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## Bulldogs men's basketball team claim first-ever Region XXIII Title, among other awards; proceed to nationals

*From Staff Reports/Photos*

The Holmes Community College men's basketball team had a historic season: the Bulldogs captured the first Region XXIII title ever after defeating the Pearl River Community College Wildcats. With the win, the 23-6 Bulldogs advanced to the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan., held March 16-21.

"Making history is always good," Head Basketball Coach Jason Flanigan said. "You have had some unbelievable teams and coaches here in the past, so this is a great accomplishment for this team and this staff."

The 20th-seeded Bulldogs held as much as a 15-point lead in the NJCAA National Tournament and hung on for the 72-68 win over the 13th-seeded Eastern Florida State Community College Titans. Following the defeat of the Titans, the



Bulldogs came out on top again with a 78-67 win over the No. 4-seeded Indian Hills Community College Warriors. With the win, the Bulldogs advanced to the quarterfinals of the tournament. The Bulldog's impressive season

came to a painful end with a loss to the Hill College Rebels in the quarterfinals. The team ended the season 25-7 overall.

"It came down to one possession, and we weren't locked in on that pos-

session," Coach Flanigan said. "When you don't lock in, it may cost you. We left the man open in the corner, and he made a great shot. We had another chance to go up, but we just didn't execute."

"I'm proud of my guys," he added. "It's been a wonderful season and a wonderful ride. They've been working for me all year. They've been working for Coach Harrison all year. They fought until the end, but we weren't focused on that one possession. We'll build on this and get ready for next year."

The team was led by Daryl Macon (6-3, guard, freshman, Little Rock, Ark.), Marcus Washington (6-1, guard, sophomore, Clinton), Cedric Harper (6-6, forward, freshman, Tallahassee, Fla.), Jarvis Williams (5-8, guard, sophomore, Jackson) and Dietrich

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## Hannah Blanton crowned Most Beautiful 2015

*From Staff Reports/Photos*



Pictured is 2014 Most Beautiful Macala Boxx of Clinton crowning 2015 Most Beautiful Hannah Blanton of Yazoo City.

Hannah Blanton, daughter of Jimmy Dell and Janice Blanton, was named Most Beautiful in Holmes Community College's Parade of Beauties pageant held Feb. 24 on the Goodman Campus. A graduate of Manchester Academy in Yazoo City, she earned the highest average in Advanced Science, Psychology, and Government, and was named a Beauty two years in a row. As a freshman business administration major on Holmes' Ridgeland Campus, Blanton is an active member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Upon graduating Holmes, she plans to continue her education and obtain a business degree at Mississippi College.

Ashlee Blackwell of Kosciusko, a freshman on the Goodman Campus, was named Most Photogenic. The Top Five Beauties were Blackwell, Blanton, Bailey James of Brandon, a sophomore on the Ridgeland Campus; Ashley Oberhausen of Clinton, a freshman on the Goodman Campus, and Paulette Vargas of Madison, a sophomore on the Ridgeland Campus. The Top 10 Beauties included Blackwell, Blanton, James, Oberhausen, and Vargas, as well as Lauren Bell of Lexington, a freshman on the Goodman Campus; Christina Bracey of Ridgeland, a sophomore on the Ridgeland Campus; Kelli Huggins of Winona, a sophomore on the Goodman Campus; Shelby Soyars of Benton, a sophomore on the Goodman Campus, and Emma Warren of Madison, a sophomore on the Ridgeland Campus.

Other participants in the pageant included Lakin Ables of Winona, Goodman Campus; Miranda Burchfield of Ethel, Goodman Campus; Desarae Cantrell of Benton, Goodman Campus; Kelly Herbert of McCarley, Goodman Campus; Av-

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## SkillsUSA shines at regional competition

*From Staff Reports/Photos*

The Mississippi Department of Education hosted the Annual SkillsUSA Regional Competition for high school and college students on March 4 at the Jackson Convention Complex. Holmes CC proudly took home a number of awards, with representation from all three campuses.

The Holmes Ridgeland Campus won:  
1st Place in Technical

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Pictured are SkillsUSA award winners from the Ridgeland Campus following the awards ceremony. This was Ridgeland's inaugural year to have a SkillsUSA chapter.



Pictured are SkillsUSA members from Ridgeland, Goodman, and Grenada prior to the awards ceremony on March 4.

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**DR. TOMMY STEVENSON, CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER AT MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY, SERVED AS GUEST SPEAKER AT THE PHI THETA KAPPA ALPHA LAMBDA SIGMA CHAPTER INDUCTION CEREMONY ON MARCH 2. SEE PAGE 5.**



## ISIS threatens “atheists” running Twitter

By Joshua Dilmore  
Staff Reporter

ISIS supporters have now threatened Twitter founder Jack Dorsey and other Twitter employees for shutting down ISIS Twitter accounts. Earlier this month, CNN reported that in anonymous forum justpaste.it the terrorist group has made several death threats against Dorsey, particularly that it would “silence Dorsey’s breath” and the “necks” of other Twitter employees. The group says Dorsey and the other “atheists” who run Twitter have started a “war” against the Islamic State and have “become an official target to ISIS soldiers and

supporters.”

A spokesman for Twitter stated, “Our security team is investigating the veracity of these threats with relevant law enforcement officials.” Still, the social media mogul is still actively working to shut down self-identified ISIS accounts.



## Holmes paralegal students excel in their field

From Staff Reports/Photos

Paralegal student Terri Spurk recently won the Jackson Legal Professionals Association Student Scholarship. Spurk also placed 2nd in the Mississippi Paralegal Association’s student essay contest in the fall alongside Holmes CC student Andrew Taylor, who placed 1st in the contest.

Paralegal graduate Steven Ward recently passed the national certification test given by the National Association of Legal Assistants/Paralegals. Ward graduated from the paralegal program at Holmes in May 2014.

The Paralegal Technology curriculum is designed to prepare a person for entry-level employment as a paralegal in courts, corporations, law firms, and government agencies.

For more information on the program, contact Darleen Dozier at ddoz-



Terri Spurk

## Bulldogs at Nationals (continued from Front Page)

Taylor (6-5, forward/center, freshman, Jackson).

On top of the Bulldogs’ success as a team, three players and Coach Flanigan recently received honors from the MACJC and the NJCAA.

Daryl Macon of Little Rock, Ark. and Marcus Washington of Clinton were recently named First Team All-State by the MACJC with Macon also receiving the Region XXIII Player of the Year honors.

Macon was also named to the All-Tournament Team while Williams of Jackson received the Most Outstanding Small Player Award named for V.C. “Bud” Obee.

Obee was the Tournament Director of the first NJCAA Tournament in Hutchinson and 23 tournaments that followed. The award is presented annually to the player displaying good character, leadership and loyalty to his fellow players and coaches. He is also judged on his defensive ability, indicative of a small player. To be eligible for the award, a player must be no taller than 6’1.”

Washington and Jarvis Williams of

the April 10 MACJC All-Star Game at East Central Community College.

A very deserving Coach Flanigan was named the Region XXIII Coach of the Year after the Bulldogs clinched the Region XXIII title over Pearl River Community College. He also received the District 15 Coach of the Year Award during the NJCAA National Tournament last week in Hutchinson, Kansas.



Coach Jason Flanigan, left, was named the Region XXIII Coach of the Year.



Marcus Washington and Daryl Macon have been named MACJC First Team All-State.

## Beauties (continued from Front Page)

Campus; Katie Medine of Kosciusko, Goodman Campus; Wontavious Rimpson of Clinton, Goodman Campus; Jennifer Tehan of Walthall, Grenada Center, and Laura Williams of Yazoo City, Goodman Campus.

Jim Schroeder, chair of the theatre department, and Tina Boyette, student activities director, served as master and mistress of ceremonies, respectively. Entertainment was provided by Holmes Connection! show choir.



Pictured are the **Top 10 Beauties** in Holmes Community College’s 2015 Parade of Beauties pageant. They are (left to right) **Shelby Soyars** of Benton, **Kelli Huggins** of Winona, **Emma Warren** of Madison, **Ashlee Blackwell** of Kosciusko (also named Most Photogenic and Top Five), **Ashley Oberhausen** of Clinton (Top Five), **Most Beautiful Hannah Blanton** of Yazoo City, **Paulette Vargas** of Madison (Top Five), **Bailey James** of Brandon (Top Five), **Christina Bracey** of Ridgeland, and **Lauren Bell** of Lexington.



Pictured is **Andy Wood** presenting flowers to **2015 Most Photogenic Ashlee Blackwell**.



Pictured is (left) **Kathleen Lott**, a member of Holmes Connection! entertaining the crowd during intermission.



Pictured are members of **Holmes Connection!** entertaining the crowd during intermission.



Pictured is **Macala Boxx**, **Andy Wood**, and **2015 Most Beautiful Hannah Blanton**.

## Phi Theta Kappa chapters rack up at Regionals

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Kappa Alpha, the Alpha Lambda Sigma, and the Alpha Mu Beta Chapters of Phi Theta Kappa brought home top awards during the 2015 Mississippi/Louisiana (MSLA) Regional Award Ceremony held on the Louisiana State University campus in Baton Rouge in March. There are a total of 42 chapters competing for these top awards in the MSLA region.

Awards received by the Kappa Alpha Chapter included; Second finalist to the Most Distinguished MSLA Regional Chapter; Honors Study Topic Issue Theme Nine Regional Hallmark, first place; College Project Regional Hallmark, second place; Honors in Action Regional Hallmark, fourth place; Lily Fran McCrory, MSLA Regional Order of the Golden Key; Will Alexander, Kappa Alpha advisor, elected to the MSLA Region of Phi Theta Kappa Advisor Board; Four Star Chapter; and Regional Officer, Reporter, 2015-16.

Awards received by the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter included: Eighth runner up to the Most Distinguished MSLA Regional Chapter; Honors in Action Regional Hallmark, ninth place; Kolbe Alsobrooks, MSLA Regional Order of the Golden Key; Blair Booker, Alpha Lambda advisor, Horizon Award for Advisors; and Five Star Chapter.

Awards received by the Alpha Mu Beta Chapter included: MSLA Regional College Project Award, first place; Chanda Sykes, Alpha Mu Beta advisor, Horizons Award for Advisors, and Four Star Chapter

The Phi Theta Kappa International Convention will be held in San Antonio, April 16-19.



**Alpha Mu Beta**, winner of the MSLA Regional Project Award during the MSLA regional convention in Baton Rouge.



Pictured is the **Kappa Alpha Chapter** after winning 2nd finalist to the most distinguished MSLA regional chapter at the Phi Theta Kappa Regional Awards at Baton Rouge Community College.



Pictured is the **Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter** after winning 9th place for honors in action at the Phi Theta Kappa Regional Awards at Baton Rouge Community College.

## SkillsUSA shines (continued from Front Page)

Drafting; 1st Place in Prepared Speech; 2nd Place in First Aid/CPR; 2nd Place in Medical Terminology; 3rd in Extemporaneous Speaking, and 3rd Place in Quiz Bowl. This was the inaugural year for the Ridgeland Campus SkillsUSA chapter.

The Goodman Campus won: 1st Place in Chapter Business Procedure; 1st Place in Cosmetology; 1st Place in Extemporaneous Speaking; 1st Place in Medical Terminology; 2nd Place in Quiz Bowl, and 3rd Place in Collision Repair.

The Grenada Center won: 3rd Place in Job Interview and 3rd Place in Promotional Bulletin Board.

As noted on the Mississippi Department of Education’s website, SkillsUSA—Mississippi is a state association affiliated with National SkillsUSA, an organization serving high school and college and professional members who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations, including healthcare occupations.



Pictured are **SkillsUSA award winners from the Grenada Center** following the awards ceremony.



Pictured is Goodman Campus student **Walter Peoples** accepting his 1st Place medal for Extemporaneous Speaking.

## Ridgeland Campus inducts 30 into Phi Theta Kappa, MSU Diversity Officer serves as guest speaker

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are the 2015 inductees: (front, left to right) **Mark Halderman** of Clinton, **Curtina Luckett** of Canton, **Courtney Slaughter** of Canton, **Kristin Moore** of Clinton, **Cathryn Tritschler** of Madison, **Courtney McIntyre** of Brandon, **Jesyca May** of Vicksburg, **Caitlin Jiles** of Clinton, **Byankuh Shelby** of Bolton, **Kayla Warrell** of Brandon, **Jennifer Rogers** of Clinton, **Colbee Lloyd** of Madison, **Sterling James** of Canton, **Rebecca Hance** of Madison, (back, left to right) **Breanna Burns** of Clinton, **Soaad Ibrahim** of Ridgeland, **Nathaly Espinoza** of Madison, **Agnes Nierva** of Flowood, **Elizabeth Posey** of Madison, **Mallory Corley** of Pelahatchie, **Jennifer Gore** of Madison, **Anna Grace Smith** of Brandon, **John Wright** of Madison, **Christopher Hinkle** of Madison, **Joseph Woody** of Madison, **Jaylon George** of Jackson, **Kaitlyn Bryant** of Southaven, and **Matthew Green** of Madison. Not pictured: Elise Fullwood of Madison and Jennifer Porter of Clinton.

The Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) at Holmes Community College in Ridgeland inducted 30 new members into the honor society on March 2 in the McGowan Workforce Training Center auditorium.

