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Ramsey to serve as 2016 Commencement Speaker

From Staff Reports/Photos



Marshall Ramsey

Syndicated cartoonist Marshall Ramsey will be the commencement

speaker for the May 13 commencement ceremonies at Holmes Community College. The Associate of Arts degree ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. with the Associate of Applied Science and Certificate ceremony at 2 p.m.

Ramsey, 48, is a two-time Pulitzer Finalist (2002 and 2006) and a 1991 graduate of the University of Tennessee. His editorial cartoons are syndicated nationally by Creators Syndicate and have appeared in The New York Times, USA Today and the (Jackson, Miss.) Clarion-Ledger.

He is the author several successful books including two cartoon collections, the short story collection, Fried Chicken and Wine and the delightful children's book Banjo's Dream. Ramsey's cartoons, photos, stories and posts are frequently shared on Facebook,

Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram. He's also the host of the weekly statewide radio program, Now You're Talking with Marshall Ramsey and television show is Conversations on Mississippi Public Broadcasting.

Ramsey's also a cancer survivor. Diagnosed with malignant melanoma in 2001, he has been honored by both the Melanoma Research Foundation and the American Cancer Society for paying his survival forward. He actively promotes skin cancer awareness and sun safety through cartoons, speeches, skin screenings and a 5K race. He even ran the Marine Corps Marathon to raise funds for melanoma research. (He completed the race, raised \$13,000 and developed some wicked leg cramps).

Ramsey, his wife Amy, their three sons and precocious dog, Pip, live in

Mississippi, the best state for politics, storytellers, sweet tea and raising a family.

Graduation 2016

When: May 13

Where: Frank B. Branch Coliseum on the Goodman Campus

**Time: 10 a.m. for Assoc. of Arts
2 p.m. for Assoc. of Applied Science & Career-Tech Certificates**

Jasmine Murray performs at Goodman Freshman Friday 2016

From Staff Reports/Photos

On Friday, April 29, the Holmes Goodman Campus held Freshman Friday 2016 from 8:20-10:30 a.m. High school seniors had the opportunity to get registered for classes, meet with their advisors, and get everything else ready to become a Holmes Bulldog. Over 320 students attended and registered for Holmes.

The incoming freshmen and their families were treated to a performance by the Holmes Connection! showchoir

and a performance by former American Idol finalist and Miss Mississippi/current Christian recording artist Jasmine Murray. After students completed everything required, they were also treated to lunch on campus.

Additionally, all students who signed up for at least 16 hours will be entered in a drawing to win a Honda Rancher 4x4.



Growl staff participates in O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference; Dilmore brings home award

By Joshua Dilmore

Growl



Pictured are (left to right) Growl Editor Joshua Dilmore with Layne Bruce, executive director of MPA.

Members of the Holmes Community College newspaper The Growl attended the 17th Annual O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference Thursday, March 24. Growl reporters in attendance were Miranda Burchfield, a sophomore from the Goodman Campus; Joshua Dilmore, a sophomore from the Ridgeland Campus; Wontavius Rimpson, also a sophomore from the Goodman Campus, and Taylor Vance, a sophomore from the Grenada Campus. District Direc-

tor of Communications Steve Diffey and Public Relations Specialist/Student Publications Coordinator Mary Margaret Turner accompanied the students. Student publications from community and junior colleges and universities across the state participated in the event, which was held at the Mississippi Children's Museum in Jackson.

The program included presentations from professionals in the field of journalism and those actively involved in the field. James E. Prince, III, Mississippi Press Association Education Foundation (MPAEF) Chairman,

welcomed attendees. Prince introduced Gene McDavid, son of O.C. McDavid, who represented the McDavid family. McDavid spoke about his father and the work he did as former managing editor of the Jackson Daily News.

After Mr. McDavid spoke, a special presentation by Rick Anderson, a professional artist from the Jackson area, spoke about the importance of detail and photography in journalism. Proceeding Anderson, R.J. Morgan, executive director of the Mississippi Scholastic Press Association, gave a

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HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOSTED THE ANNUAL FOUNDATION GOLF CLASSIC ON MAY 11 AT DEERFIELD COUNTRY CLUB IN MADISON. SEE PAGE 9 FOR THE STORY.

Final note from the editor

By Joshua Dilmore
Growl Editor



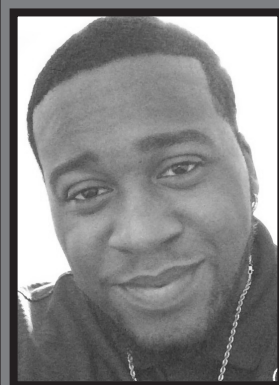
Dear fellow reader:
It has been a privilege to serve as editor of the Growl this last year. I have been honored to work with an amazing staff and with the Holmes Office of Communications. A special thank you to Ms. Mary Margaret Turner for putting up with my constant emails and questions. Without her help, I would not be

as strong a writer as I am today. Even though I will not return in the fall as editor of the college newspaper, I still encourage students to read the latest edition of the Growl and stay informed on campus news. I would also like students to know that the newspaper staff is open to receiving cartoons, letters, photos, etc. from fellow students about campus concerns, opinions, etc., and will share them in the next issue of the Growl.
So, without further ado, I hope that each of you enjoy this semester's final Growl.

Regards,
Joshua Dilmore

2016 Election: One for the books

By Jerrell Young
Growl Reporter



Everybody is in an uproar about the elections! We go through this every four years so it shouldn't be anything surprising. This year's presidential election race has to be the funniest and most entertaining race ever. Every Republican candidate is against

Obama. Every Democratic candidate is looking for the support of President Obama. Donald Trump has caused a big uproar in the United States by announcing that he was running for president. The surprising thing is Donald Trump has a lot of voters that support him. He's been winning as the Republican candidate in almost all states. Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders are going neck and neck to win the Democratic seat. This race is really starting to be a joke for most people and they would feel better if it were over!

Is Bribery Legal in Mississippi?

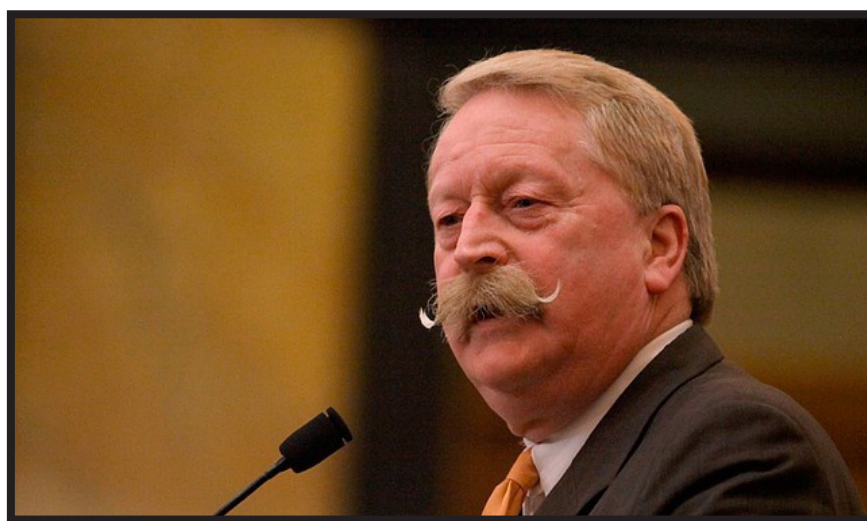
By Taylor Vance
Growl Reporter



something that is legal in the state of Mississippi: bribery. On Tuesday, April 26, the Mississippi House of Representatives voted to defeat a measure that would forbid legislators from spending campaign funds on personal items such as dry cleaning, car payments, or vacations (all of which have happened) and require them to list what they spend their campaign funds on. Representative Jeff Smith, a Republican from Columbus, made the recommendation to recommit the bill that was passed unanimously by the Senate for further study.
To make matters worse, the voters of Mississippi cannot even know how anyone voted because the measure

was defeated by a voice vote, ruled on by the Speaker of the House, instead of a roll call vote. The House rules state that there must be 13 members of the House to request a roll call vote for one to take place. This is not to demean or accuse any party of this disservice to voters, because there are more than thirteen Republicans and Democrats in the House. This is meant for legislature as a whole when 13 members cannot come together to stand up for what is right to do away with a corrupt system of elections.
So what does this mean? This means

that the system of legalized bribery can continue in Mississippi by entities supplying officials with campaign funds when they do not have to list where it came from or what they spend it on. This is an issue that must be at the forefront of the next legislative session in 2017, or else it will continually get pushed to the back-burner. It is time to hold our elected officials accountable by requiring them by law to answer to their rightful bosses: the voters.



Jeff Smith

The Prince of Purple Rain Found Dead

By Wontavious Rimpson
Growl Reporter



On Thursday, April 21, singer and song writer Prince Rogers Nelson was found dead in an elevator in his home. Prince was very influential in his

lifetime and will leave behind a legacy to all generations. He was best known for performing rock, pop, R&B, funk, and new wave. Prince is known to many as Mr. Purple Rain from him composing his song "Purple Rain" and a movie with the same title. Prince has recorded some top songs that were listed number one on the billboard. His music and style was very different and is what drove many people to like him.
He was confident in his uniqueness and helped people step out of the box and be who they wanted to be. To

many people, Prince wasn't just an artist but an icon and role model. People turned to Prince's music when they wanted to dance, be romantic, and also reminisce. Many people are thankful that they had the opportunity to know of Prince because he had a genuine, loving spirit. He helped many discover their love and passion for music.
Though Prince is no longer here, his family, friends, and supporters can draw closer to him through his music. His life was well-lived and his legacy is one that many hope that they

will leave behind. Prince's death was sudden, but the impact he has left on people is indescribable. According to CNN, Prince's fans gathered together at Paisley Park to leave tributes of flowers, balloons, and signs. It was reported that some dressed in Prince's signature color, purple. Later that evening, Prince's family delivered pizza to everyone that was gathered just to say thank you for all of their support.
The King of Purple Rain is gone but his music, love, and being will certainly not be in vain.



College Life

By Jessica McLean
Growl Cartoonist



The Bizarre Easter Sunday

By Wontavious Rimpson
Growl Reporter



On Sunday, March 27, a group of Christians were celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ when suddenly a number of them were killed. This event took place at the park of Lahore, Pakistan, killing at least 72 people and injuring 320. The killing mainly involved women and children. It was reported by Lahore Police Chief Haider Ashraf that the bomber chose a soft target and that's why he went after women and children. Apparently the Pakistani community has been being targeted for their Christian views for quite some time. According to

the Sydney Morning Herald, last March, suicide bombers struck Ms. Masih's Christ Church and another close by killing at least 14 people. A vigil was held on March 28, 2016 to remember the victims who had their lives taken away. Many of the victims' bodies were attacked so harshly that their bodies deteriorated and were left unrecognizable. One particular individual was only three years old and had his lungs punctured and eyes gouged out and is now struggling to breathe out of a tube. According to the Sydney Morning Herald, the victim has had no one looking for him. Could it be that this individual's parents were affected by the massacre killing on Sunday? The Pakistan community is now working to get protection.



Going back to school chronicles

By Jerrell Young
Growl Reporter



Many students don't understand the luxury that they have going to school straight from high school. I honestly feel that it is better to go to college straight out of high school. It's a bit easier and you seem to be a bit more focused. I went to college straight out of high school and I loved it. I just allowed things to distract me from my purpose, so I decided to withdraw from school. Almost eight years later here I am again trying to get it all together. This was my first semester back in school and it has been an ultimate STRUGGLE to get back into the swing of things. I've found myself missing assignments because I simply forgot to put a re-

minder in my phone. I found myself some days forgetting that I even had to attend class that day. Overall I am glad that this semester has come to an end and I'm hoping for great results. It is definitely hard to balance work, school and a family. I should've thought about this eight years ago when I wanted to be so grown and independent. I never thought in a million years going back to school would be so hard.

Looking for a new hobby? Try geocaching!

By Miranda Burchfield
Growl Reporter



Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity. It is a fun pastime that anyone with a GPS (Global Positioning System) capable device can enjoy. "Caches" are hidden in different locations, usually on public property, and their location is marked by GPS. The cache can then be found by other participants by entering the coordinates of the cache's location using GPS.
There are several different types of

caches, but the most common are the mini cache and the traditional cache. A mini cache is a strip of paper rolled into a small waterproof container that you sign and date after you discover it. A traditional cache usually contains a log book to record who found it and when, as well as a small item such as a compass or paperback book. You can take the item included in the traditional cache, but if you do, you should replace it with one for the next person who finds it. You should also place the container back exactly where you found it and it should never be buried.
You can participate in geocaching by hiding or finding caches or both. However, if you are hiding a cache, you should make sure that your chosen location is acceptable beforehand.

Avoid hiding caches on private property without obtaining permission. It is illegal to hide caches in some parks, such as the Natchez Trace. Be sure not to leave any litter behind regardless of your location.
When searching for a cache, do not look for a container because it may not be visible. Look for something that the container could be inside or hidden be-

hind or under. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing and consider bringing sunscreen and insect repellent if you are geocaching in the summer.
With this information in mind, you are ready to begin a geocaching adventure!



New House Bill 1523

By Wontavious Rimpson
Growl Reporter



lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, and transgender community. While many were upset about this new law, many were overjoyed. Gov. Phil Bryant signed this law to protect religious people's rights. According to Scott Shackford's article "Mississippi's New LGBT Law Is About Protecting Only Certain Religious Beliefs," the new law makes it clear that its goal is to protect three

beliefs in particular, not the right to live based on one's religion as a whole. Those three beliefs are: marriage is or should be recognized as the union of one man and one woman, sexual relations are properly reserved to such marriage, and male or female refers to an individual's immutable biological sex as objectively determined anatomy and genetics at time of birth. Mississippi was not the only state that signed this law; the North Carolina governor was the first to establish this law. Many North Carolina businesses are not too thrilled with this law and are considering relocating.
Being that North Carolina businesses are reluctant to this new law, Mississippi businesses are sure to feel the same. According to the New York Times, PayPal pledged to bring 400 jobs to North Carolina and invest \$3.6 million

in the area by the end of 2017. PayPal has dropped their plan due to the new law. There is much controversy about this law. Many are believing that this law is hypocritical, and discrimination. Though they have more critics than supporters both governors are not going to go back on the anti-gay law. They are satisfied with the decision

that they have made whether they lose business or whether they be ridiculed.



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A Musical Explosion on the Holmes Campus

By Wontavious Rimpson
Growl Reporter

Holmes Community College hosted their annual musical Pops Concert performed by Holmes Choral, Coachmen (a capella group), and Connection! show choir. This event took place on Tuesday, April 12, starting at 7 p.m. The choirs performed timeless music from the 80's to today. Watching



the students, faculty, and supporters come in, you really didn't know what their preference for music was, but the choirs showed that they were a very diverse group. The first song that the choir performed was, "Rock Steady," by the Whispers which had the audience on their feet. I must say, the choir was very smart to capture the audience's attention by performing a "Hit Song." The hard work and dedication these students have put in showed with their performance. You could tell that music was a gift and not just a learned skill. The students sang songs that made you want to dance, cry, and reminisce.

One song performed was very iconic in the civil rights era, "A Change Is Gonna Come," by Sam Cooke. Watching the choir perform this song, I could see that a change had surely come. The choir stood in unity from many different ethnicities and culture environments. Unfortunately, the Pops Concert was coming to a close and the last song sang was "Seasons of Love" from the musical "Rent." Watching the choir perform their final song together was bittersweet because some would never get a chance to perform all together again. Many of the students were graduating sophomores and to see the bond

that these group of individuals formed was breathtaking. Not only were the students in tears but their directors were as well. The choir has had many opportunities this year and the thought that some of these individuals were now going their separate ways was exciting, but sad. I know they'll leave an unforgettable legacy. One Choral and Coachmen singer, Trekiya Brown said, "It was very exciting to perform. All of us coming together singing and dancing made the Pops Concert an extraordinary night. This night let the audience know that music is powerful but the person behind the music is even more powerful.

The closing of a chapter

By Joshua Dilmore
Growl Editor



As the end of the spring semester fast approaches, many students eagerly look to the future. For many students, May not only brings the end of the spring semester but also the end of a chapter in their lives. As one of those students graduating this May, I decided to interview a few of my comrades on what their experiences have been at Holmes and what their advice would be for incoming freshmen and sophomores.

Miranda Burchfield



majoring in English and minoring in business," Burchfield said of her plans

after graduating Holmes. As for incoming freshmen and sophomores, Burchfield advises that they get involved in as many activities as possible. "There are many student activities and organizations on each campus which allow students to network while having fun. Involvement in groups will help students acquire life skills and experience that will benefit them in the future. I would also encourage incoming freshmen to strive for a 3.5 GPA in order to be eligible for Phi Theta Kappa membership. This honor society provides an amazing opportunity for fellowship and transfer scholarships."

Taylor Vance



to also earn a law degree. "Holmes is a special place where faculty and staff get to know you, care about you, and try to help you any way they can," he says of his time at Holmes. "From my first day of class, I knew this [place]

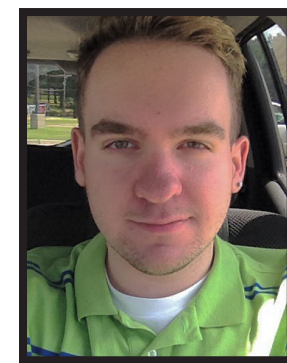
was more like another home than a school. Holmes has allowed me to grow as a person and a student, which will help me throughout my life." Vance also leaves behind two important pieces of advice: one, for students to apply but enjoy themselves. Second? "Never do an interview for a Growl reporter because they'll interview you again [or] ten more times (laughs)."

Azhia Watkins



When asked if she had any advice for incoming students, Watkins stressed, "GO TO THE WRITING CENTER!!! This IS a NECESSITY for everyone attending Holmes CC."

And, lastly, yours truly. Joshua Dilmore



I am an English major who hails from Clinton and attends the Ridgeland Holmes Campus. Holmes Community College has allowed me to flourish not just academically, but in so many areas in my life. I have gotten to work firsthand with faculty in the English Department, while working as a Writing Center tutor and serving as president of iCreate Creative Arts Club. I would not change my time at Holmes for anything. After Holmes, I plan to attend Mississippi College in the fall. I also hope to one day return to Holmes as an English instructor. If I can leave future Holmes students one piece of lasting advice, it is get involved. I cannot stress that ENOUGH. There are so many opportunities to get involved, no matter what campus you're on. iCreate on the Ridgeland Campus and the Growl to name a few.

Attala Center to offer EMS course in fall of 2016

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Attala Center in Kosciusko is excited to announce the addition of a new course offering – Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMS 1118) – for the fall of 2016. Instructor Allen Green from Grenada plans to teach the course, which will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. This course includes responsibilities of the EMT during each phase of an ambulance run, patient assessment, emergency medical conditions, appropriate emergency care, and appropriate proce-

dures for transporting patient. "The class is designed to prepare students to work as health care providers for an ambulance service upon completion," Green said. "Along with lecture and lab, our students will participate in clinical rotations at an emergency department and 'ride alongs' with an ambulance service. The course is fast-paced and intense. All who take the course learn critical life-saving skills that make them invaluable as community helpers. I am looking forward to expanding our EMS program to the Kosciusko campus {Attala Center}. There is a shortage of EMS providers all across our state and I want to help prepare the students that come to Holmes Community College meet those needs." In order to register, students must have an ACT Composite score of 16 or appropriate placement score for MAT

1233 and ENG 1113. The course will consist of the equivalent of five hours of lecture time, six hours in the laboratory, and three hours of clinical rotations per week. Eight credit hours will be awarded to those who successfully complete the class. Sherrie Cheek, vice president for Career/Technical Education, commented, "With the expansion of this course from Grenada and Ridgeland to the Attala Center in Kosciusko, we will provide students throughout the district with easy access to a course that is fundamental to Holmes's state- and regionally-recognized EMS program. The EMS program offers both a certification and an AAS degree in paramedic. Additionally, the EMS program faculty recently developed and implemented a paramedic AAS in Critical Care, the first of its kind in the state, and have begun work to develop yet another specialized paramedic AAS." Located on West Jefferson Street in Kosciusko, the Attala Center will continue to serve the community through academic, Career/Technical, workforce

and community (non-credit) course offerings. "The Emergency Medical Sciences program is committed to offering comprehensive EMS education to the entire Holmes Community College District," said EMS Program Director Mark Galtelli. "By expanding our program to Kosciusko, we are reaching people who would otherwise not be able to participate in the EMT course. The successful students will play a vital role in protecting the health and safety of the citizens of their communities." For more information about the EMS course or the Emergency Medical Sciences program, contact Galtelli at mgaltelli@holmescc.edu or (601) 605-3331. Students can now register for fall 2016 classes. To start the registration process, click on the Enroll Now icon. For those who prefer to register on campus, students may visit the Attala Center on June 23 or August 10 from 4-6 p.m.

Wilson, Vance named Natchez Literary Scholars

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes Grenada Campus instructor Jay Wilson and Grenada Campus student Taylor Vance recently represented Holmes Community College at the 27th Annual Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration as William Winter Faculty Scholar and the William Winter Student Scholar. The celebration was held Feb. 26 and 27. The theme was "Natchez at 300: A River Runs by It" was chosen to complement the city's yearlong Tricentennial celebration. The Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration (NLCC) is a time-honored tradition in the State of Mississippi with a well-deserved reputation as one of the state's most significant annual conferences devoted to literature, history, film, and culture. The annual Celebration was sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Mississippi Hu-



Jay Wilson



Taylor Vance

manities Council, and Copiah-Lincoln Community College, and supported by the City of Natchez, the Adams County Board of Supervisors, and the National Park Service.

Wilson, a Greenwood native, came to Holmes fulltime in August 2013 as a history instructor. Prior to becoming fulltime, Wilson was an adjunct instructor since 2011. Prior to that he

worked in the Winona Separate School and the Carroll County School Districts and served as an adjunct instructor for Mississippi Delta Community College. He holds a bachelor of art's degree from Delta State University, a master's degree in education from Delta State University and an education specialist from the University of Mississippi. He has also served in the U.S. Army and was a career firefighter with the city of Greenwood for 14 years. He and his wife, Kristina, have five children Hunter, Christopher, Katie, Kathryn Sheffield and Courtney Shaw. Vance, a native of Grenada, is majoring in English at the Grenada Campus. He plans to continue his education in journalism. He was recently named Sophomore Favorite.

College Life



By Jessica McLean
Growl Cartoonist



Indoor drumline brings home another state title

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Indoor Drumline celebrates after bringing home another state title on April 3.

The Holmes Community College Indoor Drumline brought home another first place finish in Friday's Mississippi Indoor Association State Championship at the Coliseum in Jackson. The indoor drumline, under the direction of Jeffrey Brown, came in first place in three-of-four categories beat-

ing out Jones and Pearl River. This year's program "Warriors from the East" was inspired by the students' interests in manga, anime, and martial arts. In order to learn the show, the students had to research Japanese music, particularly the Taiko drummers, and

watch many videos, in order to get the full effect across to the audience. The group used many props and decorations to enhance their show; all the props were constructed by the students. The music and drill were arranged by Brown while the students choreographed the visual elements. This year's group also included members of the HCC color guard with Jessica Brown choreographing much of their work. The students began working on the show in November shortly after football season ended.



The cheerleaders had a special surprise for the Indoor Drumline when they showed up in the band hall on April 4.

From Staff Reports/Photos

Faculty and staff from the Ridgeland, Goodman and Grenada campuses of Holmes Community College selected the winners for the prestigious honor Hall of Fame.

The students selected for this esteemed honor, exemplified outstanding characteristics of scholarship, participation, citizenship, service to the school, and promise of future success and leadership in extracurricular activities."

Ridgeland's faculty selected 11 Hall of Famers, the largest group from all three campuses. The inductees are Rakiam Allen, Dominique Butler, Joshua Dilmore, Alexis Gaytan, Jaylon George, Christopher Henry, Amina Jatoi, Joshua King, Katelyn Murphy, Rene Saenz, Jr., and Evelyn Spencer.

Goodman's six Hall of Fame recipients are Taylor Adcock, Kristin Alexander, Cheyenne Bennett, Charlotte McBride, Anna McCrory and Terrell Wynne.

Grenada's five Hall of Fame recipients are Kayla Dees, Shelby Ferguson, Etta Jennings, Rehana Sajjad, and Ryan Wiltshire.

Ridgeland Campus

Rakiam Allen of Jackson is a construction engineering technology major with a 3.94 GPA. He is a President's List scholar, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a student mentor for engineering students, a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, and a member of Mount Nebo Baptist Church. On top of being a full-time student, He works full-time as a drafter for Home Depot, part-time as a drafter and designer for Neel-Schaffer, Inc., and serves with the U.S. Air Force Guard.

Dominique Butler of Brandon is a pre-physical therapy major with a 3.17 GPA. She is a President's List scholar, a Dean's List scholar, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and captain of the Lady Bulldogs soccer team. Butler volunteers with first through fifth graders at Word of Life Church, and teaches swimming lessons for children ages 4-10. She was a member of the North State All-Star Soccer Team, and received the Women's Soccer Leadership Award, as well.

Butler plans to attend Northwestern State University in Louisiana and then pursue a career in sports medicine practicing physical therapy.

Joshua Dilmore of Clinton is an English major with a 3.74 GPA. He is editor of The Growl student newspaper, president of iCreate Creative Arts Club, a President's List scholar, and a writing center tutor. He was a part of the Phi Theta Kappa Arts Showcase, as well. Dilmore also works as



a bookseller at Barnes and Nobles, Inc. After Holmes, he plans to attend Mississippi College and earn a bachelor of arts in English. After he obtains his B.A., he would

like to teach elementary or secondary classes while he works toward his master's of education at The University of Mississippi. Ultimately, he would like to earn his PhD in education from Delta State University. He has a passion for teaching and helping others; one of the reasons he enjoys working in the writing center.

After earning his master's Dilmore would love to return to Holmes and teach as an English instructor. Joshua says that Holmes has been such a blessing to him, and he would like to pay it forward to future students.

Alexis Gaytan of Ridgeland is an athletic training major with a 3.13 GPA. He is the current Mr. Holmes for the Ridgeland Campus, and was chosen as a Class Favorite his freshman year. Gaytan has been able to attend Holmes on a full soccer scholarship, and serves as the team chaplain for the Bulldogs soccer team. He also received the Bulldog Award and the Mississippi Athletic All-State Award.

After finishing his degree at Holmes, Alexis plans to attend a four-year university, most likely Delta State University.

Jaylon George of Jackson is a sports management major with a 3.84 GPA. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a President's List scholar, and a member of the Bulldogs soccer team.

George had the opportunity to play in the MACJC All-Star Game, and was named a NSCAA Scholar All-American.

Upon graduation, he plans to continue to major in sports management at a four-year university (he is currently undecided on which one). After obtaining his bachelor's, George intends to pursue a career as a sport's agent or sport's franchise executive.

Christopher Henry of Jackson is an industrial engineering management technology major with a 3.48 GPA. He is a Dean's List scholar who received his one-year technical certificate in 2015, and will earn his associate degree in May 2016. After graduation

Henry plans to go to a four-year university and earn his bachelor's degree in industrial engineering management technology.

Amina Jatoi of Ridgeland is a pre-med major with a 3.51 GPA. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and was named All-Mississippi Second Team for the honor society as a sophomore.

Jatoi participated with Make a Wish foundation, volunteers at MADCAAP, works with youth at her church, and is employed with The Children's Academy in the after-school program.

After graduating from Holmes, she plans to obtain her undergraduate degree in business management from The University of Southern Mississippi.

Joshua King of Brandon is a business major with a 3.50 GPA. He is a President's List scholar, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a baseball coach and an active member of Pine Lake Baptist Church. King is also a member of the Baptist Student Union, and participates in quite a bit of volunteer work.

Upon graduation from Holmes, he plans to attend Mississippi State University and pursue a degree in business with an emphasis in entrepreneurship.

Katelyn Murphy of Brandon is an elementary education major with a 4.0 GPA. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was nominated to be an officer for the honor society. Murphy is a member of the

Langford Volunteer Fire Department, a church nursery volunteer, and is active in her church's college ministry. She also worked as a babysitter and as a tutor, doubling the number of students she tutored from her freshman to sophomore year.

After finishing her degree at Holmes, Murphy will attend Mississippi State University and earn her degree in elementary education. Eventually, she also plans to earn a master's in the field.

Rene Saenz, Jr., of Horn Lake, is a construction engineering technology major with a 3.56 GPA. He is a President's List scholar, a Dean's List scholar, and a member of the Bulldogs soccer

team. Saenz was nominated for Soccer Scholar All-American, and received an award for Playmaker of the Year during the annual soccer banquet.

Upon graduation from Holmes, he plans to transfer to The University of Southern Mississippi to continue his education.

Evelyn Spencer of Canton is a construction engineering technology



major with a 3.92 GPA. She is a President's List scholar, a Dean's List scholar, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

After finishing her degree at Holmes, Spencer hopes to attend The University of Southern Mississippi to earn her bachelor's degree in construction engineering. She would like to become a valuable asset to the field of construction engineering, starting as a project manager with hopes of becoming a contractor in residential home building.

Goodman Campus

Taylor Adcock of Sallis is a pre-pharmacy major with a 4.0 GPA. She was awarded the 2015-2016 HEADWAE award, she is an officer for the Goodman chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, and

was named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic Team, First Team. Adcock is also an Ambassador and a member of HolmesPlus and the Baptist Student Union. She has been a President's List scholar during her two years as a Holmes student, and received the ACT Scholarship both years, as well.

Adcock worked at Longhorn's Restaurant, as a pharmacy technician at Howell & Heggie Drugstore, and as a work-study student for the chemistry department. She has also served as a health fair volunteer for the past two years.

Kristin Alexander of Vaughan is a sociology/social work major with a 4.0 GPA. She is vice president for the Goodman chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, was named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic Team, and is an active member of MOSAIC. In fact, through MOSAIC, Alexander initiated and created a Student Unity Mural Project. She is also a Methodist Youth Fellowship leader, and a member of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee at Ellison United Methodist Church.

In her spare time, Alexander enjoys painting, gardening, and cooking. Upon graduation from Holmes, her goal is to earn master's in counseling from Delta State University and work to develop new therapies for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Cheyenne Bennett of Martin is a psychology major with a 3.70 GPA. She is a Holmes Bulldog cheerleader, an Ambassador, a member of Phi Theta Kappa,

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a President's List scholar, and an ACT Scholarship recipient.

Bennett was named a Scholar Athlete her freshman and sophomore year for cheerleading, and the squad won fifth place at Nationals her freshman year and seventh place her sophomore year. She has helped out with the Pink-O-Ween breast cancer walk at Holmes, and has also volunteered at Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital and at the Natchez Trace Festival.

Charlotte McBride of Kosciusko is a pre-pharmacy major with a 3.77 GPA. She is a Board of Trustees' Academic Scholarship recipient, a HolmesPlus Scholar, an executive officer for Phi

Theta Kappa, a Worship Band vocalist for the Baptist Student Union, Honors in Action Chair, and a first chair clarinet player for the Holmes band.

McBride also serves as a desk clerk for the Attala County Library, as head of medical records for the scanning department at Baptist Medical Center - Attala, and plays in the First Baptist Church of Winona's Christmas Orchestra.

Anna McCrory of Kosciusko is a pre-nursing major with a 4.0 GPA. She is a regional officer for Phi Theta Kappa, a President's List scholar, a GEICO Creativity Scholarship recipient, a Growth Leader for

the Baptist Student Union, a Holmes Connection! show choir member, and a Holmes concert chorale member.

McCroy organized and contributed to a rock-a-thon to raise money for missions, and is active in her church where she serves as a D-Now (Disciple Now) Leader. She also provides special music for various church services and has provided the music for a revival at a local church. McCrory often babysits for several families in her area.

Terrell Wynne of Pickens is a speech pathology major with a 4.0 GPA. She is an Ambassador, a member of the Leadership Team for the Baptist Student Union, a member of Fellowship

of Christian Athletes and a President's List scholar. As a freshman, Terrell was a part of Street Reach, which is a ministry of small inner city churches in Memphis, Tennessee. She is also a babysitter.

Kayla Dees of Grenada is a physical therapist assistant technology major with a 3.42 GPA. She is a President's List scholar, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a member of the Baptist Student Union,

a Sophomore Class Favorite, and a former financial aid work study student. Dees volunteers with the Grenada Soup Kitchen, and the Grenada Food Pantry, the Grenada Boys' & Girls' Club. She is an active member of Enon Baptist Church, where she is part of the choir and praise band and serves as a missionary both in state and in Honduras and Haiti.

Shelby Ferguson of Winona is a physical therapist assistant technology major with a 3.47 GPA. She is a President's List scholar, a Dean's List scholar, secretary for Phi Theta Kappa,

a leader for Baptist Student Union, and a Sophomore Class Favorite.

Ferguson is a volunteer with the Grenada Soup Kitchen and an active member of North Winona Baptist Church, where she serves as a vacation bible school (VBS) volunteer, a youth activities leader, and a member of the singing team. She is also a missionary in the states and has been on four mission trips to Guatemala and Honduras.

Etta Jennings of Grenada is an elementary education major with a 4.0 GPA. She is a President's List scholar, president of Grenada's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a Phi Theta Kappa All-

Mississippi Academic Team member, and a member of the Baptist Student Union. Jennings also volunteers with the Grenada Soup Kitchen and the Grenada Boys' & Girls' Club and is an active member of First Baptist Church. Her hobbies include fishing, hunting, and gardening.

Upon graduating from Holmes, Jennings plans to attend Delta State University where she will pursue a bachelor's and master's degree before becoming a teacher.

Rehana Sajjad of Grenada is a physical therapist assistant technology major with a 3.64 GPA. She is a President's List scholar, a Dean's List scholar, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa, where

she has served as president and treasurer. Rehana is workstudy student, a volunteer with Grenada Food Pantry and a volunteer with Grenada Downtown Jubilee.

Ryan Wiltshire of Coila is an accounting major with a 3.78 GPA. He is the current Mr. Holmes for the Grenada Campus, a President's List scholar, a member

of Phi Theta Kappa, a member of the 2015 Homecoming Court, vice president of the Student Government Association, an Ambassador, and a workstudy student both for Holmes e-Learning and The University of Mississippi. Wiltshire is also a volunteer with the North Carrollton Soup Kitchen.

Journalism Conference (Continued from Front Page)



Pictured are (left to right) Taylor Vance, Growl Advisor Mary Margaret Turner, Joshua Dilmore, Wontavius Rimpson, and Miranda Burchfield.

presentation entitled "Drones: Flying High," where he discussed the emergence of drones in journalism today. Attendees were again treated to a panel on investigative journalism, featuring editors and reporters from The Clarion-Ledger. Those journalists featured were Sam R. Hall, executive editor; Geoff Pender, political editor; Kate Royals, education reporter; and Mollie Bryant, reporter.

At the conclusion of the conference, Mississippi Press Association Executive Director Layne Bruce gave a few closing remarks before announcing the winners of the Better Newspaper Contest Student Division. Prince presented the awards. Joshua Dilmore, editor of The Growl, placed third in the community college editorial category for

his opinion piece "Starbucks' supposed 'War on Christmas.'"

The O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference would not be possible without the help of the O.C. McDavid Fund, administered by the MPAEF, which has underwritten the cost of the conference "to promote journalism education in the state." O.C. McDavid, for whom the conference is named, was not only former managing editor of the Jackson Daily News but also actively pursued a second career as an artist and sculptor after retiring from journalism, according to the MPAEF. Conference attendees received a copy of McDavid's autobiography, "My Name is O.C."

For more information about the O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference or to contact the MPAEF, call 601-981-3060.

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Ridgeland Holmes Campus holds 30th Annual Awards and Honors Banquet

By Joshua Dilmore
Growl Editor



Pictured are the 2016 Honors and Awards recipients. They are (front row, left to right) Evelyn Spencer, Amina Jatoi, Sara Fitts, Bailey Madigan, Olivia Meeks, Kymbriana Christmas, Hannah Moore, Cassidy Sasser, (second row, left to right) Victoria Deel, Antoinette Walker, Anna Williams, Valencia Moses, Jade Dalton, Dominique Butler, Katelyn Murphy, Major Sheard, Bailey Turbville, Azhia Watkins, Breanna Burns, Jaylon George, Tatiana Kuriger, Jacob Holder, (back row, left to right) Leonard Swilley, Ashlynn Banks, Rakiam Allen, Alexis Gaytan, Joshua King, Joshua Dilmore, Joshua Gibbons, Luke LeBlanc, Karl Korb, Andrew Yaul, Jesse Brown, and Keith Miller.

The Ridgeland Holmes Campus held its 30th Annual Awards and Honors Banquet Tuesday, April 12. The ceremony was held in the D.P. "Pat" McGowan Workforce Training Center. Over 40 students were recognized and presented

awards for their achievements. Presenters included Dr. Don Burnham, vice president of the Holmes Ridgeland Campus, faculty, and instructors of the Ridgeland Campus.

Attendees were welcomed to the ceremony by Amy Whittington, Ridgeland Campus Director of Career and Technical Education. An invocation was given by Dr. Burnham followed by the presentation of honors and awards.

The awards were as follows: Antoinette Walker, Associate Degree Nursing; Luke LeBlanc, Biological Science; Bailey Turbville, Physical Science; Eamonn Cottrell, Engineering; Amina Jatoi, Business Administration and Hall of Fame; Sara Fitts, Business and Office Technology; Andrew Yaul, Computer Information Systems Technology; Anna Williams, Criminal Justice; Kymbriana Christmas, Criminal Justice Administration Technology; Katelyn Murphy, Educational Programs and Hall of Fame; Karl Korb, Emergency Medical Sciences; Rakiam Allen,

Engineering Technology and Hall of Fame; Bailey Madigan, English Composition; Evelyn Spencer, Fine Arts and Hall of Fame; Leonard Swilley, Human Performance and Recreation; Joshua Dilmore, Journalism and Hall of Fame; Azhia Watkins, Literature; Madison Rademacher, Spanish; Valencia Moses, Funeral Service Technology; Jesse Brown, History and Political Science; Major Sheard, Industrial Maintenance Technology; Tatiana Kuriger, Mathematics; Hannah Moore, Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology; Cassidy Sasser, Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology; Jacob Holder, Paralegal Technology; Cameron Johnson Brown, Practical Nursing; Olivia Meeks, Public Speaking; Breanna Burns, Social and Behavioral Science; Victoria Deel, Surgical Technology; Keith Miller, Welding and Cutting Technology; Dominique Butler, Hall of Fame; Alexis Gaytan, Hall of Fame; Jaylon George, Hall of Fame; Christopher Henry, Hall of Fame; Joshua King, Hall of Fame, and Rene Saenz, Hall of Fame.

Afterward a reception was held in the lobby of the McGowan Center.

Holmes inducts six into 2016 Sports Hall of Fame

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are the 2016 Sports Hall of Fame inductees with (center) Holmes President **Dr. Jim Haffey**. They are (left to right) **Don Wynne** ('67) of Lexington, basketball; **Clarence Harmon, Jr.** ('75) of Kosciusko, football, baseball, track; **Angela Bounds-Stevenson** ('06) of Pearl River, Louisiana, basketball; **Michael Ellis** ('95) of Vaiden, baseball and football; **William Farris Jenkins** ('67) of Kilmichael, baseball, and **Shaston Coleman** ('93) of Ackerman, football.

On Thursday, April 21, the Holmes Community College Alumni Association held a banquet to honor the 2016 Sports Hall of Fame inductees at the Frank Branch Coliseum in Goodman.

The six inductees who were recognized Thursday night included: Angela Bounds-Stevenson ('06) of Pearl River, Louisiana, basketball; Shaston Coleman ('93) of Ackerman, football; Michael Ellis ('95) of Vaiden, baseball and football; Clarence Harmon, Jr. ('75) of Kosciusko, football, baseball, track; William Farris Jenkins ('67) of Kilmichael, baseball, and Don Wynne ('67) of Lexington, basketball.

Angela Bounds-Stevenson of Pearl River, Louisiana, was a member of the women's basketball team. She was named Most Valuable Player, Rookie of the Year and received the Offensive Award in 2005, was chosen to the Region 23 All-Region team and All-State team both years as a Bulldog.

Following her 2005-06 season, she was selected to the NJCAA All-American 2nd Team, named Best Offensive Player, and asked to play in the 2006 All-Star game. Bounds-Stevenson was a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, maintained a 3.4 GPA, and was inducted to the Holmes Hall of Fame as a sophomore. She furthered her basketball career at the University of Mobile where she received her bachelor's in human performance and exercise science and her master's from Alabama State University in school counseling.

Shaston Coleman of Ackerman was inducted for his football accomplishments as a Bulldog. A Region 23 All-Region Team member, he was named to the All-State squad in 1993 and selected as Most Improved Player in 1992. Coleman's accomplishments continued at Mississippi State University and the National Football League,

signing with the Chicago Bears. Coleman declared that he, "truly enjoyed every day," at Holmes Community College.

Michael Ellis of Vaiden excelled in both football and baseball for the Bulldogs. He was named to the All State 2nd Team for football, as well as the MS JUCO All-Star game. Ellis continued his football career at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and graduated in 1999 with a degree in civil engineering. The best thing about his Holmes days? Ellis didn't hesitate. "Meeting my wife, Elizabeth Mosby Ellis."

Clarence Harmon, Jr. of Kosciusko impressed fans with his baseball, track and football talents. He was named Most Valuable Player for two of the sports and won the state championship in track during the spring of 1975. Harmon went on to play for the Mississippi State University Bulldogs and

later signed a pro football contract with the National Football League's Washington Redskins.

William Farris Jenkins of Kilmichael is a 1963 graduate who was previously named to the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame for his coaching accomplishments. He was inducted to Holmes' Sports Hall of Fame for his two-year baseball career as a Bulldog. Jenkins furthered his education at Mississippi State University and went on to become a teacher and coach for over 40 years.

Don Wynne of Lexington is a 1967 Holmes Junior College graduate who was a basketball standout for the Bulldogs. Wynne competed as starting five both his freshman and sophomore years, was named to the Dean's Academic List, and to Who's Who in American Junior College. Wynne remained a Bulldog, heading to Mississippi State University where he completed his bachelor's degree in business. He currently runs his own business in Brandon, Sonny's Bar-B-Q.

Prior to the 6 p.m. banquet, inductees enjoyed an informal welcoming reception at the president's home at 3 p.m., where they received framed sports photos from their days as a Bulldog. Afterwards, inductees and their families enjoyed a performance by Connection! show choir and tours of campus until time for the banquet.

The new inductees have not only achieved success on athletic fields, but success in their careers and even more, they have proved to be great ambassadors for Holmes.

For more information about Holmes alumni events and the alumni association, contact Hilliary O'Briant at 662-472-9134 or hobriant@holmescc.edu.

Annual Foundation Golf Classic set for May 11

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured (left to right) are Ridgeland Campus Vice President **Dr. Don Burnham** and Holmes President **Dr. Jim Haffey** presenting Ridgeland Campus inventory specialist **Jackie Watkins** with a plaque for her years of service to Holmes. Jackie will retire this year.



Pictured is **Ryan Hood** accepting the award for his team who won 1st Flight, the Vistar Team.



Pictured are (left to right) The Vital Source Team, which included **Jack Burrell**, **Steve Tiller**, **President of Holmes Dr. Jim Haffey**, and **Grenada Campus Director of Career Tech Larry Webster** after being named the Championship Winners for the 2016 Foundation Golf Classic on May 11.

The Holmes Community College Development Foundation, Inc. Golf Classic was held Wednesday, May 11, at Deerfield Golf Club in Madison. The event included an afternoon of golf followed by a social featuring live music from Stace and Cassie Cook, fresh catfish and heavy hor d'oeuvres. The championship-winning team was the Vital Source Team, followed by

Ridgeland inventory specialist Jackie Watkins, who is retiring this year. President Dr. Jim Haffey and Ridgeland Vice President Dr. Don Burnham presented Watkins with a plaque to thank her for her years of service to Holmes.

the Vistar Team for 1st Flight and the Mississippi Lignite Mining Company Team for 2nd Flight. Barin von Foregger was recognized for having the Longest Drive on #18.

The social also included a recognition of

Grenada Campus conservation law has "Deer Day"

From Staff Reports/Photos

On March 31, Conservation Law students from the Holmes Community College Grenada Campus had an interesting day in class. With help from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks, students were able to see how some of their wall hangers measured up according to the Boone & Crockett scoring system.



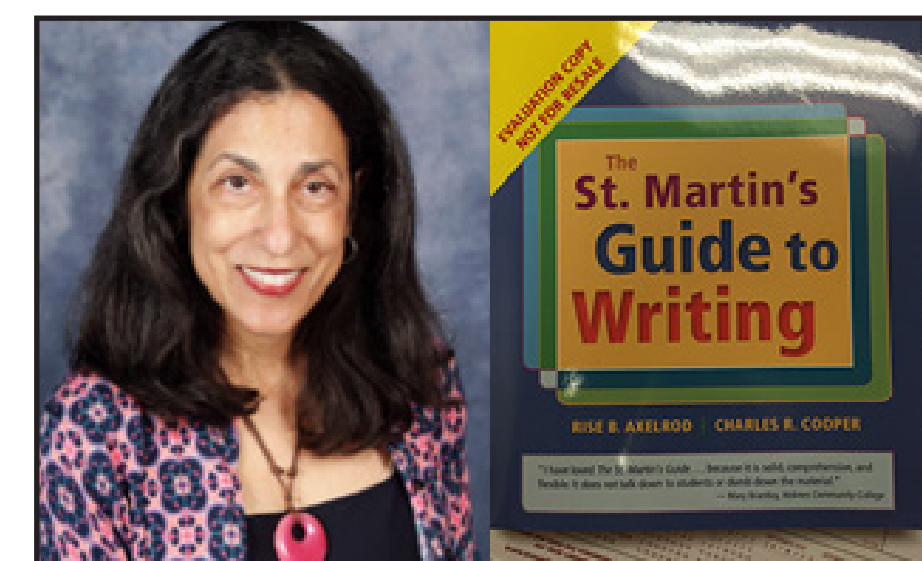
Brantley included in acknowledgements of national textbook

From Staff Reports/Photos

Mary Brantley, an English instructor on the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus, recently served on the advisory board for the national textbook, "The St. Martin's Guide to Writing" (11th edition Annotated), and her reviews were featured in the acknowledgments section. Not only was her name included in the list of acknowledgments (on p. xiii) in the national student edition, her review of the book was featured on the cover of the complimentary copy sent to instructors.

The portion of Brantley's review featured on the textbook cover said, "I have loved The St. Martin's Guide... because it is solid, comprehensive, and flexible. It does not talk down to students or dumb down the material."

The textbook, written by Rise B. Axelrod and Charles R. Cooper, provides step-by-step writing guides to nine different genres, a rhetoric, an assortment of engaging readings, a research manual, and a handbook. It is available both in hardcopy and online, and since the original version was released in 1985, has been the best-sell-



Pictured is Holmes Ridgeland Campus English instructor **Mary Brantley**, who recently served on the advisory board for the national textbook, "The St. Martin's Guide to Writing" (11th edition Annotated), and had her reviews featured in the book.

ing college rhetoric.

Brantley, who recently celebrated 30 years of working for Holmes, has been an English instructor on the Ridgeland Campus since it opened its doors in 1985. She has taught English Composition I and II, Honors Composition, and a variety of literature courses. Brantley previously served as Department Chair for the Department of

English & Foreign Language, but opted to step down from the role in 2015 and redirect all of her attention back to the classroom. She has also served as coordinator of the Honors Program, Project Director for the Mississippi Humanities Council grants, and on various committees for the college. Prior to coming to Holmes, Brantley served as English Department Chair,

an English and French Instructor, and Yearbook Sponsor for Madison-Ridgeland High School. She also formerly worked as a reserve librarian for the Eudora Welty Library in Jackson. Brantley earned her M.A. in English from the University of Mississippi following the completion of her B.A. in English from Millsaps College.

A former HEADWAE Award recipient, she also received the Mississippi Humanities Council Scholars Award in 1996, was recognized as the Community College Outstanding Faculty Honoree in 1994, was chosen as a Lamplighters honoree in 1991, and was a Mississippi Economic Council Star Teacher in 1980. Brantley served as a lecturer with the Mississippi Humanities Speakers Bureau from 1992-1999, as well.

Grenada Campus Vint Center offers newest technology

By Taylor Vance
Growl Reporter



Nursing students utilize the newborn child simulation equipment at the Grenada Center Vint Center.

The Grenada Campus has recently attracted nursing students from other Holmes campuses to the Vint Center to gain further experience with nursing simulators. This is largely due to the Lottie Ruth Vint, R.N., and William A. Vint, M.D. Scholarship, which totals \$1 million. A large portion of the funds have gone to purchase virtual simulations for the Associate Degree of Nursing students to gain valuable insight on how to interact with certain operations and procedures.

The simulations involve a live birth simulation, numerous illness simulations, and a newborn child simulation. Each of the simulations has a monitor that displayed vital signs to instruct the students how to properly monitor the patients. This room is a great addition

to the already-exemplary nursing department at Holmes Community College.

Nursing instructor Gwen Lordeon said, "It has been a pleasure having students from the Ridgeland Campus come [to the Grenada Campus]. We are so thankful for the Vint room and the Vint scholarship.

Several students echoed this response by saying this experience has been critical to their nursing education and how refreshing it was to come to a different campus to experience something vital to their nursing education. As the grandson of a registered nurse, I'm very proud and thankful for the accomplishments of the nursing program at the Grenada Campus.

Legislature honors 2016 All-Mississippi Academic Team honorees

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are (front row, left to right) **Abby Vance**, Grenada Campus, Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic Team, Second Team; **Mallory Corley**, Ridgeland, All-Mississippi Team, Second Team, **Amina Jatoi**, Ridgeland, All-Mississippi Team, Second Team; **Etta Jennings**, Grenada; (second row, left to right) **Blair Booker**, Ridgeland head librarian/Phi Theta Kappa advisor; **Amber Harrison**, Grenada English instructor/advisor; **Cynthia Abel**, administrative assistant to the Grenada Campus academic dean/advisor; **Taylor Adcock**, All-Mississippi Team, First Team, Ridgeland; **Kristin Alexander**, All-Mississippi Team, Second Team, Goodman; Holmes President **Dr. Jim Haffey**; **Chanda Sykes**, Grenada Spanish instructor/advisor, and **Will Alexander**, Goodman engineering technology instructor/advisor.

Holmes students Taylor Adcock of Sallis, Kristin Alexander of Vaughan, Mallory Corley of Pelahatchie, Amina Jatoi of Ridgeland, Etta Jennings of Grenada, and Abby Vance of Grenada were honored at the All-Mississippi Community College Academic Team Recognition Luncheon on March 22.

Held at the Jackson Convention Center, the luncheon recognized those students named to both the All-Mississippi First Team and Second Team. Adcock was named First Team, meaning she received a \$1,000 scholarship provided by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges. The other five honorees were all named Second Team. The program was established by the Mississippi Association for Community and Junior Colleges, the Mississippi Community College Board, and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Nominations are based on outstanding academic performance and service to the college and community.

Adcock, a student on the Goodman Campus, is a graduate of Central Holmes Christian School. She is an Ambassador and a member of Holmes Plus and the Baptist Student Union. She is also the executive officer of college projects for the Kappa Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and was the recipient of the Order of the Golden Key at the Mississippi-Louisiana

Regional Convention. She has been a President's List scholar (with a 4.0 GPA) during her two years as a Holmes student, and received the ACT Scholarship both years, as well. Adcock worked at Longhorn's Restaurant, as a pharmacy technician at Howell & Heggie Drugstore, and as a work-study student for the Chemistry Department. She has also served as a health fair volunteer for the past two years. She was also honored as the 2015-2016 HEADWAE student recipient, and following graduation from Holmes, plans to attend The University of Mississippi and eventually earn a Doctorate of Pharmacy.

Alexander, a student on the Goodman Campus, is a social work/sociology major with a 4.0 GPA. She is vice president of the Kappa Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and a member of Mosaic. Off campus, Alexander enjoys painting, gardening, and cooking. She has two children, Holden and Aimee Katherine, and is a member of Ellison United Methodist Church. She is also a Methodist Youth Fellowship leader, and a member of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee at her church. Upon graduating from Holmes, Alexander plans to earn a master's in counseling from Delta State University and work to develop new therapies for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). She says that she is humbled

and excited to have been chosen for this honor.

Corley, a student on the Ridgeland Campus, is president of the Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. She is also the current Miss Holmes for the Ridgeland Campus, an Ambassador, and was Student Body Maid for Homecoming 2015. She plans to receive a degree in marketing in May 2016 and attend the University of Mississippi in the fall, majoring in Integrated Marketing Communications. After completing her bachelor's, Corley plans to pursue a master's degree and find a job with a large corporation in a big city. She also dreams of one day opening an orphanage for girls who have fallen victim to sex trafficking. Corley volunteers with Hope Hollow, Horses for Handicap and RideAbility. She also currently owns her own business with Arbonne International, a health and wellness company. Corley babysits regularly and helps with the work on her family's farm, feeding and caring for animals. She is also a competitive barrel racer and has won a Champion Buckle in Girls' Bullriding.

Jatoi, a student on the Ridgeland Campus, is originally from Pakistan. In 2001, she moved to Canada and stayed until 2014, obtaining a paralegal diploma from Seneca College there. She is enrolled in the Management Program at Holmes, planning to receive an A.A. degree in management in May of 2016. Jatoi's passion for meeting new people and helping others led her to choose a career that provides her with such opportunities. She hopes to earn a master's in Human Resources and become an outstanding and ethical HR director in a respected and well-known corporate firm. Jatoi loves to travel and speaks four languages. In her spare time, she volunteers at the Magnolia Islamic Center where she performs various tasks including working with children and assisting with Mississippi Blood Services mobile blood drives.

Jennings, a student on the Grenada Campus, is an elementary education major with a 4.0 GPA who serves as president of the Alpha Mu Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. She was recently recognized with the Phi Theta Kappa Order of the Golden Key, she has been on the President's List every semester since 2014, is a Dean's ACT Scholarship recipient, and a member of the Hall of Fame. Jennings is also a member of the Baptist Student Union.

Her hobbies include fishing, hunting, gardening, volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club, volunteering at the Soup Kitchen, singing in the First Baptist Church Choir, and leading a girls' accountability group at church. Upon graduation, she plans to attend Delta State University where she will eventually pursue a master's and become a teacher. As a teacher, she wants to inspire, encourage and give every child the best opportunity for a successful life.

Vance, a student on the Grenada Campus, is an elementary education major. She loves being with children, and showing them the love of Jesus. Vance also loves playing sports and hanging out with her parents; she says she has been self-diagnosed with Only Child Syndrome. Vance was named Student Body Maid for the Grenada Center during Homecoming 2015, and she recently transferred to Delta State University.

The All-Mississippi recipients and their families attended the All-Mississippi Academic Team Recognition Luncheon where they were individually recognized for their academic accomplishments. The luncheon began with a welcome and invocation by President of Coahoma Community College Dr. Valmadge Townner, followed by a welcome on behalf of the Mississippi legislators and introduction of the governor by Master of Ceremonies Sen. Terry Burton. Gov. Phil Bryant gave congratulatory remarks before Sen. Burton returned to the stage to recognize corporate and university sponsors.

President and CEO of Phi Theta Kappa Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner made remarks on behalf of the honor society and Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board Dr. Andrea Mayfield made remarks on behalf of Mississippi Community College Board. Regional Coordinator for the Mississippi-Louisiana Region of Phi Theta Kappa Dr. Ryan Ruckel recognized the All-Mississippi Second Team recipients on stage, and Dr. Mayfield recognized the First Team recipients. After the New Century Scholar recipient was announced, All-Mississippi Steering Committee President Dr. Gary Spears adjourned the ceremony.

For more information about Phi Theta Kappa, visit <https://www.ptk.org/>.

Bulldogs fare well at SkillsUSA 2016

From Staff Reports/Photos

The SkillsUSA chapters from all three Holmes Community College campuses successfully competed in the annual competition hosted by the Mississippi Department of Education at the Jackson Convention Center March 1-2. The first place winners will be traveling to the national competition in Louisville, Kentucky, June 20-24.

Skyla Watkins; second in Collision Repair; Alex McKibben; second in Cosmetology, Mary Senior; second in Aesthetics, Linsay Austin-Marrelli; second in Job Skills Demo Open, Sara Grace Weaver; second in Job Interview, Donald Winter, and second in Prepared Speech, Nicholas Robinson.



Pictured are Ridgeland Campus SkillsUSA competition winners (front, left to right) **Haley Greer**, **Carmen McKey**, **Crystel Sayles**, **Mandi Edwards**, (back, left to right) **Jeny Gore**, **Cameron Brown**, **Barbara Washington**, **Breanna Wilson**, **Lindsey Impastato**, and **Courtney York**.

The Ridgeland Campus awards included: 1st Place in First Aid, Barbara Washington; 1st in Job Interview, Cameron Brown; 1st in Quiz Bowl, Crystel Sayles, Jeny Gore, Courtney York, Carmen McKey and Mandi Edwards; 2nd in Medical Terminology, Breanna Wilson; 3rd in Related Technical Math, Haley Greer, and 3rd in Extemporaneous Speaking, Lindsey Impastato.

Goodman Campus awards included: first place in Nail Care, Denishia Riley; first in Medical Terminology,

Grenada Campus winners included: second Place in HVAC, Kyle Easley; third in HVAC, Jeremy Graves; third in Quiz Bowl, Angela Stowers, Tina Melton, Hope Golliday, Jennifer Henry and Alicyn Shaw; third in Medical Terminology, Stephanie Ferguson, and third in Technical Drafting, Jonathan Bell.



Pictured are Goodman Campus SkillsUSA competition winners (front, left to right) **Mary Senior**, **Denishia Riley**, **Linsay Austin-Marrelli**, (back, left to right) **Alex McKibben**, **Skyla Watkins**, and **Nicholas Robinson**.

Pictured are Goodman Campus SkillsUSA competition winners (left to right) **Sara Grace Weaver** and **Donald Winters**.



Pictured are Grenada Campus SkillsUSA competition winners (front, left to right) **Angela Stowers**, **Tina Melton**, **Hope Golliday**, **Stephanie Ferguson**, (back, left to right) **Jeremy Graves**, **Alicyn Shaw**, **Jonathan Bell**, **Jennifer Henry**, and **Kyle Easley**.

Ridgeland Campus announces 2016 Creative Writing Contest winners

From Staff Reports/Photos

Dr. Andrew Kelly, English instructor, recently announced the winners of the 2016 Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus Literary Contest.

Winners of the Personal Essay category included Karishma Patel of Jackson, first place, "The Faces of Homelessness," and Joshua Gibbons of Flora, second place, "Socialization of Homeschoolers Unveiled."

Joshua Dilmore of Clinton was awarded first and second place winner of the Literary Essay category; first place for "Unnecessary Censorship" and second place for "A Critical Analysis of 'An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge.'"

Winners of the Poetry category included Jade Dalton of Flora, first place, "The Answers to the Hard Questions," and Fredrica Sandifer of Jackson, second place, "Single Mother: The Story of My Life."

Winners of the Short Story category included Hannah Wingard of Jackson, first place, "Debating Freedom," and Jade Dalton, second place, "The Truth Will Not Set You Free"

Finally, first place for the Drama category was awarded to Christina O'Cain of Canton for "5 Years."

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. Contests are held on the Holmes Goodman Campus and at



Pictured are winners of the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus 2016 Literary Contest. They are (front row, left to right) **Jade Dalton** of Flora, **Hannah Wingard** of Jackson, **Christina O'Cain** of



Pictured is **Fredrica Sandifer** of Jackson.

the Grenada Campus, as well. First and second place winners in each category will appear in the campus literary magazine Reflections and are sent to the statewide contest. State-level winners receive monetary prizes and publication in the literary magazine of the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association.

For more information on the Holmes Ridgeland Campus English & Foreign Language Department, contact Depart-

ment Chair Steve Deaton at sdeaton@holmescc.edu or (601) 605-3358.

Grenada Gets Glowey

By Taylor Vance
Growth Reporter



Pictured is (right) Taylor Vance interviewing former Mississippi Gov. William Winter.

Plans are currently underway for the third annual Grenada Afterglow Film Festival. The Board of Advisors and

Planning Committee recently met to discuss plans for what would take place this fall for the upcoming festival. This

year, a new video game tournament and cosplay will be added to the usual line up of films, workshops and art vendors. The festival takes place on the historic downtown square in Grenada that offers many things to people of all backgrounds. Afterglow got its start three years ago when two highly creative and intelligent college students realized there was a vital need for artists to come together in Grenada.

When asked about the plans for this year, Directors Katrina and Isabella Kinder stated, "We're very excited for the third year of Afterglow; we're adding [many events] to our usual line up. We're also partnering with individuals from around the state who will strengthen our arts to make this our best festival yet."

Many citizens were apprehensive about the festival thinking it wouldn't attract much attention and asked why

this festival would take place in Grenada. The Kinder sisters and I challenge that question by saying, "Why not in Grenada?" In a town where there is a community college full of younger students where economic development has been sluggish for the past few years, this festival is just what Grenada needs. It represents everything that Mississippi and Grenada is about. In a state where we have one of the most unique and creative cultures, this festival should take place in Grenada. I encourage all of Holmes Community College faculty, staff, and students to attend this festival that will definitely leave you feeling "Glowey."

Dozier named President of the Metro Legal Professionals Association

From Staff Reports/Photos



Darleen Dozier

Darleen Dozier, Holmes Community College Paralegal Technology program coordinator/instructor on the Ridgeland Campus, was sworn in as President of the Metro Legal Professionals Association on April 26.

Dozier is the faculty advisor for the Holmes Association of Legal Students (HALS), and for six years in a row, has had Paralegal Technology students of hers honored by the Mississippi Paralegal Association (MPA) for placing in the Student Essay Contest. HALS members are involved in professional and community service activities on a national, state, and local level.

Before coming to Holmes in 2006, Dozier taught in the paralegal program at Hinds Community College for 15 years. She was simultaneously employed by Brunini Law Firm for 20

years, working in the area of oil and gas law, litigation, and collections. Dozier has served on the boards and committees for national and statewide paralegal organizations, and she currently speaks on various topics for the National Association of Legal Assistants. She received the 2007 Mississippi Paralegal Association Pro Bono Award in recognition of her volunteer work and community involvement.

Dozier earned a bachelor's degree in Paralegal Studies from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1988, the designation as a Certified Paralegal (CP) through NALA in 1990, and Advanced Certified Paralegal (ACP) from NALA in 2013. She received a M.S.S. degree from Mississippi College in 1998.

For more information about the Holmes Paralegal Technology program,

contact Dozier at ddozier@holmescc.edu or (601) 605-5279.

Mother and son to graduate together from Holmes

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are (left to right) Joshua Dilmore and his mother, Lynn Dilmore.

On May 13, Clinton natives Lynn Dilmore and her son, Joshua, will walk across the stage and graduate together from Holmes Community College. Lynn returned to school, at first hes-

itant, after 27 years. Her children - Joshua, Caleb and Jessica - encouraged her to return to college, although she was not sure if this was the right time due to her job and family obligations. Despite her reservations, Lynn decided she was going to fulfill her dream of earning a college degree and enrolled at Holmes in the fall of 2011. She started out small, enrolling in a few night courses, which she would attend after working full-time as a teacher's aide. After five years of hard work and determination, she will graduate with an Associate of Applied Science degree as a Paralegal Technology major.

"Holmes was the best choice I could have made to pursue my education," Lynn said. "Both the flexibility of class-

es with my work schedule and the great instructors made earning my degree possible."

Joshua entered Holmes as a traditional student right out of high school, and will leave his legacy as a Holmes Hall of Fame inductee. In addition to being voted into the Hall of Fame, he was also editor-in-chief of the Growl student newspaper, president of iCreate: Creative Arts Club, a tutor for the Writing Center, a President's List scholar, and a first- and second-place winner in the Creative Writing Contest, to name a few of his accomplishments. Joshua will graduate with his Associate of Applied Arts degree as an English major.

Both mother and son plan to attend Mississippi College this fall; Lynn to pursue a bachelor's degree in business as she continues her current work in insurance, and Joshua to pursue his bachelor's degree in English. Joshua also plans to continue his education after Mississippi College, and would like to ultimately earn his PhD in education from Delta State University.

"Nothing more can be said about

Holmes, other than I have cherished my time there," Joshua said. "The instructors at Holmes make you feel like part of one big family, a community that extends beyond the classroom walls. I only wish that Holmes was a university so that I could spend another two years there."

Joshua also mentioned that he would love to return to Holmes one day and teach as an English instructor. He says that Holmes has been such a blessing to him, and he would like to pay it forward to future students.

Both Dilmores are excited about the commencement ceremony on May 13, which will be held in Frank Branch Coliseum on the Holmes Goodman Campus. Joshua will graduate first, in the 10 a.m. ceremony for Associate of Arts degrees, and his mother Lynn will graduate at 2 p.m., during the ceremony for Associate of Applied Science degrees and Career-Technical Certificates.

McKey places second in the state at Practical Nursing Convention

From Staff Reports/Photos



Carmen McKey

Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus practical nursing student Carmen McKey of Florence placed second in the state at the Mississippi LPN Association Convention held April 13-15 in Biloxi. Held at the IP Casino and Spa, the convention, titled "Exploring the Thrilling Profession of LPNs in Mississippi" was attended by students, instructors and other LPNs from various health care settings across the state.

Specifically, McKey competed in a simulated NCLEX Prep Test and had the second highest score overall. She was awarded \$150 for placing. This was not McKey's first time to place in a competition this year; in March, she was a member of the first-place Quiz

Bowl team at the 2016 SkillsUSA competition.

"Carmen should be very proud of her achievement," said Heather Roberts, Holmes practical nursing instructor. "She competed against her peers throughout the state. The NCLEX is the licensing test used for all nurses in the state, and her score speaks highly of her dedication, understanding, and preparation for her future. She has been diligent throughout the program, and I think she will make an excellent addition to the field of nursing."

Founded in 1970, the Mississippi LPN Association, Incorporated (MLPNA) is the professional organization for the 13,000 LPNs in Mississippi. MLPNA is a constituent of the Nation-

al Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses, Incorporated (NFLPN). The organization's mission is to nurture growth of the LPN profession to aid in enhancing Mississippi's healthcare.

For more information about MLPNA, visit <http://mslpn.org/>.

For more information about the Holmes Ridgeland Campus Practical Nursing Program, contact Lakesia Sutton at lsutton@holmescc.edu or (601) 605-3321.

Holmes Hosts Creative Writing Conference

By Miranda Burchfield
Growth Reporter

On Friday, April 15, creative writers from community colleges across the state converged for the annual Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association conference. This year's conference was hosted by the Goodman English Department of Holmes Community College and was held on the Ridgeland Campus.

The winning works of the community college creative writing competitions were eligible for the state contest. Presentations were given by the judges of each state contest category and awards were presented to the winners. Literary Essays were judged by Dr. David Miller from Mississippi College. Drama was judged by Francine Reynolds who is the Artistic Di-

rector at Jackson's New Stage Theater. Creative Nonfiction and Journal categories were judged by Donna Ladd, Editor at The Jackson Free Press. Fiction was judged by Michael Farris Smith, Associate Professor at MUW, and award winning novelist and short story author. Poetry was judged by Robin Behn who is the Director of the Creative Writing MFA program at the University of Alabama.

Holmes' Literary Journal Reflections was awarded third place and many Holmes students were recognized at the event. Kristin Alexander, from the Goodman Campus, placed first with her Literary Essay "The Church's Response to the Orphan Crisis in Victorian England." Goodman Campus student Miranda Burchfield placed

second in the poetry category with her sestina titled "Flowers Shaped Like Stars." Gabrielle Saffold, also of Goodman, was awarded Honorable Mention in the Fiction category for her short story "Victim of False Love."

Grenada Campus student Danielle Deaton won first place in the Fiction category with her work titled "Jackson." Joelle Young, of the Grenada Campus, received Honorable Mention in the Poetry category for "Autumn Leaves." Jacob Pharr, also of the Grenada campus, was awarded Honorable Mention for his Drama "Palm Sunday Report."

Ridgeland Campus student Christina O'Cain, was awarded second place in the Drama category for "Five Years." Joshua Dilmore, also of the Ridgeland Campus, received Honorable Mention for his Literary Essay "Unnecessary Censorship."

The event was

members are creative writers themselves. The conference was, overall, an enjoyable and educational experience for the attendees.



(right) Robin Behn, poetry author, professor of English, and Director of the MFA Program in Creative Writing at The University of Alabama, presents the Second Place Poetry Award to (left) Miranda Burchfield from the Holmes Goodman Campus



(right) Michael Farris Smith, author of award-winning short stories and novels, presents an Honorable Mention Short Story Award to Gabrielle Saffold from the Holmes Goodman Campus.



(right) Michael Farris Smith, author of award-winning short stories and novels, presents an Honorable Mention Short Story Award to Danielle Deaton from the Holmes Grenada Campus.



(right) Robin Behn, poetry author, professor of English, and Director of the MFA Program in Creative Writing at The University of Alabama, presents the Second Place Poetry Award to (left) Joelle Young from the Holmes Grenada Campus.



(right) Dr. David Miller, associate professor of English and Chair of the Honors Council at Mississippi College, presents the award for First Place in Literary Essay to (left) Kristin Alexander from the Holmes Goodman Campus.

Linemen Class of 2016 showcase skills on Field Day

From Staff Reports/Photos

On March 22 the 2016 Holmes Community College Linemen class showcased their skills for an audience of potential employers, prospective students, family and friends. This class of hardworking men will graduate on April 20 and head out into the workforce.



Grenada Campus holds Annual Honors Banquet

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Grenada Campus of Holmes Community College held their Honor's Day on April 12 in the Corey Forum. Awards were given out to students in each department at the Grenada Campus.



Pictured are Calhoun County recipients (left to right) Gabriella Bearden-Thompson, Eloise Virges, Kyle Easley, Chelsea Vance and Felicia Edwards.

Pictured are Grenada County recipients (front row, left to right) Rehana Sajjad, Taylor Vance, Kayla Dees, Kayla Watts and Laura Adkins; and (back row, left to right) Frank James, Steve Shinall, Cedric Monger, Casey Galvan, Jeremy Graves and Mason Gettys.



Pictured is Jasper County recipient Colton Toler.

Pictured are Carroll County recipients (left to right) Joanna Chamblee and Joseph Ryan Wiltshire.

Pictured are Montgomery County recipients (left to right) Shelby Ferguson, Peyton Acy, and Haley Rubio.



Pictured is Attala County recipient Stephanie Ferguson.

Pictured is Webster County recipient Joel Naron

Pictured are Tallahatchie County recipients (left to right) Santanna Potts, William Cody Rogers, and Tammy Orrell.

Pictured is Yalobusha County recipient Kristi Ingram.

Awards included: Associate Degree Nursing (Day), Kristi Ingram; Associate Degree Nursing (Evening) Joanna Chamblee; Business Administration, Chelsea Vance; Computer Science, William Cody Rogers; Criminal Justice, Santanna Potts; Educational Programs, Tammy Orrell; English, Taylor Vance; Fine Arts, Kayla Watts; Mathematics, Haley Rubio; Science, Steve Shinall; Health and Physical Education, Gabriella Bearden-Thompson; Social Science, Laura Adkins; History, Peyton Acy; Spanish, Casey Galvan and Laura Adkins; Speech and Theatre, Haley Rubio; Business and Office, Felicia Edwards and Brandy Harlos; EMS-Paramedic, Joey Leech; Engineering Technology, Jonathon Bell; Forestry, Joel Naron; Conservation Law, Colton Toler; Heating, Ventilation, AC and Refrigeration, Kyle Easley and Jeremy Graves; Information Systems, Cedric Monger; Maintenance Technology, Fred Jackson; Precision Machining, Frank James; Surgical Technology, Stephanie Ferguson; Welding, Mason Gettys; Outstanding Online Students, Eloise Virges and Angela Ballard; and Hall of Fame, Kayla Dees, Shelby Ferguson, Etta Katherine Jennings, Rehana Sajjad and Joseph Ryan Wiltshire.

Earnhart returns to her alma mater as staff

From Staff Reports/Photos



Shay Earnhart

Holmes Community College recently welcomed a new hire who is also a former Bulldogs. Shay Earnhart has joined the Holmes family as front desk receptionist on the Ridgeland Campus. Earnhart, an '84 Holmes alumna, is originally from Lexington. While at Holmes, she was in the cosmetology program under Linda Hutchinson and lived on campus. Earnhart said that she loved her experience there, and worked as a cosmetologist until the birth of her first child in 1993. She and her husband, Tray, pastor of Damascus Baptist Church in Flora and principal, teacher and coach at Canton Academy, now reside in Madison. The Earnharts have four children: Will, 22; Tori, 21; Nathan, 16, and Jonathan, 14.

"Church has always been a focal point in my life, so I've always been very involved with activities there," Earnhart said. "I have always loved to sing and am currently leading our choir at church. Other passions of mine include basketball, which I played in high school and assisted in coaching when I lived in Kentucky, and teaching, as I formerly taught pre-K through middle school art."

Earnhart has lived all around the United States, but said she is happy to finally be back where she belongs.

[When asked about returning to work at her alma mater] "I feel I have truly come home," Earnhart said. "I lived in Mississippi all my life and rarely left until I married Tray in 1987

and we moved to Dallas, Texas, for him to go to Criswell Bible College. From there, we moved to Wyoming, Missouri, Tennessee and Kentucky. We moved home August 2011 and it is the best feeling imaginable! Now, to be working at Holmes where I am continually coming in contact with familiar faces, friends, and even childhood acquaintances, I truly feel at home. I have come full circle, and feel very blessed."

Hill appointed to State Boards of MMEA & ACDA

From Staff Reports/Photos



Joel Hill

Joel C. Hill, Holmes Community College director of choral and vocal music on the Goodman Campus, was

recently named a Joint Board Member and Conference Registrar for the State Chapters of both the (MMEA) Mississippi Music Educators Association and (ACDA) American Choral Directors Association.

Now finishing his ninth year at Holmes, Hill directs the Holmes Concert Chorale and the Coachmen, the school's contemporary a cappella ensemble. He teaches private voice for music education majors, as well as other music education courses, including Music Theory Aural Skills Training Lab and Music Appreciation. The Coachmen recently returned from an April 23 performance at the National A Cappella Convention of the (AEA) A Cappella Education Association in Memphis, Tennessee, for which they were selected as one of seven main-stage showcase performing groups from over 100 blind-audition submissions from across the country.

Before coming to Holmes in 2007, Hill taught choral music for five years at the high school and junior high levels for the Kosciusko School District and at Forest High School. He also directed musical theatre, taught General Music, and served as Fine Arts Chair. Hill has worked since 1996 as Minister of Music at Central Baptist Church in his hometown of Grenada.

Hill is a 1999 graduate of Holmes and holds the Associate of Arts degree in Secondary Vocal Music Education. He earned his Bachelor of Music degree in vocal music education from The University of Mississippi in 2002 and the Master of Music degree in choral conducting from Mississippi College in 2006.

In addition to his work with ACDA, MMEA, and AEA, Hill also is an active member of (NAFME) National

Association for Music Educators, (NATS) National Association for Teachers of Singing, (CASA) Contemporary A Cappella Society of America, and (MPE) Mississippi Professional Educators. He has served as President (2012-2014) and Secretary (2014-Present) of the (MACJCCDA) Mississippi Community College and Junior College Choral Directors Association. In 2004, Hill received the Colleen Kirk Memorial Award, given to one outstanding young music educator from the 11-state Southern Division of the American Choral Directors Association.

Hill currently resides in Madison with his wife, Lori, and their three children. He enjoys volunteering his time as recreational soccer coach for the Mississippi Futbol Club and as a D1 team manager for Mississippi Rush Soccer.

Holmes brings home honors from NerdNation 2016

By Taylor Vance
Growl Reporter



Pictured are (left to right) Dr. Don Burnham and Ashlynn Banks. Dr. Burnham received the Distinguished College Administrator Award and Banks was elected Division II Vice President. This is one of the highest accomplishments in Phi Theta Kappa

[The elite journalists may have Nerd Prom, but Phi Theta Kappa members have NerdNation. From April 6-9, Phi Theta Kappa officers and members from each chapter of Holmes Community College attended the 2016 Phi

Theta Kappa International Convention in Washington, D.C. This event allowed members to hear from notable speakers such as Dr. Jill Biden and a British Lord and network with other PTK from around the country.

Of course, Phi Theta Kappa members got to tour around D.C. as well and see famous monuments, Arlington National Cemetery, and the White House.

Phi Theta Kappa members really enjoyed themselves at the Awards Gala and other award ceremonies, where Holmes was well represented. Ridgeland Campus Vice President Dr. Don Burnham was the first recipient of an award, which was the Distinguished College Administrator Award. This recipient of this award is nominated by their local chapter and have demonstrated a strong level of support for Phi Theta Kappa.

When asked about his honor, Burnham said, "It is a tremendous honor for anyone to receive the Distinguished College Administrator Award, and I was surprised upon learning that our chapter advisors had nominated me for the award. It is a privilege for me to serve on a campus with a [Phi Theta Kappa] chapter and to have advisors who dedicated their time and talents to challenge and encourage our students to take leadership roles."

Next, Nicole Moffett of the Good-

man Campus won the Distinguished Chapter Member Award for her efforts this year as an exemplary member. This was the first time in the history of the Kappa Alpha chapter that this honor was bestowed upon a member.

She was nominated by her advisors and officer members, then selected as one of thirty other people for the award by an international judge.

"Being a Distinguished Chapter Member is not only rewarding but also a blessing. To me, it is a milestone that I can look back on and remember that I can do anything that I setadvisors, and Moffett was awarded the Distinguished my mind to and keep Chapter Member Award for her efforts this year as an exemplary member.

The Goodman Campus received the most awards of the night, which were the following: Top 100 Chapter, Beta Alpha Continued Excellence Award, and the Distinguished Honors in Action Award.

Nick Robertson, Phi Theta Kappa-President of the Goodman Campus,

said, "It all comes down to teamwork. This was an effort of behalf of all of the PTK members, and we're glad we'll have something to share and celebrate with them when we get back to Goodman.



Pictured are (left to right) Will Alexander, Nicole Moffett, and Jason Kelly. Alexander and Kelly are Phi Theta Kappa do anything that I setadvisors, and Moffett was awarded the Distinguished my mind to and keep Chapter Member Award for her efforts this year as an exemplary member.

The big winner, however, was Ashlynn Banks of the Ridgeland Campus who was elected Division II Vice President. This is one of the highest accomplishments in Phi Theta Kappa and we all know she will represent Holmes Community College very well.

Jones selected as Moody Institute Fellow

From Staff Reports/Photos



David Jones

David R. Jones, Funeral Service Technology instructor at Holmes Community College in Ridgeland, has been selected as a 2016 Moody Institute Fellow.

The Moody Institute Trust Fund (MITF) was established in 1990 in honor of Dr. George V. Moody, the first Executive Director of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC). The purpose of the Institute is to provide funds for enrichment experiences for faculty members employed in Mississippi's public community and junior colleges.

The MITF Board evaluated a number of outstanding applications and selected Jones as one of the successful proposals. He will be recognized at the Mississippi Community College Foundation Board meeting on Tuesday, April 26, and presented a monetary award. Jones will use the award to attend Fountain National Academy's

Embalming Skills Seminar in Springfield, Missouri, May 14-17. The four-day seminar led by Vernie R. Fountain and Glyn Tallon will teach specialized embalming techniques useful for difficult cases.

Jones has been an instructor at Holmes since 2013 and a licensed funeral service professional since 1993. He currently serves as a funeral director and embalmer for Lakewood Memorial Funeral Homes and Cemeteries in Jackson. Prior to working in Jackson, Jones worked as the general manager for Lathan Funeral Homes and Magnolia Lawn Cemetery in Jackson, Alabama. He has also served as co-owner of Gulf Engravers and Mortuary Transport in Moss Point and worked for Pine Crest Funeral Home in Mobile, Alabama; Riemann Funeral Homes in Gulfport; James F. Webb Funeral Home in Meridian, and Phillips Funeral Home in Gilberttown,

Alabama.

Jones is national board certified and licensed in Mississippi (1993) and Alabama (1997). He earned his A.A. in funeral service education from East Mississippi Community College, his bachelor's in technology and his master's in continuing education with an emphasis in counseling/psychology from the University of West Alabama. At Holmes, Jones teaches Embalming I, Embalming II, Clinical Embalming I, Clinical Embalming II, Funeral Directing, Funeral Merchandising and Management, Psychosocial Aspects of Funeral Service, Comprehensive Review, and Mortuary Anatomy I.

For more information about Holmes Community College's Funeral Service Technology program, contact program director Dr. Thomas Garrett at tgarrett@holmescc.edu or 601-605-3327.

Goodman Campus holds 38th Annual Honors Banquet

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The Holmes Goodman Campus held the 38th Annual Awards and Honors Banquet in Frank Branch Coliseum on April 25. Awards were given out to students in each department at the Goodman Campus.

Awards included: Curtis Washington, Architectural Engineering Award; Wesley Davis, Automotive Technology Award; Chloe Clark, Bill Watkins Visual Art Award; Gerrica Adams, Biological Science Award; David Owen Tyler, Business Administration Award; Jessica Wright, Business and Office Technology Award; Alex McKibben, Collision Repair Technology Award; Erika Stewart-Latiker, Cosmetology Award; Miranda Burchfield, Writing

Award and Grow! Award; Brittany Dance, Elementary Education Award; Tyler Hines, Engineering Award; Addie Winters, English Composition Award; Reagan Walker, Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Department Award; Anthony Murphy, Heating and Air Conditioning Technology Award; Timothy Merchant, Industrial Technology Award; Kristin Alexander, Literature Award, Social and Behavioral Science Award, and Phi Theta Kappa Second Team All-Mississippi Academic Team Award; Charlotte McBride, Michael Klauk Award and Holmes Plus Award; Will Sekul, Music Major Award; Taylor Adcock, Physical Science Award, Wesley David Rule Mathematics Award, Holmes

Plus Award, Phi Theta Kappa First Team All-Mississippi Academic Team Award, and Phi Theta Kappa Order of the Golden Key Award; Blake Holly, Practical Nursing Award; Darnell Campbell, W.Y. Sudduth History and Political Science Award; Donald Winters, Jr., Welding Award and Deans and Directors Award; Madison Allyn Marshall, Ambassador Award; Jason Howard, Band Award; Tamara Sly, Christine Herron Achievement Award; Deanna Jones, Choral Music (Choir) Award; Jason Howard, Choral Music (Connection!) Award; William Dean, Delta Psi Omega Award; Kayla Neal, Dazzler Award; Wontavius Rimpson, Horizons Award; Tyler Hines, Holmes Plus Award; D'Angelo Richardson,

Marilyn Burrell Memorial Award; Erica Rockett, Percussion Groups Award; Brittany Nicole Moffett, Phi Theta Kappa Outstanding Member Award; Michael Edmonds, Student Government Association Award; Jessica Brown, Sally Wilson Distinguished Educator Award for instructors, and Serria Barron, Deans and Directors Award.

Additionally, Taylor Adcock, Kristin Alexander, Cheyenne Bennett, Charlotte McBride, Anna McCrory, and Terrell Wynne were presented plaques for being inducted into the 2016 Hall of Fame.



Pictured are Holmes County award recipients (left to right) Wontavius Rimpson, Gerrica Adams, Tamara Sly, Terrell Wynne, Madison Allyn Marshall, Donald Winters, Jr., and Alex McKibben.



Pictured are Attala County award recipients (left to right) Taylor Adcock, Miranda Burchfield, Serria Barron, Erica Rockett, Darnell Campbell, Chloe Clark, Addie Winters, Jason Howard, Anna McCrory, Jessica Wright, Timothy Merchant, Charlotte McBride, and Nicole Moffett.



Pictured are Carroll County award recipients (left to right) Wesley Davis, Brittany Dance, Blake Holly, and Anthony Murphy.



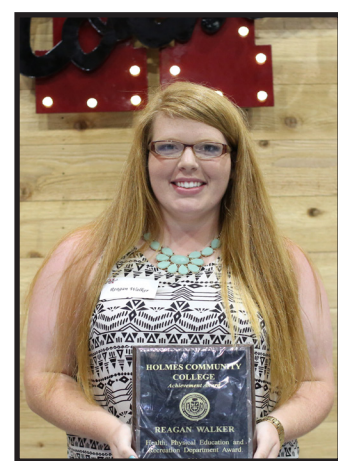
Pictured is Scott County recipient Tyler Hines.



Pictured is Hinds County award recipient Kayla Neal.



Pictured are Yazoo County award recipients Michael Edmonds and Kristin Alexander.



Pictured is Bolivar County award recipient Reagan Walker.



Pictured is Warren County award recipient D'Angelo Richardson.



Pictured is English instructor and award recipient Jessica Brown.



Pictured are Rankin County recipients Deanna Jones, Will Sekul, and Cheyenne Bennett.



Pictured are Madison County award recipients Curtis Washington, Erika Stewart-Latiker and William Dean.

Coachmen perform at National A Cappella Convention

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are the 2015-2016 Coachmen singers.

Holmes Community College's premier contemporary a cappella pop ensemble, the Coachmen, was recently selected by blind audition to perform at the 2nd annual National A Cappella Convention 2016 in Memphis, Tennessee, sponsored by the (AEA) A Cappella Education Association. Over 100 a cappella vocal groups from across the country presented video submissions in November 2015 of their performances from the past two school years. The Coachmen was selected as one of seven groups nationwide to perform on the main auditorium stage for the NACC on April 23. Uniquely, the Coachmen are the first and only Mississippi group ever selected to perform at NACC, as well as the first and only community college or two-year college ensemble.

Throughout the Convention, the Coachmen received numerous other benefits. Following their performance, the group was coached in a one-hour Private Masterclass session with one of the leaders in the field of contempo-

rary a cappella, Dr. Erin Hackel, professor at the University of Colorado at Denver, whose groups also performed at the Convention. The Coachmen attended a Performers' Dinner where they interacted with their "Aca-Peers" from across the country. Each student also had "All-Access" badges to attend interest sessions for topics pertaining to contemporary a cappella music including digital recording equipment and techniques; arranging and composing a cappella music; teaching and rehearsal methodology for a cappella groups; vocal solo masterclasses; and much more.

On Friday evening, the NACC National High School Championships took place, as high school singers from across the country battle for the national title. The NACC culminated on Saturday evening with a performance by the marquis, Grammy award-winning, British world-renowned Swingle Singers.

One particularly valuable offering was a question and answer session

with headliner clinician Ben Bram, the Grammy award-winning vocal arranging collaborator, producer, engineer, and co-creator for the national a cappella sensation Pentatonix. Bram is also one of the vocal arrangers for NBC's hit TV reality show, "The SingOff" and has worked extensively behind the scenes with the smash movies "Pitch Perfect," "Pitch Perfect 2," and the TV series "Glee." Especially excited to meet Bram was sophomore music education major

Jason Howard of West, who has arranged a cappella pieces and "mash-ups" for the Coachmen during his time at Holmes, one of which the Coachmen performed at "#NACC16."

"One of the highlights of this awesome opportunity," Howard said, "was the chance to meet and 'pick the brain' of Ben Bram. He is a mastermind legend of a cappella. I learned so much from him. Having him hear one of my arrangements and give me live personal feedback was simply amazing!"

Coachmen also performed a cover of the Cam song "Burning House," arranged by Coachmen alumnus Richard Culppepper, who is finishing his Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance at Ole Miss and will serve next year as a graduate assistant for Ole Miss Choirs.

Director of Coachmen Joel Hill was extremely honored by the invitation to perform at NACC. "I could not feel more honored to know that our students will represent Holmes Community College, our choral program, our communities, and our state at such a prestigious event," Hill remarked.

"It is so difficult for two-year colleges to 'break the glass ceiling' at national professional conventions such as NACC, and I am ecstatic to know that our students are the first group to achieve this particular honor, as well as the opportunity to learn, grow, and promote the field of contemporary a cappella choral music. What an incredible milestone this will be in the lives of these talented young people, especially our aspiring music education and performance majors in Coachmen."

Sophomore Kosciusko student Sara McCafferty expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to sing with her Coachmen "family" at NACC. "This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that we will never forget. We are all so close—much like a Coachmen 'family.' Without God, our group's hard work and dedication, and Mr. Hill's leadership, we wouldn't have had the chance to perform in an event of this caliber. Thank you to our Holmes administrators for allowing us to take the Coachmen to the next level."

The Coachmen's main-stage performance on April 23 was held at Briarcrest Christian School in Memphis, Tennessee.

For more information about the National A Cappella Convention, visit www.acappellaconvention.com.

More information about The Coachmen can be found on their group website, www.holmescoachmen.com. Follow Holmes Choirs on Facebook, as well as on Twitter: @holmeschoirs and @holmescoachmen.

Holme-Towne Players present Doubled in Diamonds

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holme-Towne Players presented "Doubled in Diamonds April 5-8. The play was performed in the Montgomery Fine Arts Auditorium with Jim Schroeder as the director and set designer. Chloe Clark was stage manager, set dresser and painter, Deanna Rinker was the floor crew, Wilson Purser was in charge of the sound, Stegan Smith was in charge of the lights and Tudy Hardy was in charge of the props. Cast members included: Greyson Dye, Kay-

te Belieu, Olivia Carter, Drew Nunley, Brittany Farrell, Lizzy McLemore, Courvoisier Jackson, Tara Fortenberry, James Ambrose and Will Dean.

This was the Holme-Towne Players drama club's last performance for the 2015-2016 academic year. Anyone interested in being a part of the Holme-Towne Players for the 2016-2017 academic year can contact Mr. Schroeder at jschroeder@holmescc.edu.

Pictured (left) are the Holme-Towne Players who made up the cast of "Doubled in Diamonds."

Four Holmes employees graduate from Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are (left to right) Stephanie Diffey and Dr. Jim Haffey.



Pictured are (left to right) Bronwyn Martin and Dr. Jim Haffey.



Pictured are (left to right) Kay Kelly and Dr. Jim Haffey.

Holmes Community College had four participants in the 2015-16 Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy. Graduation was held on Thursday night in the Hunter Henry Center at Mississippi State University. Stephanie Diffey of the Goodman Campus and Kay Kelly and Bronwyn Martin of the Ridgeland Campus were on hand to receive their medals and certificates of completion. Slade Redwine of the Grenada Campus also completed the program but was unable to make the graduation. MSU President Mark Keenum addressed the graduates.

Adcock to receive prestigious Lyceum Scholarship

From Staff Reports/Photos



Taylor Adcock

students with at least a 3.0 GPA and 48 transferable community college credit hours and an exemplary record of leadership and service. Adcock, the daughter of Jeremy and Beth Adcock of Sallis, came to Holmes as a physical science major with a pre-pharmacy emphasis. "I have had my heart set on

of home here at Holmes. All of the instructors have been encouraging and helped me pursue all of my academic success and aspirations."

"The Holmes Plus program has given me the opportunity to learn about areas of medicine and engineering and how important the two work together," she said. "The Holmes Plus advisors mean a great deal to me, and I know that I would not be where I am today without them."

Knowing what the scholarship means to her, Adcock stressed the importance of being involved on your campus. "You get out of Holmes what you put in it," Adcock said. "If you go to class and go home you are not going to get the same experiences if you get involved. I believe if you put energy into your college education, you'll get a lot out of it."

To go along with her 4.0 GPA, Adcock has been a member of the Holmes Community College Holmes Plus program for Engineering and Science Majors for the last two years, has been a member of the Ambassador Recruiting Team, and has been a Phi Theta Kappa executive officer. She is also a member of the Holmes Community College Baptist Student Union and has

been a work-study for the Chemistry Department on the Goodman Campus.

In addition to the Lyceum Scholarship, Adcock won the HEADWAE award, was an All-Mississippi Academic First Team member, was elected to the Hall of Fall at Holmes Community College, and received the Order of the Golden Key, the Wesley David Rule Mathematics Award, Physical Science Award, and Holmes Plus Award. She will also receive the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship, the Community College Academic Excellence Scholarship, and a scholarship given for the Chancellor's Leadership Class in which 25 are given to community college students.

The Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship is awarded to transfer students with a 3.5 GPA on at least 48 transferable community college credit hours and membership in Phi Theta Kappa. The Community College Academic Excellence Scholarship is awarded to Community College students with a 3.0 overall transfer GPA and 48 transferable community college credit hours. Students must be enrolled full-time to receive this award. The three scholarships combined will mean an additional \$10,000 in scholarship

Being a good student who was involved in extracurricular activities has paid off for Holmes Community College sophomore Taylor Adcock; it was announced today she was one of 10 community college students from Mississippi who will be awarded the University of Mississippi's highest scholarship for transfer students, the Lyceum Scholarship.

Adcock will receive full resident tuition for two years for this scholarship which totals \$6,660 per year. The Lyceum Scholarship is for transfer

pharmacy since my senior year," says Adcock. "I knew that Holmes had a strong math and science department that would prepare me for my education at Ole Miss. The instructors (and Rae Anne Haffey) here encouraged me to begin working at a local pharmacy to give me experience."

The Central Holmes Christian School graduate has always had her heart set on Holmes Community College. "Holmes has been really good," she said. "I have loved the feeling

Holmes holds 3rd Annual 5K in May

From Staff Reports/Photos

On May 6, Holmes Community College held its 3rd Annual 5K in May on the Goodman Campus. Faculty and staff from all three campuses, along with some of their families, joined together to walk and run, celebrating the healthy accomplishments made by the Holmes family this year.



Pictured are (left to right) Jimmy Hall, Matt Surrell, Rachel Deer, and Jamilah Andrews. Hall won first place in running division for the Grenada Campus, Surrell first place runner for Goodman, Deer first place runner for Ridgeland, and Andrews won first place in the walking division.



Anna Mack O'Briant (pictured with her mom Hiliary O'Briant) won the prize for being the youngest participant.



By Wontavius Rimpson
Growl Reporter

In March, the Holmes Goodman Campus held a 90th Birthday Party for Bully, complete with a cookout, cupcakes, and a photo boot!



Mud Dash in Goodman

By Wontavius Rimpson
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On Tuesday, April 26, the Holmes Goodman Campus held its 2016 Mud Dash. Sponsored by the Goodman Campus Student Government Association, the obstacle course race was open to faculty, staff and students from all campuses.



By Wontavius Rimpson
Growl Reporter

On April 5, the Holmes Goodman Campus held its 2016 Spring Fling, complete with crawfish, volleyball, jumpies, music, raffles, and prizes.



From Staff Reports/Photos

On Wednesday, April 13, the Holmes Community College Grenada Campus held its 2016 Spring Fling, complete with a mechanical bull, crawfish, burgers, volleyball, karaoke, raffles, and prizes.



From Staff Reports/Photos

On Wednesday, April 20, the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus held its 2016 Spring Fling, complete with a complimentary Backyard Burger lunch, volleyball, corn hole tournaments, raffles, and more.



Hart returns to Holmes as assistant football coach

By Wontavious Rimpson
Growl Reporter



Recently, Holmes Community College got a new assistant coach for the football team; an alumni, who goes by the name of Larry D. Hart, Jr. Coach Hart was born and raised in Gluck-

stadt, which is south of Goodman, and graduated from Madison Central High School. At Holmes, he was not only a student, but a former football player as well, who graduated in the fall of 2007. After graduating from Holmes, he transferred to the University of Central Arkansas. There he obtained his bachelor's degree and was drafted from Arkansas into the National Football League during the fifth round draft.

After playing for a couple of years with the NFL, he decided to coach, which led him to Arkansas State. At Arkansas State, he obtained his master's degree in communications and shortly after received a job at Holmes coaching.

When asked what his plans were for Holmes, Coach Hart stated "Anything they need me to do, from painting the field, to making sure guys go to class, to of course coaching." He also stated, "The responsibility that I have is for the defense alignment making sure those guys are taking care of their grades, working hard in practice, and

continuing to grow as men. He also noted when you do all of those things in terms of trying to be the best person that you can be, a lot of times things transition over to the field, so that is my plan right now!"

When asked where he saw himself coaching in the next three years, he stated, "You never know, because I didn't know I would be here, but it just varies with the coaching profession. Hopefully I will be growing and moving up in my profession."

Aside from coaching, Coach Hart, is a motivational speaker, a devoted husband, the youngest of three older brothers, and a remarkable son and grandson. He also recently became active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). His plans for Holmes Community College are not just impacting the football field, but impacting everyone he meets. Although Coach Hart was a very well-rounded professional football player, he remains humble and is looking to better Holmes Communi-

ty College. Coach Hart's closing remarks were, "I want to leave an impact on the kids, which is most important and to make sure they are growing and becoming better people. I also want to build relationships with faculty, staff, and administrators and hopefully leave behind a good reputation and a good field, and that's all I can hope for."

North Division Women win All-Star Game, 67-62

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College Lady Bulldog sophomores Aja Williams, Tiffany Jones and Cortrice Golden each played a part in the North Division's 67-62 win over the South Division in the MACJC All-Star game here Friday night at East Central Community College.

The South Division led 17-14 after

one quarter and 32-29 at halftime. The North then outscored the South, 17-12, in the third to lead 46-44 after three quarters.

Jones finished the game with eight points and four rebounds while Golden had six points and five rebounds while Williams had three points.

North Division Men win All-Star Game, 115-101

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College Bulldog sophomores D'Angelo Richardson and Lacurtis Allen each played a part in the North Division's 115-101 win over the South Division in the MACJC All-Star game here Friday night at East Central Community College.

The North Division led 60-43 at

halftime. Richardson finished the game with seven points while Allen had six

Josiah Coatney chooses Ole Miss over Alabama

From Staff Reports/Photos



Josiah Coatney

Patrons in the library are usually encouraged to be quiet but Mc-Morrrough Library on the Goodman Campus was anything but quiet when Holmes freshman defensive lineman Josiah Coatney chose to continue his playing career at Ole Miss next season.

Family members, instructors, teammates, staff members and coaches

joined the 6-foot-5 and 290-pound defensive lineman in the Mississippi Room to hear where he would continue his playing career. As a freshman at Holmes, Coatney had 46 tackles including 23 solo and 23 assists. He also added 8.5 tackles for loss and three sacks. He also had one fumble recovery for a four-yard touchdown and one interception for a 30-yard touchdown.

"Support makes things easier," Coatney told the crowd. "I thank y'all for sharing this moment with me. I thank God for making this decision for me."

"Most of the time people don't get to sit in this chair where I'm sitting," he said. "I've had to fight my whole life, and God has been there for me. I want to thank my family. Without them I couldn't do anything. All the prayers and concern gave me clarity on what I need to do in my life and where I needed to go. Without my coaches this wouldn't have been possible. I also thank the players for giving me the opportunity to play beside them."

He also thanked the instructors at Holmes. "They gave me a chance," Coatney said. "I want to thank them for giving me a chance to succeed in

the classroom and doing the things the right way... the Holmes Community College way. Everything they do reflects on how a student athlete should be handled. Holmes did a great job with all that. I appreciate all that."

Coatney reflected on his time at Holmes. "I met a lot of new people and met brothers for the rest of my life," he said. "I'm thankful that I met a lot of mentors. Coach Koonz has been a mentor for me since day one...telling me right from wrong, steering me the right way and giving me guidance."

"I had a lot of fun," he said of Holmes football. "People think junior college is punishment. Junior college is here to get you better. I enjoyed every moment. You have to take pride in what you do, and I take pride in being the best football player I can. At the end of the day, I made a lot of great plays because I was coached to make those plays. I hope to keep making the solid plays."

Coatney, who had five schools in mind, had recently narrowed his choice between Ole Miss and Alabama. He wanted to make his choice while finishing up his spring semester at Holmes. "It's been a long journey," Coatney

said. "I took it one day at a time. Recruiting gets overwhelming at times, but I thank God and asked God where he saw my destiny. Ole Miss is where I need to be and grow and make a legacy. I take all that in and am thankful!"

Coatney has high expectations for his sophomore season at Ole Miss. "I feel like playing time is what you make it," Coatney said. "If you are a baller, you are going to play. I'm coming in to play the first game against Florida State. I feel like if I put the work in, get my knee rehabbed, get stronger and faster, get better technique, I can play against anybody on any level. It's the connection with the place made it the place where I wanted to be."

Why Ole Miss? "I cut it down to two by thinking about four things: player development, coaching staff, atmosphere and education," he explained. "Ole Miss and Alabama displayed all four of those traits. What set them apart is, I just felt my legacy at Ole Miss would take me further." After Ole Miss, he sees himself in the National Football League. "It would take me far," he said. "I feel like that is a path I can really steer myself on."

Student-Athletes honored at 2016 Spring Athletic Banquet

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes held the 2016 Sports Banquet May 4 in Carroll Cafeteria on the Goodman Campus. Awards were as follows.

For men's basketball, individual awards included: Daryl Macon, MVP, Best Offensive Player, First Team All-State, All-Region and Region XXIII Player of the Year, All-Region XXIII Tournament Team and NJCAA All-American; Lacurtis Allen, Best Defensive Player and MACJC All-Star; R.J. Scott, Hustle Award; D'Angelo Richardson, Assist Award, Second Team All-State and MACJC All-Star; Cedric Harper, Second Team All-State, Block Award, MACJC All-Star and Rebound Award; Jamahl Jackson, Free Throw Award; Dietrich Taylor, Sportsmanship Award; and Gerald Glass, Jonathan Boyd Award. Gerald Glass and D'Angelo Richardson were named Scholar Athletes.

For women's basketball, individual awards included: Kawaii Perry, Most Improved and All-Region XXIII Tournament Team; Lauren Brooks, Lady Bulldog Award; Tiffany Jones, Second Team All-State and MACJC All-Star; Minyone Hill, Second Team All-State and MACJC All-Star; Cortrice Golden, Honorable Mention All-State and MACJC All-Star; Aja Williams, MVP, NJCAA All-American, All-Region XXIII, First Team All-State and MACJC All-Star. Cortrice Golden, Qu'Sheba Henderson and Akia Washington were named Scholar Athletes.

For tennis, awards included: MVP, Allie Furdge and Owen Taylor; Bulldog Award, Kaylan Cooper, Nick Robertson and Corey Warren; Most Improved, Ashleigh Pope and Matthew Dubourg; Sportsmanship, Oddysey Brewer and Emanuel Brooks; Heart of a Champion, Savanna Bell and

Fred Johnston; Animal Award, Brenda Arvizu, Brittany Graham and Matthew Philley; Manager Award, Myisha Thurman and A'lexus Williams; Outstanding Student Trainer, Cortez Jennings; Scholar Athlete, Owen Taylor, Savanna Bell, Kaylan Cooper and Brittany Graham.

For baseball, the team received awards for their work in the classroom. Scholar athletes included: Shelby Craddock, Cody Greer, Michael Harrison, Tyler Hines, Ben Hudson, Luke Lambert, Andrew Pankratz, Christian Smith and Brodie Threet.

For softball, awards included: Lady Bulldog Award, Karley Poindexter; Best Defensive, Hayden Grantham; Best Offensive, Torey Daniels; Dan Edwards Award, Reagan Walker; Scholar Athletes, Reagan Aldridge, Kassey Ard, Rachel Bond, Bayle Bryant, Courtland Crutchfield, Torey

Daniels, Anna Garza, Kayla Gilmore, Hayden Grantham, Tara Grantham, Shelby Hoover, Kaitlin Jones, Kaleia Lillis, Blair Little, Karley Poindexter, Micah Redd, Reagan Walker and Whitney Walker.

For cheerleading, individual awards included: Most Valuable Female, Kaitlyn Sloan; Most Valuable Male, Brandon Bryant; Most Spirited, Kaylie Carpenter; Leadership, Justin Milner; Bulldog Award, Micheal Edmonds; Most Improved, Dalton Veazey and Lane Spell; Scholar Athletes, Cheyenne Bennett, Kaylie Carpenter, James Cobb, Thad Hicks, Mary Menger Jones; Katherine Middleton, Haley Pate, Lane Spell, Taylor Sullivan and Christina White.

For more information about Holmes athletics, visit <http://holmesathletics.com>.



Men's basketball players receiving awards included: (front row, left to right) Lacurtis Allen, Jamahl Jackson, D'Angelo Richardson, Demetries Smith, and (back row, left to right) Daryl Macon, Gerald Glass, R.J. Scott, Cedric Harper and Dietrich Taylor.



Men's basketball sophomore guards included: (left to right) Lacurtis Allen, Jamahl Jackson, D'Angelo Richardson and Daryl Macon.



Men's basketball sophomore post players included: (left to right) Gerald Glass, Xavier Williams, Dietrich Taylor, R.J. Scott and Cedric Harper.



Women's basketball players receiving awards included: (left to right) Minyone Hill, Cortrice Golden, Tiffany Jones, Lauren Brooks, Qu'Sheba Henderson, Aja Williams, Akia Washington and Kawaii Perry.



Men's and women's tennis team members receiving awards included: (front row, left to right) Matthew Philley, Fred Johnston, Holmes instructor and tennis' biggest fan Billy Wilson, Owen Taylor, Brenda Arvizu, Allie Furdge, Kaylan Cooper and Ashleigh Pope; (back row, left to right) Cortez Jennings, Matthew Dubourg, Corey Warren, Nick Robertson, Emanuel Brooks, Savanna Bell and Brittany Graham.



Softball players who received awards included: (front row, left to right) Luke Lambert, Tyler Hines, Drew Pankratz, Cody Greer; and (back row, left to right) Shelby Craddock, Ben Hudson, Michael Harrison and Brodie Threet.



Softball players who received awards included: (front row, left to right) Bayle Bryant, Anna Garza, Kaleia Lillis, Shelby Hoover, Hayden Grantham, Micah Redd, Whitney Walker, Rachel Bond, Blair Little; and (back row, left to right) Courtland Crutchfield, Reagan Walker, Tara Grantham, Kayla Gilmore, Kaitlin Jones, Reagan Aldridge, Torey Daniels, