchell of Grenada and Kaylan Ware of Tillatoba.



Pictured are the **Ridgeland Campus Who's Who** students. They are (front row, left to right) Jesse Qualls, Adrianna Watkins, Carleigh Achee, Laura Ann Kelley, Johnna Davis; Bailey Hudson, Kalyn Robinson; (back row, left to right) Destiny Lockett, Savannah Collins, Miss Holmes Melanie Owah, Mr. Holmes Davis Edwards, Travis Jones, Michelle Patton and Slade Allgood. Not pictured: Jazmine Haley and Vandrey Jones.



Pictured are **Grenada Campus Freshmen Who's Who** students. They are (front row, left to right) Macie Craddock, Anna Marie Gray, Alexis Brown, (back row, left to right) Courtney Dees, Gregory Clark and Kendall Preston.



Pictured are the **Goodman Campus Who's Who** students. They are (front row, left to right) Josie Harris, Whitney Matthews, Miss Holmes Liz Howell, Albertina Veasley; Emily Martin, (back row, left to right) Brendon Quon, Hallie Murtagh, Mr. Holmes Miguel Garcia, Lamar Land, Charleigh McPhail and Loftin Lane Price.



Pictured are **Grenada Campus Sophomore Who's Who** students. They are (front row, left to right) Danielle Mitchell, Kaylan Ware, and Emma Kate Gibson; (back row, left to right) Mr. Holmes Will Tartt, Miss Holmes Ashlee Bennett, Sarah Leflore, Sierra Anderson and Jeremy Brown.

Holmes alumna chosen as medical school class officer

From Staff Reports/Photos



Lily Fran McCrory

Holmes Community College alumna Lily Fran McCrory, daughter of Frankie and Robin McCrory of Lexington, was recently selected to represent her medical school class at University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) as class liaison.

As class liaison, she speaks with her peers regarding various aspects of their courses and communicates those to the

professors. She also reports back to her classmates the main points of discussions that take place at staff-student liaison meetings and shares information about any actions that are decided as result of the discussion. McCrory beat out 12 other students who ran for this position.

“Some of the things that I have brought to the professors’ attention have been letting them know we have multiple tests in one day and seeing if it can be changed, or challenging the instructor on a test question that the class didn’t feel like was fair or needed further explanation,” McCrory said. “Coming from Holmes, where you are not just a number in an auditorium, I am accustomed to knowing my instructors and having them invest in me. Being class liaison has given me the opportunity to develop stronger relationships with my professors, and also to get to know more of my fellow classmates. With 160 of us spread out across an auditorium, it can be difficult to get to know everyone, so I’ve en-

joyed getting to meet with more of my peers because of this position.”

Though McCrory attended Mississippi State University in between Holmes and UMMC, she is quick to credit her time at Holmes for preparing her for medical school.

“Any time students do exceptionally well on an exam, the professors make a point to contact you and ask a little more about you,” McCrory said. “When they contacted me, I’m quick to tell them I’m a proud graduate of Holmes and that Mrs. Heather Jones’ chemistry class was one of the best courses I have taken to prepare me for medical school. They are often surprised to hear I went to community college, as there are less than 10 of us in my entire class who did. I want to make sure they understand the quality of education I received at a community college.”

In addition to her role as class liaison, McCrory is a member of the American Medical Association (AMA), the Christian Medical & Den-

tal Association (CMDA), the American Medical Women’s Association (AMWA), the Rural Health Association (RHA) the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP), the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and the Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG), since she does intend to eventually become a family physician. This summer, she will intern at UMMC Holmes County in her hometown as part of the Primary Care Exploration Program (PCEP). The internship is part of the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program (MRPSP) that she is a part of.

“I’m so grateful for all of the opportunities that this scholarship program has afforded me, as well as for the opportunities my position as class liaison has given me,” McCrory said.

For more information about UMMC’s MRPSP, visit <http://mrpsp.umc.edu/>.

Holmes first JUCO in nation to offer Applied Behavior Analysis course

From Staff Reports/Photos



IN THE PHOTO: Pictured is Kyle Rowsey, a BCBA and psychology professor at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Beginning in March of 2018, Holmes Community College will be the first community college in the nation to offer PSY 2543 - Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). This is an online course that counts toward the 40 hours of training needed to apply for the Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) credential.

An RBT is a paraprofessional who is primarily responsible for the direct implementation of behavior-analytic services. The services they provide are prescribed and monitored by a supervising Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). RBTs meet directly with clients and work in a variety of settings, including behavioral health clinics, schools and development centers.

“Autism spectrum disorder affects thousands of our state’s children every year,” said Mississippi Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann, an advocate for ABA. “For the first time in Mississippi’s history, for the first time in our country, the Mississippi Virtual Community College System, through Holmes Community College, will offer an Applied Behavior Analysis course.

This is an entry-level course towards

a career pathway. After successful completion of this course, students are eligible for a national standardized test to become an RBT; a meaningful job towards a long-term, rewarding career. The needs are vast in Mississippi for children on the autism spectrum. Our state needs bright, caring, young people to contribute to our workforce while they’re helping our children.”

According to Neelima G. Duncan, Ph.D., BCBA-D, the director of Blue Sky Behavior Therapy, there is a strong need for RBTs right now in the state of Mississippi.

“Right now, we’re having a hard time finding RBTs,” Dr. Duncan said. “There are more (behavioral health) agencies that are sprouting up and there are more people, more providers who need these services. The RBTs are the ones parents and clients see on a day-to-day basis; they are the ones that hit the ground running with the strategies that we put in place. We need RBTs, who are under our supervision, to be able to provide those services for a wide range of kids.

Also, concepts learned in an RBT course can be applied to a variety of things; it doesn’t have to be applied

to only working with a child with autism,” Dr. Duncan said. “If you’re wanting to go into the behavioral sciences field or even teaching, this is an excellent course to get the basics on how to deal with different behaviors you might come across.”

The ABA class teaches application of principles of applied behavior analysis to problems involving human behavior change. Students must take Psychology (PSY) 1513 as a prerequisite for the course and will earn three hours credit upon completion. Even students who are not necessarily looking to earn the RBT credential may take the course as an academic elective.

Tina Garrett, psychology instructor and chair for the department of social and behavioral science, stresses that this course will not only benefit students majoring in psychology, but also students majoring in nursing, education, criminal justice or any field that involves working with people on a daily basis.

“Successful completion of this course is more than just three hours of college credit,” Garrett said. “It’s an opportunity to gain training that will qualify the student to go directly into the workforce.”

For now, the class will only be offered during the second 8-week term of the spring semester, which runs from March 12 through May 4.

“Holmes is excited that we have the opportunity to be a part of this endeavor where students can take the Applied Behavior Analysis course and learn valuable information that will help them in their lives as well as their careers,” said Vice President for Academic Programs Dr. Fran Cox. “This course will also serve to meet one of the requirements to become a RBT and there is a definite need within our state for training to serve this population and to make a difference in people’s lives.”

Krystal Berry, the parent of an

8-year-old little boy who was diagnosed with autism, is one such mother whose life has been changed by RBTs.

“The greatest thing that RBTs and applied behavioral analysis in general has done for our family is it has actually taught me how to work with my son,” Berry said. “Understanding how to work with my son from a totally different perspective has transformed our family life.”

The RBT credential is one of four levels of certification that can be achieved in the field of behavioral analysis. Kyle Rowsey, a BCBA and psychology professor at the University of Southern Mississippi, reiterates how useful ABA courses are even for those who are not necessarily seeking a profession in the field.

“Any profession where you work with humans, where you work with people and deal with behavior, it’s very useful to know why behavior occurs and understand some of those principles and how you can help guide behavior,” Rowsey said.

To become an RBT, applicants must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Be at least 18 years of age
2. Possess a minimum of a high school diploma or national equivalent
3. Pass a criminal background check
4. Complete 40 hours of training (which the PSY 2543 ABA class will satisfy)
5. Pass the RBT Competency Assessment
6. Pass the RBT exam

For more information about the PSY 2543 - Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) class, call (662) 472-9146 or (662) 472-9035.

For more information about Holmes eLearning, visit <http://holmescc.edu/elearning/>.

Natural Science Department holds professional school seminar

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The Natural Sciences Department held the Spring Professional School Seminar on Feb. 9, in Science Building East on the Ridgeland Campus. The featured presenters were Dr. Stephen Manuel, presenting on medical school admissions, and Caroline Iverson. Dr. Manuel is the associate dean of admissions for University of Mississippi Medical Center, and he spoke at 10 a.m. Iverson is the recruitment and research support liaison for the University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi INBRE. She presented at 11 a.m.

IN THESE PHOTOS:

1. **Caroline Iverson** presents to the students.
2. **Dr. Stephen Manuel** presents to students.

Holmes/Ivey Mechanical partner to offer Introduction to Plumbing course

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The Holmes Community College Attala Center is partnering with Ivey Mechanical to offer an Introduction to Plumbing Trades paid training course. Fifteen students will be selected for the program, which will run from March 19-June 1. The class, taught by Carl

Bibbs, will run Monday-Friday at the Attala Center, located on 620 West Jefferson St. in Kosciusko. There is no charge to take the course.

To apply for the program, applicants must have a GED or high school diploma, a valid driver's license and

must be able to pass a drug test. Applicants must also possess the Career Readiness Credential- Silver Level. The ACT National Career Readiness Certificate (ACT NCRC[®]) is an assessment-based credential that measures and certifies the essential work skills needed for success in jobs across industries and occupations.

The course will prepare students to assemble, install and repair pipes, fittings and fixtures for heating, water and drainage systems according to specifications and plumbing codes. Students who are interested in applying for the training program must email

their resume to Danny Brunt at danny.brunt@iveymechnical.com or Curtis Turnbo at Curtis.Turnbo@iveymechnical.com no later than March 2. Prospective students must visit their local WIN Job Center to qualify for the training.

To learn more about Ivey Mechanical, visit: <http://iveymechnical.com/>.

For more information about the Holmes Introduction to Plumbing Trades, contact Director of Adult Education/GED Earline Russell-Smith at (662) 472.9105 or esmith@holmescc.edu.

Wang, Allgood honored at HEADWAE on Feb. 20

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Pictured are (front, left to right) Holmes President **Dr. Jim Haffy**, Faculty Honoree **Shae Wang**, Student Honoree **Slade Allgood**, (back, left to right) Vice President for Academic Programs **Dr. Fran Cox**, Grenada Campus Academic Dean **Dr. Myra Harville**, Ridgeland Campus Academic Dean **Dr. Tonya Lawrence**, Allgood's mother, **Stacy Lynn Wooten** and Allgood's father, **Jimmy Earl Allgood**.

Shae Wang, a computer science and mathematics instructor, and Slade Allgood of Carthage, a sophomore on the Ridgeland Campus, were Holmes Community College's honorees for the Legislature's HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day - Working for Academic Excellence) program for 2018. The honorees were recognized at the 31st Annual Luncheon on Feb. 20 at the Jackson Marriott Hotel.

Wang, an instructor on the Grenada Campus who has worked at Holmes for over 14 years, holds a bachelor's and master's degree from Fudan University in Shanghai, P. R. China, as well as a master's degree in computer

science from the University of Mississippi. Prior to working at Holmes, she taught at the University of Mississippi and the University of Memphis. Some of the courses Wang has taught include: Computer Applications, Computer Concepts, Beginning Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, College Algebra, Statistics, Calculus I-III, Java Programming I and Chinese Language I-IV.

"Shae is a huge asset to the Grenada Campus and has always been an outstanding employee," said Grenada Campus Vice President Michelle Burney. "She is humble, dependable and most deserving of this honor. Shae

represents Holmes Community College well."

This is not the first time Wang has been recognized for her excellence in teaching; in 2011 she was named a Holmes Lamplighter recipient. Along with two colleagues, she represented the college at the annual Lamplighters Conference held in Corinth sponsored by the Mississippi Community and Junior College Academic Officers Association (MCJCAOA). Wang continues to stay active in professional organizations, serving as a member of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM); the Mississippi Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators (MAMTE); the Mississippi Association for Developmental Education (MADE) and Upsilon Pi Epsilon (UPE), an international honor society for the computing and information disciplines.

"I have worked with Shae both as a colleague and currently as her dean," said Grenada Academic Dean Dr. Myra Harville. "She is always willing to give her all to her students to help them understand. One of the best comments I have ever seen was on one of her evaluations where the student said, 'I have never understood math and Mrs. Wang made it all become clear to me.' That is pretty high praise in my opinion."

Following in her footsteps of excellence in education, Wang's son, Theo Young, recently graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy and is currently working as a pharmacist for Rite Aid. Her daughter, Joelle Young, is enrolled in the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors

College at the University of Mississippi, double majoring in elementary education and mathematics.

Allgood, son of Stacy Lynn Wooten and Jimmy Earl Allgood, is a sophomore pre-med major on the Ridgeland Campus. He is an Ambassador, president of the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and a member of Focus Factor, a Christian organization on campus. Allgood was also a member of the 2017 Homecoming Court.

After Holmes, Allgood plans to transfer to Mississippi College where he will major in biology, with a focus on medical sciences, and minor in chemistry. After MC, he plans to attend medical school with the goal of becoming a trauma surgeon.

"Slade is a very affable individual and I consider him an excellent representative for Holmes," said Chairman of the Department of Natural Sciences Joe David White. "He has been a steadfast student volunteer for the Department of Natural Sciences, a department tutor in chemistry and has the heart of a champion in all of his life's endeavors that I have witnessed."

Ridgeland Academic Dean Dr. Tonya Lawrence said: "Slade Allgood's selection as the HEADWAE student awardee is not surprising. He is a very active student at Holmes and juggles all of his responsibilities very well while maintaining his outstanding academic record."

Ridgeland Campus lauds Literary Contest winners

From Staff Reports/Photos

English instructor Dr. Andrew Kelly recently announced the winners of the 2018 Literary Contest for the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus.

Winners of the Personal Essay Category included Austin C. Parker of Flowood, first place for “Champion of The Broken,” and Samantha Jordan Banks of Yazoo City, second place for “Remembrance.” Zach Goodman of Lena, Rachel Hairston of Jackson and David Waller of Madison also received Honorable Mentions for their essays.

Brian M. Jones, II, of Jackson was awarded first place for “Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass” in the Literary Essay Category, and Will Flasck of Madison took second for “Monkey See, Monkey Do.”

Winners of the Poetry Category included Ashley Regan of Madison, first place for “Lady Chrysalis,” and Codi Goulas of Lafayette, Louisiana, second place for “Acadiana Roots.”

Finally, the first place winner for the Short Story Category was Lydia Fortenberry of Brandon for “Jack is not a Girl’s Name,” and Flasck placed second for “Moving Forward.”

The competition was open to all students on the Ridgeland Campus of Holmes, regardless of their major, and entries were judged by the English faculty members. First and second place winners in each category will appear in Reflections, the campus literary magazine, and are sent to the statewide contest. State-level winners receive monetary prizes and publication in the



IN THE PHOTO: Pictured are winners of the Holmes Ridgeland Campus 2018 Literary Contest. They are (front row, left to right) **Samantha Banks, Ashley Regan, Rachel Hairston,** (back row, left to right) **Austin Parker, Zach Goodman, Will Flasck and Brian Jones, II.** Not pictured: Codi Goulas and Lydia Fortenberry.

Goodman Campus announces Creative Writing Contest winners

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes English instructor Chad Moorer recently announced the 2018 Goodman Creative Writing Contest winners. All winners will receive cash prizes furnished by the Holmes Foundation. First and Second place winners have already been forwarded to the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association contest and will be published in Holmes’s Creative Writing Journal, Reflections.

For the Poetry Category, first place went to Abigail Proctor of Ethel for “Crazy Horse;” second place went to Kiya Alvarado of Greenwood for “Family” and third to Chris Kalil of Bentonia for “Pink and Yellow Walls.”

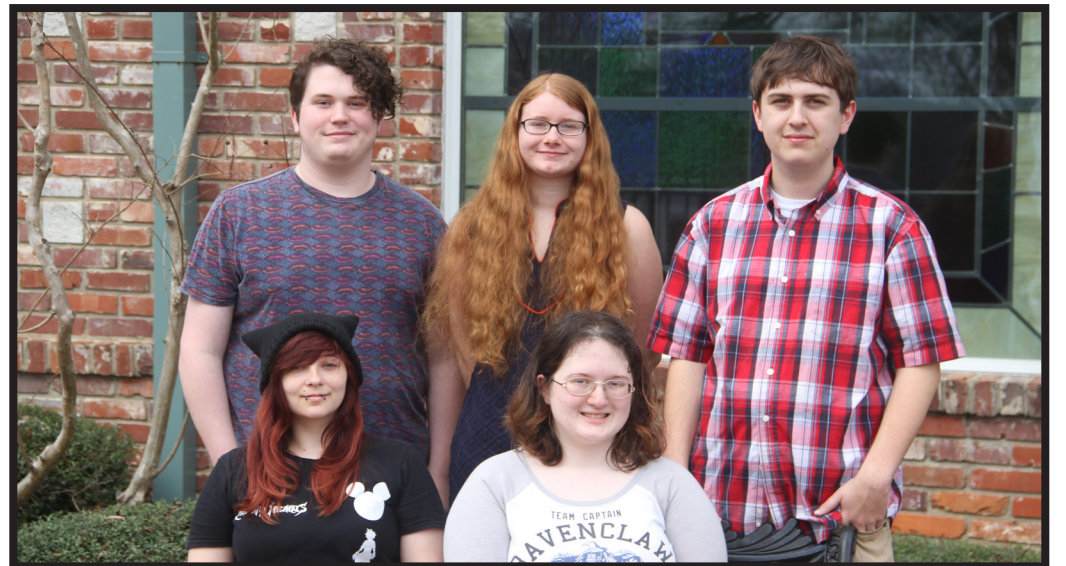
In the Essay (Creative Nonfiction) Category, Proctor placed first for “My Grandfather’s Saddle;” Kalil placed

second for “Insatiable Want” and Destiny Sullivan of Louisville came in third for “PlayStation.”

For the Short Story Category, Ethan Burton of Goodman took first place for “Worn Blue Collar;” Kalil placed second for “Monday Mourning” and Chandra Butler of Ethel placed third for “Growing up Wingfield.”

In the Literary Essay section, Elizabeth Howell of Kosciusko placed first for “Joy without a leg to stand on;” Proctor got second place for “Female Rebellion in Literature” and Howell got third for “White Woods of Fantasy.” Howell also won first place in the Drama Category for “Fish.”

For more information about the Goodman Creative Writing Contest, contact Moorer at wmoorer@holmes-cc.edu.



IN THE PHOTO: Pictured are winners of the Holmes Goodman Campus 2018 Creative Writing Contest. They are (front row, left to right) **Kiya Alvarado, Liz Howell,** (back row, left to right) **Chris Kalil, Abigail Proctor and Ethan Burton.** Not pictured: Chandra Butler and Destiny Sullivan.

Ridgeland Campus holds largest Career Fair to date

From Staff Reports/Photos



On Thursday, March 1, Career-Technical Education sponsored a Career Fair that included 35 businesses. This event allows students to come and network with professionals from various businesses and graduate schools.

The businesses represented included: AMR, APAC-Mississippi, Inc., CalsonicKansei North America, Inc., CF Industries, C-Spire Elwood Staffing, Francesca’s, Ingalls Shipbuilding, International Paper, Kelly Services -GTS - Recruiting, Legacy Guard, Madison Fire Department, Mississippi Department of Corrections, Mississippi National Guard, Madison Police

Department, Mississippi State Personnel Board, Members Exchange Credit Union, Netlink Security, Outback Steakhouse, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, Renasant Bank, Ridgeland Fire Department, Ridgeland Police Department, Staffing Solutions, LTD., Steel Service, Temp-Staff, TrustCare Health, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Waffle House and WLBT/WDBD.

IN THIS PHOTO: (left to right) Holmes student **Leeza Dorsey** meets with Waffle House reps **Veronica Pettet, Joseph Thomas and Miracle Jels** at the Holmes Career Fair.

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THURS MAR 22	SCHOOL & COMMUNITY DISCUSSION <small>of the NYT Bestseller <i>Dispatches from Pluto</i> by Richard Grant</small>
TUES APR 10	PRESENTATION BY RICHARD GRANT <small>Author of <i>Dispatches from Pluto: Lost and Found</i> in the Mississippi Delta. Sponsored by the Mississippi Humanities Council</small>

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Electrical Lineman Program meeting set for April 17

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College will hold an Electrical Lineman Program information meeting for those interested in being a part of the Fall 2018 cohort on Tuesday, April 17, at 5 p.m. in the Science and Mathematics Building Auditorium on the Goodman Campus. 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 (bucket trucks, digger derrick trucks, forklifts, etc.) safely.

For more information, contact Earline Russell-Smith, District Director of Adult Education, at (662) 472.9105 or esmith@holmescc.edu.

Ridgeland hosts MCTM District Junior High Math Competition

From Staff Reports/Photos



Winners of the Annual Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) District Junior High Math Competition, held at Holmes Community College on March 3, included: (front, left to right) **Shreenithi Lakshminarayanan** from Germantown Middle, second place for eighth grade; **John McElroy** from Saint Andrews, third place for eighth grade; **Dhanush Kondabathini** from Germantown Middle, third place for seventh grade; **Kenny Suzuki** from Madison Middle, second place for seventh grade; **Leo Mei** from Madison Middle, first place for seventh grade and **Sarah LeRoux** from Madison Middle, first place for eighth grade.

On March 2, the Holmes Community College Mathematics Department hosted the Annual Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) District Junior High Math Competition for area seventh and eighth grade students in the Joe A. Adams Student Center on the Ridgeland Campus. Participating schools included: Benton Academy, Durant Public School, Germantown Middle School, Madison Middle School, McAdams Middle, Saint Andrews, Shirley D. Simmons Middle and Tri-County Academy.

Winners of the competition included: Sarah LeRoux from Madison Middle, first place for eighth grade; Leo Mei from Madison Middle, first place for seventh grade; Shreenithi Lakshminarayanan from Germantown Middle, second place for eighth grade; Kenny Suzuki from Madison Middle, second place for seventh grade; John McElroy from Saint Andrews, third place for eighth grade and Dhanush Kondabathini from Germantown Middle, third

place for seventh grade.

The tournament consists of three levels of testing and at each level, students take a 50-item multiple-choice test which is aligned with the Mississippi Career and College Readiness Standards. The first level is local with tests is given on a specified date at each school that wishes to participate in the tournament. The students with the top two scores in both seventh and eighth grade are the ones who participated at the district level at their local community college. The first and second place winners in all the district competitions, including the one held today at Holmes, will participate in the state competition on April 7 held at Hinds Community College.

For more information about MCTM, visit <https://www.mctmonline.com/>.

For more information about the mathematics department at the Holmes CC Ridgeland Campus, contact Donna Ahlrich at (601) 605.3344 or dahlrich@holmescc.edu.

Grenada Campus holds Spring 2018 PTK Induction Feb. 20

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Alpha Mu Beta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, located on the Holmes Community College Grenada Campus, held its Spring 2017 induction ceremony on Feb. 20 in the Corey Forum. Inductees included: Tristan Anthony, Paige Appelhans,

Zachary Avent, Sunny Bailey, Sarah Boxx, Sykina Butts, Ivy Cook, Macie Craddock, Brent Dalton, Courtney Dees, Joy Everett, Kurt Fielder, Laura Goodwin, Anna Marie Gray, Crystal Hendricks, Bradford James, Lacey King, Chris McElroy, Mary McKay,

Kaitlyn McNatt, Hayley Meriwether, Hailey Mims, Danielle Mitchell, Kendall Preston, Ryan Rea, Jayson Savage, Phillip Sherman, Leggett Steed, Lauren Thimmes and Allie Watkins.

The honor society is advised by Amber Mabus, as well as Bethany Mill-

er and Cynthia Abel. To learn more about the Grenada Campus Phi Theta Kappa chapter, contact Amber Mabus at aharrison@holmescc.edu or (662) 227.2340.

IN THIS PHOTO: Pictured are the new inductees of the Grenada Campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Bulldogs will face Co-Lin Wolves in Region opener

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Bulldogs will face the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Wolves on Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the opening round

of the Region XXIII Tournament at Mississippi College in Clinton. Holmes is 21-4 while Co-Lin Pearl River is 19-5. Holmes defeated Gulf

Coast in the opening round of the MACJC State Tournament before falling in overtime to Pearl River in the semi-finals. Co-Lin fell to Northeast in the opening round of the MACJC State Tournament. You can listen to the game on breezynews.com and watch the game at www.nwccrangers.com/watch.

Holmes is led in scoring by sophomore guard Trevais Spencer, who is averaging 13.8 points per game. Sophomore guard Mikkel Norment is averaging 10.5 points per game and freshman forward Javon Franklin is averaging 10.4 points per game. As a team, the Bulldogs are averaging 79.6 points per game and are shooting 48.3 percent from the floor, 33.3 per-

cent from three-point range and 66.4 percent from the free-throw line.

Holmes is giving up 61.12 points per game.

Co-Lin is led by sophomore guard Jonathan Floyd, who is averaging 17.2 points per game. Sophomore forward Youry White is averaging 13.3 points per game while freshman guard Damarius Brooks is averaging 10.4 points per game and sophomore guard Anthony Jones is averaging 10.3 points per game. As a team, Co-Lin is averaging 81.8 points per game and are shooting 45.1 percent from the floor, 38.2 percent from the three-point line and 69.6 percent from the free-throw line.

Co-Lin is giving up 72.16 points per game.

Lady Bulldogs fall to 2-2 in the MACJC

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs fell to 5-5 overall and 2-2 in the MACJC Conference here today after dropping two to Mississippi Gulf Coast

Community College at Harrison Central High School.

In game one, Allison Irby got the start and went 5 2/3 innings giving up four

runs on six hits with one strikeout and one walk. Brooklyne Eubanks went 1/3 of an inning. Madison Fields and Cailee Arender each had two hits with both adding triples.

In game two, Katie Lawrence got the start and 1 2/3 innings. She gave up eight runs on seven hits with one strikeout. Juliet Warriner went 1 1/3 innings and gave up four runs on four hits with one strikeout and two walks. Eubanks went one inning.

In games on Friday, March 2, the Lady Bulldogs opened MACJC play with two wins over Coahoma, 12-5 and 13-8.

In game one, Irby got the start and went 4 2/3 innings. She gave up five runs on seven hits with five strikeouts and one walk. Madison Frazier went 1 1/3 innings and gave up two hits with one strikeout and one walk. Juliet Warriner went one inning and gave up three hits with

one strikeout. Courtney Hatcher led the Lady Bulldogs with three hits including a grand slam homerun. Jana Newell, Avery Thornton, Aubree McWilliams and Cailee Arender each had two hits. McWilliams and Arender added triples while McWilliams, Abby Bouslay, Newell and Thornton added doubles.

In game two, Lawrence got the start and went five innings giving up five runs on four hits with five strikeouts. Kaitlyn Warren went one inning and had one strikeout. Hatcher led the Lady Bulldogs with four hits including three doubles. Madison Fields and Emily Littlejohn each had three hits with Fields and Littlejohn having two doubles. Thornton and Bouslay had two hits with Bouslay adding a three-run homerun while Thornton had a double.

Holmes Holmes falls to Nunez, 4-3 and 6-3

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Bulldogs fell twice at home on March 2 to the Nunez Community College Pelicans, 4-3 and 6-3.

With the losses, the Bulldogs fell to 6-2. Holmes will play Crowley's Ridge on Monday at 1/4 p.m. in Goodman. Holmes will host Williams Baptist on Thursday at 1/4 p.m.

In game one, Jeff Crenshaw suffered the loss. He went five innings and gave up three runs on four hits with three strikeouts and walk walks. Steven Lacey went 2/3 of an inning and gave up one run on two hits with two walks. Anthony Fidanza went 1/3 of an inning. Sage Mullins and Kendrick LeJeune each had two hits with

Mullins adding a double.

In game two, Kameron Ferguson suffered the loss. He went 2 1/3 innings and gave up one run on three hits with one strikeout and one walk. Alex Burt went one inning and gave up two runs on one hit while R.J. Pierce gave up one run on two hits with two walks and Morgan Jarabica went 2 1/3 innings and gave up one run on two hits with four strikeouts and one walk. J.D. Roberts, Michael Brown, Matt Warren and Fidanza each had a double.

To follow Holmes athletics, go to: <http://www.holmesathletics.com/>.

You can go to: http://holmesccmedia.com/Cardinal_Channel to live stream Holmes sporting events, as well.

Lady Bulldogs will face LSUE Bengals in Region opener

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs will face the Louisiana State University-Eunice Bengals on Wednesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in

the opening round of the Region XXIII Tournament at Mississippi College in Clinton.

Holmes is 17-8 while LSUE 22-3.

Holmes defeated Southwest in the opening round of the MACJC State Tournament before falling to Jones in the semi-finals. LSUE defeated Delgado on Feb. 28. You can listen to the game on breezynews.com or watch the game at holmesccmedia.com.

Holmes is led by sophomore guard Kamelia Lacy, who is averaging 12.9 points per game. Sophomore guard Vaquela Pimpton averages 10.1 points per game and sophomore forward Nina Carpenter is averaging 10 points per game. As a team, the Lady Bulldogs are averaging 65.9 points per game and are shooting 40 percent from the floor, 26.5 percent from three-point range and 65 percent

from the free-throw line.

Holmes is giving up 59.64 points per game.

LSUE is led by sophomore guard/forward Rylie James, who is averaging 15 points per game. Freshman guard Arianna Dargin is averaging 12.4 points per game. As a team, the Bengals are averaging 78.7 points per game and are shooting 43.1 percent from the floor, 28.2 percent from the three-point line and 64.8 percent from the free-throw line.

LSUE is giving up 65.56 points per game.

Women's soccer announces 2018 signing class

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Lady Bulldogs welcomed 12 newcomers to their 2018-19 class.

Ja'laycia Brown from Kosciusko High School was the Most Valuable Player for Kosciusko as a junior, Most Valuable Offensive Player as a sophomore, All District both her sophomore and junior seasons. She has tallied 58 goals and 18 assists in her three years playing for Kosciusko.

"Ja'laycia is an extremely athletic player; her pace is second to none. She is very versatile due to her athleticism and knowledge of the game. Having a player like Ja'laycia brings a whole different dynamic to the team. We will expect big things out of her as soon as she arrives on campus!"

Angel Cummings from Raymond High School has served as captain for at her high school for three straight years now. She has been recognized as the Most Valuable Player in both her sophomore and junior seasons. She was an All District award winner her junior season. She has tallied 45 Goals and 23 Assists while at Raymond. Angel also plays for the Mississippi Brilla Juniors where she has been with the team since 2011.

"Angel is probably the most unique player we are bringing in this year. She can play any position on the field, including goalkeeper. Her work ethic and passion for the game makes her stand out. We are very confident that Angel will come in right away and fill any role that we ask of her."

Kya Davis from Southaven High School has been the MVP for Southaven in 2015 and 2016. She has been a Desoto County All Star 3 past three seasons. She finished her senior year with 12 assists. Kya has been a member of the Tennessee Lady Lobos Rush Premier team for the past four years.

"Kya is a player that has the it factor. She defends extremely well in the midfield and at the same time is able to put players in position to score. Her speed of play will be fantastic for us in the midfield. Kya is fully capable of taking a game over and dictating the pace in which her team plays. Her motor allows her to be effective all 90 minutes of a game. We are expecting big things from Kya in her freshmen season."

Zoe Ellis from Brandon High School has tallied 35 goals and 18 assists while at Brandon High School. She just recently won a 6A state title with the Lady Bulldogs. She has played club soccer for the Mississippi Brilla Juniors and Flowood Fusion since she

was very young. She has served as a captain for both Brilla and Brandon High.

"Zoe is a very fiery player! She works hard and is fantastic at getting herself and others in position to score. Her speed and technical ability make her a constant threat to opposing teams back lines. Zoe can change a game in an instance. Zoe will be expected to come in and immediately start scoring goals. We are excited for what she brings to the table and we know she is up for the challenge."

Caseigh Hickman from Florence High School has been an all district selection since her freshmen year. She currently serves as captain for the Florence High School. In her senior season she scored seven goals and eight assists while serving as captain for Florence High. She has played club soccer previously for the Mississippi Brilla Juniors and is now playing for Brandon Futbol Club. She has played club soccer for nine years.

"Caseigh is a pure center midfielder. She is very simple and very consistent, which are two things we look for. She sees the game very well and is able to find passes that most aren't able to. Caseigh is very dangerous anytime she is within 30 yards of goal because of how well she strikes a ball. She will step into our midfield and be a great addition to the system we play."

Anna King from Senatobia High School is a four-year Most Valuable Player for Senatobia. She has also been voted Best Offensive Player and received the Golden Boot Award. In her senior season, Anna tallied nine goals and eight assists for Senatobia.

"Anna is an extremely hard worker in the middle of the field. She has played multiple sports throughout high school and is very athletic. She is a player that will get whatever job done that she needs to. Anna is the definition of a team player and we are extremely happy to have her coming to Holmes."

Peyton Montgomery of Hallsville High School in Texas was named second team All District as a freshman. After her sophomore campaign she was awarded 1st team All District and Team MVP. Junior year she excelled to being named District Midfielder of the year, Team MVP, as well as captain. She is serving as captain during her senior season which is currently taking place. She led her team to the first district championship in 2017. Peyton played club soccer for ETUFC and FC Dallas.

"Peyton is a very efficient attacker. She does very well as a center midfielder getting forward. Her technical ability is very very high and she has fantastic vision. Her ability to ping a 40 yard pass will be a very big benefit for us. Anytime Peyton is around goal she is very dangerous because of how crafty she is and her ability to strike a ball. Peyton is going to bring a great dynamic to our team next year."

Halleigh Steed from Brandon High School was a key component to the 6A State Champion, Brandon High School's, back line. She also plays club soccer for MS Brilla Juniors, where she has played for five years.

"Halleigh is a very pacey defender. She is able to cover a lot of ground both defensively and attacking wise. What sets her apart is her ability to win tackles. She is not shy when it comes to getting stuck in. We are very happy about adding Halleigh into our back line."

Leggett Steed from Kirk Academy scored over 60 goals and had more than 45 assists while at Kirk Academy even after missing most of her junior year due to an injury. She was All Conference all four years, Best Offensive Player her sophomore and junior year, captain and MAIS All Star her senior year. Leggett was also an All American Cheerleader.

Leggett's work ethic and passion for the game differentiates her from most players. She plays with an extreme amount of heart and hates to lose. She is a natural leader on and off the field. Her athleticism and technical ability makes her an extremely dynamic and dangerous player. She will fit into our system very well and we are expecting her to be a key factor in our attack the next two years.

Alysia Terry from Terry High School has been used all over the field while at Terry High School. In her eighth grade season she was awarded Most Valuable Defensive Player. In her 10th and 11th grad seasons she was given the Most Valuable Player Award. She served as a captain for the team in both the past two seasons. Alysia tallied over 30 goals and added 15 assists in her time at Terry. She plays club soccer for Brandon Futbol Club and was also a member of the MS ODP team

"Alysia is the type of player every coach wants. She is very coachable, extremely athletic and strong, and can also play pretty much anywhere on the field. In the attack she is always a threat because of her pace and ability to beat players 1v1. As a defender, she

reads angles very well and is able to break players down very effectively. We are excited to add Alysia and we know she will help us no matter where she is on the field."

Kim Urquia from Kingsbury High School in Tennessee is the all time leading goal scorer and holds the all time assist record for Kingsbury High School. Kim tallied 51 goals and 28 assists during her time at Kingsbury. She served as a captain for all four years.

"Kim plays with an incredible amount of flare. She is one of the most creative and crafty players on the ball that I have seen in a long time. Her quickness allows her to beat players on the dribble with ease. She will give our team a dynamic that we do not currently have and will become a top player for the Lady Bulldogs as her game evolves."

Isabella Wade from Madison Central High School plays with the Mississippi Brilla Juniors and serves as their captain. She has captained her club team for the past eight seasons. Isabella played high school soccer for Madison Central during her freshmen and sophomore season where she was a starter and won two state championships in a row.

"Isabella is great attacking player. She has a very high soccer IQ and it helps her put herself and others in dangerous positions. Isabella is great with her back to goal which is a quality we love due to the fact of us playing a possession oriented style of play. I have watched Isabella for score many goals for many years and we will expect the same thing as soon as she gets to campus."

"Top to bottom this is arguably the best class we have brought in," said Women's Associate Head Coach Wesley Noble. "Each of these young ladies brings unique qualities that will help us right off the bat. We are also very proud of the way they carry themselves off the field. They are a great example of the standard we have at Holmes. We have expectations for our team this upcoming year. We have a great group returning and adding these incoming freshmen will give us a chance get back to the playoffs and compete for the North Division and Region XXIII title."

To see pictures of the signees, go to <http://www.holmesathletics.com/sports/wsoc/2017-18/photos/0002/index>.



The Growl Staff



Liz Howell

Editor

Hometown: Zama

Major: English (Creative Writing and American Literature)

Campus: Goodman

Future Plans: I aspire to be an author and teach at a community college or a small university.

About Me: My activities include: Sunday school teacher, nursery worker and children's activities director at Zama Baptist Church; Hallmark Editing Chair for PTK; president of the Holmes Gamer's Club; tutor in Writing Center; part-time associate campus bookstore; member of MOSAIC and private tutor. Last year I won first place in the poetry section of the Goodman Campus' Creative Writing Competition.



Ethan Burton

Hometown: Goodman

Major: Liberal Arts/Journalism

Campus: Goodman

Future Plans: My current plans are to attend Ole Miss after graduating from Holmes to earn a degree in journalism with an emphasis in digital media art.

About me: I am a member of the Growl, serve as a work study for Holmes Goodman Library and am involved with Main Street Baptist Youth Group. I am passionate about drawing using pencil as well as pen and ink media.



Hannah Graves

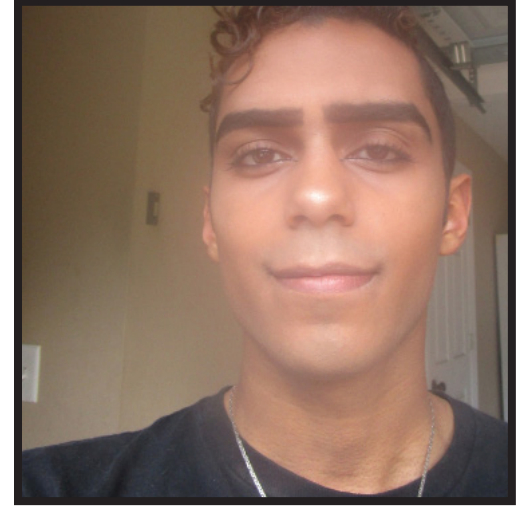
Hometown: Byram

Major: Mass Communications/Journalism

Campus: Ridgeland

Future plans: I'm an aspiring fashion journalist.

About me: In my spare time, I work at a popular restaurant in the Fondren area, and I love it. I enjoy practicing photography as well. Just to keep my fashion senses keen, I keep up with my favorite fashion blogs and of course I try to go shopping any time I can. On the weekends, aside from working and a busy schedule, I like to babysit or relax with some Netflix. A fun fact about me, my favorite show on Netflix is "Gilmore Girls;" it is a must see.



Malik Jamileh

Hometown: Flowood

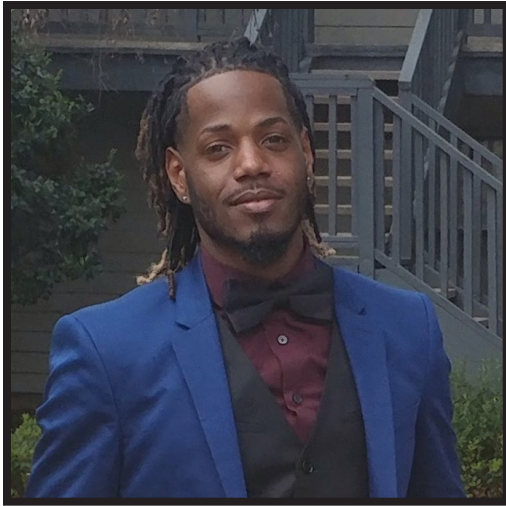
Major: Journalism

Campus: Ridgeland

Future plans: I plan to transfer to the University of Southern California where I will continue with my degree with a minor in social media.

In the long run, I hope to one day work for a huge newspaper company or take on freelance writing. It is very likely that I'll work in the field of journalism one day, as I am very passionate about what I do. I am motivated to express what I care about through writing.

About me: I enjoy public debates and Martial Arts.



Timothy Jones

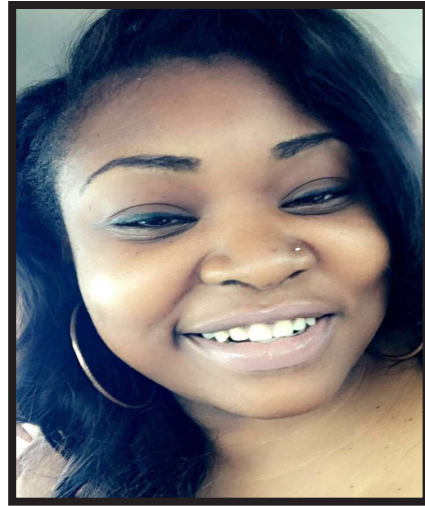
Hometown: Jackson

Major: Psychology

Campus: Ridgeland

Future plans: I plan to attend the University of Mississippi to receive my Bachelor of Arts, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in psychology. Upon graduating from the University of Mississippi, I plan to attend the University of Mississippi Medical School to obtain my Doctor of Medicine.

About Me: I enjoy the social and natural sciences, so that is why I decided to study psychology with with a concentration in neuropsychology. I am also vice president for the Natural Science Club.



Tamera McCook

Hometown: Jackson

Major: Mass Communications

Campus: Ridgeland

Future plans: My career ambition is to become a sports analyst for ESPN.

About Me: My hobbies include spending time with my children, traveling, cooking and watching/discussing basketball and football. I am also team mom for the Byram Knights football team and cheer-leading squad. I am excited to finally be fulfilling my dream of being a mass communications major.



Nykeem Liddell

Hometown: Camden

Major: Mass Communications/Journalism

Campus: Goodman

About Me: I am on the Growl newspaper staff, Horizons yearbook staff and serve as a manager for the basketball team. I was also an escort for Freshman Maid Alexis Jones.



Kanisha Wade

Hometown: Ridgeland

Major: Photojournalism

Campus: Ridgeland

Future Plans: I always thought I would be a teacher, but a love for writing and photography led me to my major with the help of my high school journalism teacher. I still would like to teach so maybe I will in the future.

About Me: I love to travel especially to the beach and I also love reading.