The ceremony included a welcome by Blair Booker, branch librarian and PTK advisor; an invocation by Dr. Don Burnham, vice president of the Ridgeland Campus; recognition of chapter officers and guests by Dr. Amy Wolgamott, chair of the speech and theatre department and advisor; induction of new members by Paulette Vargas, president of PTK, and remarks by guest speaker Dr. Tommy Stevenson, chief diversity officer at Mississippi State University. Other PTK officers – Shan Alexander, vice president of leadership; Haley Sims, vice president of fellowship, and Christina Bracey, recording secretary - shared the meaning behind the symbolic rituals of the PTK induction ceremony, as well.

Dr. Stevenson serves as a member of the MSU President’s Cabinet, advising the university’s president and provost on diversity issues. He is also responsible for developing community partnerships that promote diversity and recruitment and retention of employees and students from diverse and under-represented groups, among other duties.

“You’ve got to have a plan and a purpose,” Dr. Stevenson told the new inductees. “You’ve got to have a goal, write it down, and put a date on it. Then it becomes real.”

Dr. Stevenson received both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from MSU, in industrial technology and education administration, respectively, and earned his doctoral degree in higher education administration from Bowling Green (Ohio) State University. In 2010, he was named a “National Role Model” by Minority Access, Inc., a national non-profit educational organization committed to increasing diversity.

“I challenge you to think about what you can do to help other people,” Dr. Stevenson said. “Helping people isn’t easy, because some people don’t want to be helped, but if you work to make other people’s lives better, I guarantee you that your own life will get better too. My question to myself and to all of you is, “What are you hungry for? You’ve got to find out what you’re passionate about, and base your goals around that passion. For me, it has always been helping people. I know you are all going to do great things; you’ve already done great things to be sitting here tonight. If you want to continue to become even greater, I’m telling you, put other people before yourself. You won’t regret it.”

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



Pictured are (left to right) **Laura McMahon**, instructor of psychology and PTK advisor; **Blair Booker**, branch librarian and PTK advisor; **Shan Alexander**, PTK vice president of leadership; **Haley Sims**, PTK vp of fellowship; **Christina Bracey**, PTK secretary; **Dr. Tommy Stevenson**, chief diversity officer at Mississippi State University and guest speaker; **Paulette Vargas**, PTK president; **Dr. Amy Wolgamott**, chair, speech and theatre department, and PTK advisor, and **Dr. Don Burnham**, vice president of the Ridgeland Campus.

## Oh CRAP!

By Cassie May  
Staff Reporter

Oh Crap! No, just kidding they pronounce it crop. Spring is in the air and so is fishing season. What does the South love more than a day of sun, fun, and fishing? Holmes' Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department is hosting its Second Annual Crappie Tournament on Saturday, April 4, at Grenada Lake. This event will be promoting local businesses and the surrounding communities and all proceeds will support scholarships, provide for instructional equipment,

library resources, faculty development and other activities that enhance the instructional programs of HCC. When I asked Mike Misita, HPR Department Chair, what he would say to encourage our students to participate in this great event he said "Crappie are in 6-8 inches and move up to the bank when the water warms around 10 am.. to 4 pm the bite is great. Catching large numbers of 3 pound slabs."

### \*\*THINGS TO KNOW\*\*

1. The tournament is open to anyone
2. \$25 per person or \$50 per boat consisting of a two-person for forms returned by March 25.
3. Students returning the form prior to March 25 can pay \$12.50 per person.
4. Any forms returned after March 25, the cost increases to \$37.50 per person.
5. All Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks rules and regulations are enforced. All fishermen

must register and have weigh-in form prior to 5:30 a.m. launch.

6. Fishing begins at 6 a.m. Boats must return to the Grenada Lake Landing Site on Scenic Route 333 before 4 p.m. for weigh-in to be official. Backwater, dam and wade fishing are allowed.

First, second and third place finishes will be awarded as well as an award for the biggest fish. So, come on out and catch some rays, win some prizes, and have a good time and most important-ly enjoy your Saturday supporting your

## Holmes Ridgeland Campus hosts district MCTM Junior High Math Contest

From Staff Reports/Photos

On Feb. 27, 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 Durant Public School, Germantown Middle School, Madison Middle School, Montgomery County Middle School, Ole Towne Middle School, Nichols Middle School,

Northeast Madison Middle School, Saint Andrews Episcopal School, Tri-County Academy, and Winona Middle School. Madison Middle School took team honors for both seventh and eighth grades. Winners of the competition were Amy Pang, second place for 8th grade; Joseph Yu, second place for 7th grade; Sam Gaines, first place for 7th grade, and Allen Ryu, first place for 8th grade. These students will now participate in the state competition this spring at Hinds Community College.

For more information about the mathematics department at the Holmes CC Ridgeland Campus, contact Donna Ahlrich at 601-605-3344 or dahlrich@holmescc.edu.



Pictured are (left to right) Sierra Miller, Michelle Burney, vice president of the HCC Grenada Center, and Logan Conner.

## Four Holmes students honored for PTK All-MS Academic Team

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes Community College students Shanequa Alexander of Madison, Leyna Hendley of Madison, Lily Fran McCrory of Lexington, and Alexandria Paton of Kosciusko were honored on March 26 by the Mississippi Legislature for being named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic Team. Hendley was unable to attend.

After touring the Capitol, the All-Mississippi recipients and their families attended the All-Mississippi Academic Team Recognition Luncheon held at the Jackson Convention Complex where they were individually recognized for their academic accomplishments.

Hendley, a mathematics major from the Ridgeland Campus, was recognized as an All-Mississippi First Team honoree, while Alexander, a general college studies major from the Ridgeland Campus; McCrory, a pre-medicine major from the Goodman Campus, and Paton, a communications major from the Goodman Campus, were recognized as All-Mississippi Second Team honorees.



Pictured on the steps of the Mississippi State Capitol are (front, left to right) PTK All-Mississippi Academic Team members Alexandria Paton, Goodman Campus; Lily Fran McCrory, Goodman Campus, and Shanequa Alexander, Ridgeland Campus, with (back row, left to right) Blair Booker, Ridgeland branch librarian and PTK advisor; Will Alexander, Goodman Campus instructor and PTK advisor, President Dr. Jim Haffey, and Laura Canard, Goodman Campus instructor and PTK advisor.



Pictured is Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board Dr. Eric Clark addressing the crowd at the C4: College Completion press conference. Behind Dr. Clark are (front, left to right) East Central Community College President Dr. Billy Stewart and Executive Director and CEO of Phi Theta Kappa Dr. Rod A. Risley. Members of the PTK All-Mississippi Academic Team hold the pledges they have signed to complete their college degrees. Holmes students Shanequa Alexander, Alexandria Paton and Lily Fran McCrory can be seen on the front right-hand side.

## Coming Up:

**03/26:** Grenada Alpha Mu Beta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Induction Corey Forum at the Grenada Center at 2 p.m.

**03/27:** Theatre production "Rumors" Montgomery Fine Arts Auditorium on the Goodman Campus, 7 p.m.

**04/01:** Spring Fling Grenada Center, 11:30 a.m.

**04/07:** Holme-Town Players Auditions McDaniel Auditorium on Goodman Campus, 5 p.m.

**04/22:** Spring Fling Outside Student Union on Ridgeland Campus, 11:30 a.m.

## Diversity (continued from Page 2)

chools Will 'Pave the Way' For Diwali," the Hindu community of approximately 500,000 is disappointed that Diwali, the most important holiday celebrated by the Indian-Americans, is not included in the public school calendar. Diwali to the Hindus parallels in terms of celebration to Christmas for Christians. Therefore, the students of the Hindu community are forced to miss school over celebrating an important cultural holiday. To the majority, just imagine if Christmas or Thanksgiving was not observed. Putting ourselves in other shoes help us to see the value of one another's cultural beliefs.

Even if colleges has an overwhelming majority population, these cultural holidays should still be recognized. Black History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, Caesar Chavez Holiday, Hanukkah, Kwanza, Muslim Holidays, Chinese New Year, Dia de los Muertos, Diwali—these are few of the many cultural holidays that represent the diverse ethnic groups in the U.S. Although these holidays are included in "Time and Date: Holidays in the U.S.," these holidays are seldomly recognized in schools where these ethnic groups are not the majority.

Not celebrating cultural holidays only further segregates us as a nation. If the blood shed on American soil for equality is no different than it was in the previous centuries.

Dr. Lisa Belfield writes in, "Cultural Diversity: Imagine All the People," that we can only benefit from embracing multicultural holidays. "Learning about other cultures helps us understand dif-

ferent perspectives within the world in which we live, and helps dispel negative stereotypes and personal biases about different groups." Colleges exposing a wider array of cultural holidays every student in the student body to feel more inclusive and equally represented on campus.

Native American Day is only celebrated in California. This is ironic, considering we are all living on the Native American's soil. Every state should celebrate this holiday, not just one. However, this is not a proclamation for just Native American Day but multicultural holidays in general. This starts in colleges, where students are more open to learn and accept cultural differences. College is about teaching students by exposing them to a wide array of subjects and people. The classroom is not the only place we learn. We learn by fellowshipping with our peers from colorful backgrounds. We learn by listening to one another's story. We progress as a nation when we embrace each other's cultural history, beliefs, and holidays.

There is no majority anymore. We are all a priority now. Our voices should be equally represented on the federal calendars and celebrated in schools. As we began college in the fall and spring, think of how difficult this transition may be for foreign students. Community colleges should take the initiative in embracing diversity on the campus by recognizing cultural holidays.



Diversity is important

## Just think (continued from Page 2)

on an image that would leave them slumped finically. The thought of looking like money will satisfy the mind socially, but not emotionally. What I mean by this is that we feel good because we are accepted in the eyes of our peers, but in the back of the mind, we know that the money spent on designer clothing could have been used for a better cause.

Men have always battled for the highest power, which will leave him with the highest appraisal. The student body president may have the highest praise among his peers, the CEO of a big company may be feared and praised by his employees and the captain of the football team may be looked at to make the big play in the moments of adversity. Are the things that you are doing in your life for the

betterment of yourself? Or is it for acceptance? Just think about it.

Everyone in this world has a purpose, but the first step is training our thoughts, setting life goals, and seeing our goals through until the end. Life is never easy and there is always a speed bump waiting in the road to slow us down. In life we will never know our true characters until we feel that nothing will ever get better. Surrounding yourself with people with the same dreams, staying away from negative/hostile environments, and building better relationships with the people you love can cause you to keep you positive mind. Imagine you are an elderly person rocking in your rocking chair, I am sure you would want a life filled with positive experiences and satisfactions. Just think about it.

## Hall of Fame (continued from Page 3)

as a Street Reach Ministries participant and took a Mission trip to South Asia—proof of her dedication to the community.

Each student listed honors, clubs, athletics, positions held, they partook in at HCC, along with church and civic activities and employment. All Hall of Famers are members of Phi Theta Kappa and graded, either or both, the Dean's List or President's List. They branch off from this superb academic stem in their own individual interest.

These recipients are well-rounded, not only excelling academically but expressing interest in extracurricular and community activities. Joanna Spell from Holmes's Goodman Campus gives additional criteria the students exude. They are required to be a, "full-time academic or technical student, have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0, have completed 36 or more eligible credit hours, and completed at least 75% of eligible credit earned credit hours at Holmes."

Spell stresses, "These students should represent the absolute best at HCC." The Hall of Fame winners' credentials show they exemplify just that. Although the students are taking different avenues in their near future, their paths parallel in success. Their academic and diverse extracurricular excellence at Holmes will not cease here, as all students will continue striving for success in higher education, attaining Bachelor's, Master's, and even Doctoral Degrees. Their journeys have only

just begun. Their paths traced here on Holmes's soil will forever cement their legacy as their faces beam proudly as Holmes's 2015 Hall of Fame.

## Holmes student speaks at Lexington Rotary Club

From Staff Reports/Photos

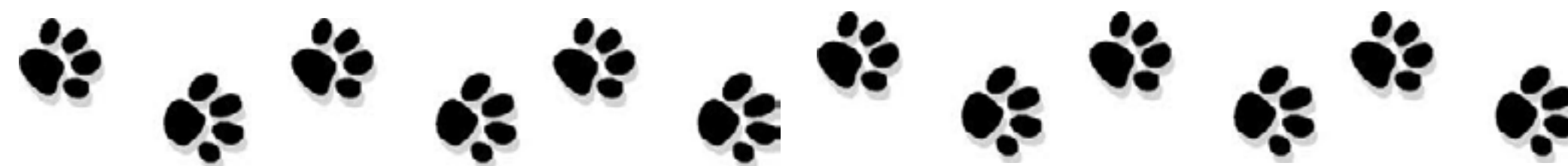


Pictured are (left to right) Will Alexander, Kappa Alpha advisor and instructor, Eddie Holman, president of the Lexington Rotary Club, Heather Jones, Holmes Plus advisor and instructor, Paul Bucurel,

Rotary district governor, Lily Fran McCrory, guest speaker for Rotary program and pre-med sophomore major at Holmes CC Goodman Campus, Dr. Fletcher Shrock, family physician in Durant and mentor to Lily Fran, Robin McCrory, president, Holmes County Chamber of Commerce, and Mary Leigh Poole, Holmes Plus advisor and instructor.

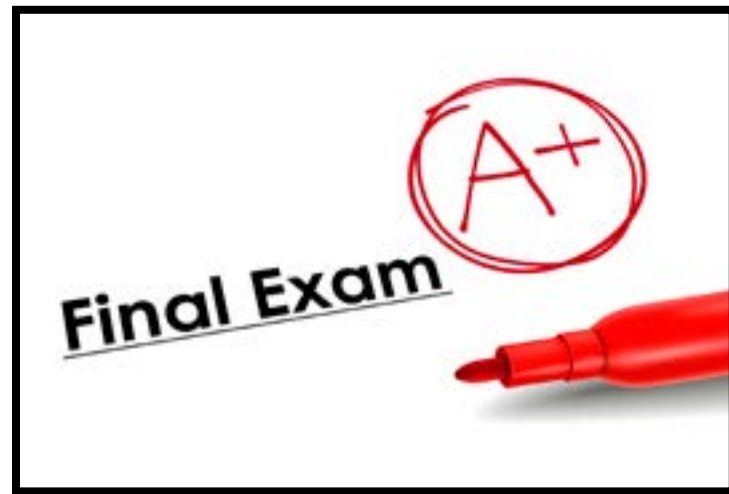
Lily Fran was invited to give a presentation during the weekly Lexington Rotarian meeting and chose to speak on her accomplishments while at Holmes CC and

thanked everyone for their support of her and Holmes Community College. She bragged about having a world class institution in her backyard and how she felt she was better prepared for the world as a result of her studies. Lily Fran is a 4.0 student with an impressive resume. She was named Phi Theta Kappa All-Academic Second Team, 2015 HEADWAE recipient for Holmes CC, and she is an officer in PTK, a participant in the Leadership Institute, a member of the Baptist Student Union, and a recipient of the Michael Klauk Award. Lily Fran was also nominated to the 2014-2015 Holmes CC Hall of Fame, and is a recipient of a scholarship for the Holmes Plus Program. Holmes Plus is a program for highly motivated students who are majoring in a science or mathematics field.



## No Finals Failed

By Rebekah Holden, Staff Reporter



For a college student the words “failed” and “finals” can be major stressors, and spoken together, these words can have a more terrifying effect than when spoken alone. While there are several tests taken during a semester, and times when there might be more homework due than one can imagine, finals always come with a dreaded anticipation for most. However, finals don’t have to be looked upon with such anxiety.

In fact, finals could go a lot more smoothly than one might think. There are some tried and true methods of studying that can really help when it comes to cramming for finals (or any test for that matter). By following these study tips, and preparing wisely, the words “failed” and “finals” will never have to be in the same sentence when referring to a student’s grade.

The first thing to check off the list when finals are just around the corner, is making sure that there is a list to check off of. Believe it or not, being organized during the week of finals is one of the most important things to ensure the high grades. Often there is so much to get done during the week of finals that some things get overlooked. However, this does not have to be the case. When one takes time to go through each subject and make a

while. The same way that running becomes more tiresome on a treadmill because there is no change of scenery, studying without a “change of scenery” can become tiresome and your concentration will be harder to hold as the mind begins to wander.

Another good way to make sure you are ready for finals and won’t become overly tired or stressed out is eating the right foods. Many students view finals week as a time to go buy their favorite candies and junk food and pig out, when in reality it would be much better to hold off and save that as a reward when finals have been completed. Junk food and sugar may seem like a good idea for an energy boost, but the energy that they give is short-lived and will only leave one feeling yucky an hour later. Snacking on foods such as bananas and nuts is a good way to get natural energy that is only going to be beneficial.

The last thing to remember to do during finals is really the most important and fun! Rewarding oneself is a great way to get motivated and finish

a task in a timelier manner, and really, who doesn’t love a reward? Be sure that when a goal is put down on the “to do” list, that a reward is listed to go with it. This will help make the task not seem quite as overwhelming.

Challenges are good, and when a reward comes with a challenge, it often means a job well done. All of the hard work that is put forth in preparing for finals can be exhausting, and while the greatest reward is hopefully good grade, anything from the candy that was abstained from, to throwing an “end of finals” party can be a great way to relax.

For some, a final exam is just another test. While for others, the difference between an “A” and a “B” can be a scholarship. For those who find themselves in the latter situation, following these tips can only be helpful in if not getting a better grade, at least lowering the stress that finals week brings, and creating a good work ethic for the future. Final grades do not define a student. However, the effort put forth to achieve a desired goal says lot about a person, and when hard work is put forth, the chances of goals becoming reality is much more likely.

## Job Search Skills class puts key etiquette rules to use

By Rebekah Holden Staff Reporter/Photographer



Pictured is (center) Rachel Bickerstaff with her Jobs Search Skills class on the Ridgeland Campus.

When looking for a job, one can often place an emphasis the big things, and forget that when it comes time to be interviewed, or even attending a business dinner, the little things such as minding your P’s and Q’s can play a big role in your success. The business world is competitive, and a few key etiquette rules could help you get the upper hand.

On Thursday, Feb. 12, Mrs. Rachel Bickerstaff provided a mock business luncheon for her Job Search Skills class at Holmes Community College, Ridgeland. This luncheon was provided for the purpose of testing the class on the proper business luncheon etiquette that they had been learning, and to get a feel for the environment of a more formal business gathering. The class was honored by special guests Vice President of Holmes, Dr. Burnham; advisor, Mrs. Pamela Fells; and District Coordinator, Mrs. Nancy Parkerson. The guests were able to share some of their knowledge and experience, as well

as demonstrate etiquette with the class over a tasty meal of grilled chicken and cheesecake.

So what are the things that play a key role in making a good impression with the way we conduct ourselves in a setting such as a luncheon? Here are a few of the important ones that the class demonstrated that would be beneficial for all to know and practice:

- Dress professionally (subtle colors

and appropriate level of dressiness and modesty)

- Do not bring up or discuss personal or controversial issues
- Know the proper use of each dining utensil
- Do not order a messy food (burger, spaghetti, etc.)
- Allow the host/hostess to control the evening
- Do not use cell phones
- Be respectful of those around you

- Follow up with a thank-you note to the host/hostess

Following the rules of etiquette may not guarantee the employee of the month status, or get you a job on their own, but as the Job Search Skills class has been learning, it can be a way to make a definite impression in the business world, and help gain the respect of those both in the workplace and out. When applying for a job, the way one conducts themselves can often say more than the resume to the interviewer. Following the rules of etiquette may be a way that you stand out at an interview, or another business gathering. The way one conducts themselves says volumes more than what one says about themselves. Get the upper hand at the next interview, and impress the company with proper etiquette and professionalism.

For more information on business etiquette, visit <http://www.career-education.columbia.edu/resources/tipsheets/skills-business-etiquette>.

## Four Trip Ideas for Your Summer Vacation

By Chynna Courtney Staff Reporter

Summer 2015 is upon us and soon we will all be leaving Holmes CC for a few months of rest, relaxation, and fun! Need ideas of where to go or what to do? Look no further, for here are 4 great ideas of where YOU can spend this year’s summer vacation.

### 1. Gulf Shores/Orange Beach, Alabama:



Orange Beach

The Gulf Shores/Orange Beach area is a popular vacation spot located on the coast of Alabama with tons of activities such as dolphin cruises and zipline courses, and an impressive list of popular restaurants that are sure to attract the hungry college student.

Among these are Lucy Buffet’s LuLu’s and the very popular The Hangout, which are both known for their live music, fun atmosphere, and good food. This is a perfect summer vacation spot where one can relax and soak up the sun!

### 2. Gatlinburg, Tennessee:

For those who prefer the rustic cabin setting, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, is the



Gatlinburg perfect place to vacation for some

peace and quiet, or for a fun-filled time. One can rent a cabin deep in the Smoky Mountains, or stay at a hotel closer to civilization. Gatlinburg boasts a wide array of activities and attractions such as the Ripley’s Aquarium, whitewater rafting, horseback rid-



New Orleans ing, and

even a wax museum! Gatlinburg is a very fun vacation destination that will always keep one entertained.

### 3. New Orleans, Louisiana:

Spice up your summer with a trip to New Orleans, Louisiana, home of voodoo, jazz, and all things zesty and delicious. New Orleans is a popular destination for those seeking to have a good time and eat good food. Ac-



Orlando

tivities include ghost tours, multiple museums, the Audubon Aquarium and Zoo, and many, many more. There are tons of local restaurants that provide tourists with the best classic Louisiana dishes and even chain restaurants such as Bubba Gump. New Orleans is a great vacation spot where one will never be without something to do.

### 4. Orlando, Florida:

Orlando, Florida, is one of the most popular vacation spots, and for good reason! Orlando has many activities and is also fairly close to the beach.

The popular Disney World is located in Orlando, as well as SeaWorld and Busch Gardens, which are fun-filled theme parks perfect for summer vacationers! There are also plenty of other attractions like Ripley’s Believe It or Not! Odditorium, and Wet ‘n Wild water park. Orlando is a prime choice for summer vacation with plenty of unforgettable experiences.

So what are you waiting for? Get to booking that hotel and planning your fun-filled summer vacation for 2015!

By Alex Allen Staff Reporter

It is always best to have a degree under your belt when searching for a job, but a bachelor’s degree is not your only ride to success. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, if you pursue a career in fields like manufacturing, health care, and information technology, you’re looking to earn up to \$55,000 or more just with an associate degree. Depending on the situation, a two-year degree or technical certificate can offer students a better return on investment than a four-year degree. If you’re looking to earn big without spending just as much in college experts say that there are four degrees worth looking into and may offer a better

return than a bachelors

Engineering technology, radiation technology and medical imaging, plumbing and heating, and dental hygiene are all fields forth looking in to. Engineering technology is a field that has a lot of open positions that is hard to fill. Someone with a bachelor’s degree in aerospace or electrical engineering can earn around \$65,000 during their first few years and according to PayScale.com, an online salary database, if you have a two-year degree you will make nearly the same.

Radiation therapist, nuclear medicine technologist, and diagnostic medical sonographer are three high-paying positions a student can have with a two-year degree. The median salary for radiation therapist and nuclear

medicine technologist was \$77,560 and \$70,180. Diagnostic sonographers was lower at 65,860 but still nearly \$20,000 higher than young adults with bachelor’s degrees. Now that is crazy!

To become a plumber or heating ventilation and air conditioning technician, a college degree is not required. First, a student will become an apprentice and get on the job training, a salary and classes in science and math that are relevant to the field. The median for a HVAC technician after their apprenticeship is more than \$40,000 and more than \$75,000 in larger cities with potential to earn beyond that.

Bachelors and associate degrees in dental hygiene are both considered entry-level requirements but the associate degree is the most common path taken.

Out of 335 dental hygiene programs available, 228 are associate degree programs. Average tuition and fees for an associate degree in dental hygiene is a little below \$22,700 compared to the bachelors which is \$36,400. The median salary for hygienist was \$70,210 and will increase by 33 percent over the next few years.

Sometimes an associate degree is just as good as a bachelors. If you’re interested in any of these degrees or trades look into it and see if they are available at your school. You can make a lot of money while spending not so much. You never know one of these degrees or trades might be the best fit for you.

## Mississippi – Mother Nature’s best friend

By Cassie May Staff Reporter

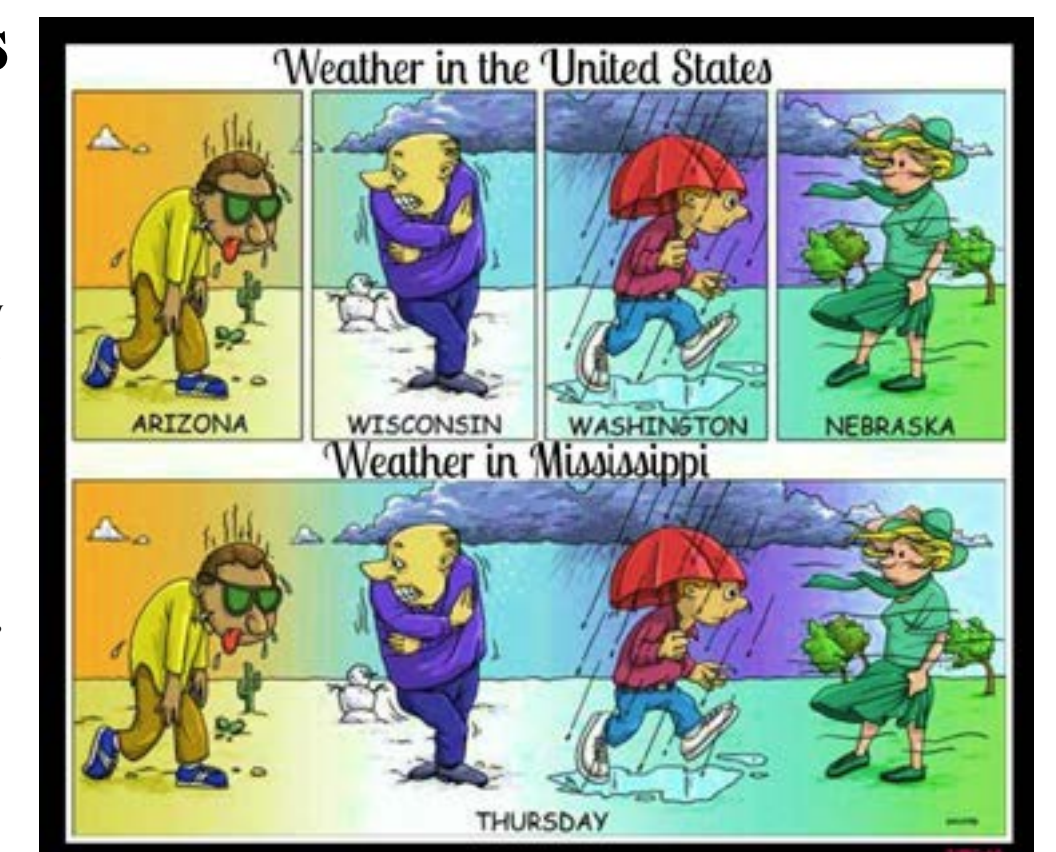
Most students at Holmes have lived in Mississippi long enough to know the weather is nothing short of crazy. In the past month we have had temperatures ranging from 25 to 76 degrees. In the weeks prior to Spring Break, Holmes shut down early and had a late start due to inclement weather. Feb. 23 and 24 were well-deserving of the shut-down, but Feb. 25 was a let down. It sleeted, stormed and froze, but unfortunately we didn’t get to play in the snow like many other schools up North. It seems with just the slightest hint there may be snow in our state we fly off the handle.

Nonetheless, we did have some pretty sketchy weather, but it wasn’t as bad as we anticipated. With such unpredictable weather patterns the importance of safety cannot be stressed enough. I am going to provide you with some safety tips for future reference, because I mean, this is Mississippi, fluctuating weather is our forte.

WLBT posted these MEMA (Mississippi Emergency Medical Agency)

winter weather safety tips to their website:

- Stay home and do not drive on snowy or icy roads unless it is an emergency.
- Have a fully stocked emergency supply kit.
- Stay clear of downed power lines. Even if the electricity appears to have been turned off, leave the lines alone. Do not try to move them yourself.
- Check on neighbors who are shut-ins, elderly, families with small children, medical-care dependent, non-English speaking, low-income and have no transportation to ensure they have power and are safe.
- Letting water drip from a faucet during extremely cold weather can relieve water pressure and help prevent pipes of your home from bursting. If you suspect your pipes are frozen and may have burst, turn off your water at the main shut-off valve and call a plumber.
- Wear several layers of loose fitting, lightweight warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. The outer garments should be tight woven and water repellent.
- Cover your mouth with a scarf to



protect your lungs

- Prepare for possible isolation in your home by having sufficient heating fuel and make sure your pantry is stocked with water and non-perishable items.

I think another good idea I heard on the news was to make sure you had blankets and water in your car just in case your car broke down or you were in an accident.

Also, tornado season is fast approaching the South. This time typically ranges from March to May. Last

year alone Mississippi had a total of 40 tornadoes 25 of which were in the month of April alone. Tornadoes are much more dangerous and a lot less predictable than seasoned weather warnings. They can hit suddenly and warnings and safety tips should not be taken lightly.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has these tips for staying safe:

- Go to a basement or the lowest level

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## "DUDE LOOKS LIKE A LADY" WOMANLESS BEAUTY PAGEANT

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes Community College held the Annual Womanless Beauty Pageant on Feb. 10. Tylerina Gaudalupe (aka Tyler Hines) brought home the title of Most Beautiful. Runner-ups included: Oprah Madea Bonqueque Poppins (aka Derrick Sylve), third runner-up; Nikki McGorgeous (aka Nick McCrory), first runner-up; Brandy Crown Royal (aka Ethan Hunt), second runner-up; and Diamond Dirtbag (aka Cody Greer), fourth runner-up. All proceeds benefited cancer research. After the pageant, contestants, who are members of the Holmes baseball team, went on their annual visit to the Goodman Kangaroo convenience store, dresses and all.



## Take pride in your appearance

By Alex Allen  
Staff Reporter

Nothing feels better than knowing you look good. When you look your best you feel your best and you will always do your best. I will be giving you a few tips on how to enhance your personal appearance and help you "clean up". Get rid of all the wrinkles. I don't mean the ones on your face, but I am talking about in your clothes. Nothing else can say I don't care about how I look than a wrinkly shirt or pair of pants.

Try using layers when dressing up. Depending on the weather wear a scarf or nice jacket to go with your shirt you picked out.

Keep your skin moisturized. Your epidermis can suffer throughout the season changes. After showering use a moisturizer to keep your skin healthy and good looking. I know being a teenager or a young adult can be some of the hardest times for acne.

A simple change in the way you eat or cleaning products can be the difference you need to get rid of those unwanted breakouts. Try finding the haircut that fits you. Sometimes a change in your hairstyle can't hurt. Find a style that you like and can make look professional just in case you want to work.

Everybody wants the perfect smile. There are many ways to clean and whiten your teeth, this could really help when talking to that crush in your history class. Keep your nails cut and clean. Nobody wants to shake your hand knowing your about to cut them. People notice the little things. These are just a few tips to keep in mind if you're trying to freshen up. Remember you do better when you look better!

## MS Weather (continued from Page 9)

of your home.

- Make sure you stay away from windows.
- Get to the center of the room.
- Get under a sturdy piece of furniture like a work bench or heavy table and hold on.

### Watch or Warning?

**Watch:** Tornado and severe thunderstorms are possible.

**Warning:** Tornado spotted, take shelter immediately.

What to look for:

- Dark, often greenish sky
- Wall Cloud Large
- Hail
- Loud roar similar to the sound of a train

In conclusion, Mississippi has some of the most unpredictable weather patterns of the south. I am thankful that our school recognized

the threat we faced and took steps toward keeping their students safe by closing and opening early. I'm sure we have many more displeasing forecasts ahead of us, but as long as we stay smart and take the right safety precautions we will all be to overcome whatever Mother Nature throws our way.

You can find more information about the safety tips I provided here:

<http://www.msema.org/>

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## Three Lady Bulldogs receive postseason honors from the MACJC, Region XXIII

From Staff Reports

Three Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs recently received post-season honors from the MACJC and the NJCAA Region XXIII.

Aja Williams of Jackson was recently named First Team All-State by the MACJC and Carmesha Nalls of Lexington was named Second Team All-State from the MACJC. Nalls was also named to the 2015 All-Region XXIII Tournament Team for her play in last week's Region XXIII Tournament at Mississippi College.

Nalls and LaShonda Wilson of Indiana have been selected to play in the April 10 MACJC All-Star Game at East Central Community College.

For the season, Williams averaged 18 points per game. She also shot 39.8 percent from the floor, 31.3 percent from the three-point line and 70.8 from the free throw line. She pulled in 5.2 rebounds per game and had 2.7 assists and 1.3 steals per game. Nalls averaged 13.6 points per game. She shot 39.5 percent from the floor, 32.8 percent from the three-point line and 63.8 from the free throw line. She pulled in 4.1 rebounds per game and had 2.7 assists and 1.9 steals per game. Wilson averaged five points per game. She shot 35.9 percent from the floor and 58.5 percent from the free throw line. She pulled in 6.3 rebounds per game.



Aja Williams



Carmesha Nalls



LaShonda Wilson

## Bulldog Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Times
Mar. 25	@ Mississippi Delta CC	1/3 p.m.
Mar. 28	MGCCC	1/4 p.m.
Mar. 31	Northeast Mississippi CC	1/4 p.m.
Apr. 3	@ Hinds CC	1/3 p.m.
Apr. 8	Coahoma CC	1/3 p.m.
Apr. 11	Meridian CC	1/3 p.m.
Apr. 14	@ JCJC	3/5:30 p.m.
Apr. 18	Co-Lin CC	1/3 p.m.
Apr. 22	@ Itawamba CC	3/5 p.m.
Apr. 25	@ PRCC	1/3 p.m.

## Bulldog Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Times
Mar. 24	@ Northeast Mississippi CC	2/4 p.m.
Mar. 27	@ Coahoma CC	1/3 p.m.
Apr. 1	@ East Mississippi CC	3/5 p.m.
Apr. 8	@ Itawamba	2/4 p.m.
Apr. 11	Northwest Mississippi CC	3/5 p.m.
Apr. 14	@ Mississippi Delta CC	1/3 p.m.
Apr. 17	Northeast Mississippi CC	1/3 p.m.
Apr. 20	@ Co-Lin CC	3/5 p.m.

## Bulldogs pick up conference win over Southwest, 9-7

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College Bulldogs Dirtbags baseball team went to 1-1 series record on the season on March 20 vs. the Southwest Mississippi Community College Bears with a 9-7 win.

With the win, the Bulldogs went to 10-8 on the season and 1-3 in MACJC Conference play.

Derrick Sylve picked up the win in relief and went to 2-1 on the season. Sylve went 2.1 innings and gave up two runs on three hits with three strikeouts and two walks while Rob Felton started the game and gave up five runs on three hits in 4.2 innings

with seven strikeouts and five walks. Chad McNeil led the Bulldogs with three hits including a double while Cody Sartin and Carr McMorris each had two hits with each adding a double.



## Lady Bulldogs blast Coahoma, 16-1 and 17-0

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs pounded out 33 runs on 22 hits in two games over the Coahoma Community College Lady Tigers winning 16-1 in four innings and 17-0 in three innings here Monday.

With the wins, the Lady Bulldogs moved to 10-8 overall and 3-5 in the North Division. Holmes travels to Northeast today at 2/4 p.m. in division contests. The games can be watched at nemctv.com.

In game one, Kasey Ard picked up the win. She went two innings and gave up one hit and struck out three. Blair Little went one inning striking out three while Brett Whitlock went one inning and gave up one run on one hit and struck out one. Little led with three hits including a double while Kelsey Kelly had two hits including a triple. Hayden Grantham added a three-run homerun while Rachel Bond and A'Breana Yarbrough each had a double.

In game two, Whitlock picked up the win in two innings of work. She gave up two hits and struck out two. Little pitched one inning and struck out one. Kelly, Garza and Grantham each had

two hits with Grantham having two doubles, Garza having a double and Kelly adding a triple. Shelby Hoover added a double.



## Basketball tryouts set for April 2 for Women, April 17 for Men

From Staff Reports

The Holmes CC Women's Basketball tryouts will be held April 2 on the Goodman Campus at 4 p.m. For more information, contact Coach Jamilah Andrews at jandrews@holmescc.edu or call (662) 472-9069.

The Holmes CC Men's Basketball tryouts will be held April 17 on the Goodman Campus at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Coach Jason Flanigan at jflanigan@holmescc.edu or call (662) 472-9081.



To familiarize yourself with the Holmes chants and fight songs, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3VLR17eDRY>. You can find the cheer application at <http://www.holmesathletics.com/sports/cheer/2014-15/files/2015cheertryout.pdf>.

## Cheer tryouts set for April 9 on the Goodman Campus

From Staff Reports

Tryouts for the 2015-16 Holmes Community College Cheerleading Squad is set for Thursday, April 9, at 3:30 in the Frank B. Branch Coliseum on the Goodman Campus.

Cheerleaders are asked to arrive at 3 p.m. for registration and warm up time and also to go over material for the tryout. You must wear a white tank top or short with black shorts and bring a filled out application and a current physical.

Anyone interested in trying out for the squad can attend open gym/practice times on March 16, March 23, March 30 and April 6 from 3-5:30 p.m. in the Cheer Gym located in the M.R. Thorne Vocational-Technical Building on the Goodman Campus.

There is no fee for the cheer clinics. Both female and male cheerleaders will be on-hand to stunt, work on technique and answer any questions. You can also use the time to tour the Goodman Campus and work on any material required for the tryout on April 9. All potential student athletes should be accepted to Holmes Community College, be physically fit, and have completed the application for tryouts. Females trying out should be familiar with the Holmes Community College chant and fight song and also be able to do a toe touch and coed stunts. Males trying out should be familiar with coed stunts and shoulder stands. Tumbling is not required but highly encouraged for both males and females.



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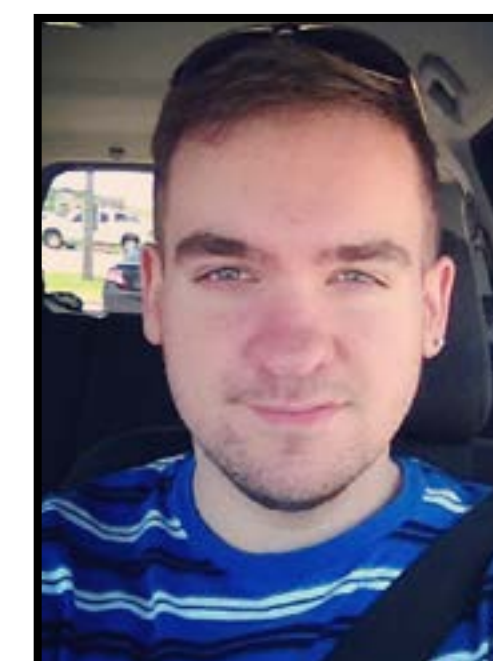
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About me: On campus, I stay busy as president of the Student Government Association. Off campus, I enjoy fitness and sports and my hobbies are photography and sight seeing. Although I consider Fort Hood my hometown, I did graduate from Ridgeland High.



### Chynna Courtney

Hometown: Florence  
Major: Journalism  
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About me: I love animals, and my hobbies include reading, going to the movies, and traveling. Upon graduating from Holmes, I plan to attend the University of Florida.



### Joshua Dilmore

Hometown: Clinton  
Major: English  
Campus: Ridgeland  
About me: Also known to my friends as Mr. Big, Jack, and of course, Josh, I am a movie buff, self-taught artist, and writer, through and through. I'm currently the vice-president of iCreate, and after Holmes, I plan to go to Millsaps.



### Rebekah Holden

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About me: My friends call me Bekah! I was homeschooled, and upon graduating from Holmes, I plan to attend Mississippi College. I am happy to be a Growl reporter. Also, I love babies.



### Kenard Holmes

Hometown: Jackson  
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Campus: Ridgeland  
About me: Also known as Cali, I love Honey Buns and listening to B.B. King. My favorite artist is Kanye West, and I love the role Malcolm X played in the Civil Rights Movement; I look up to him.



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About me: Also known as Autumn and NeNe, I am a poet who loves thrifting. Thrifting is life! Other than The Growl, my campus involvement includes working in the Writing Center, serving as president of iCreate, and as a member of Phi Theta Kappa. "I utter the lost lyrics of the underground soul."



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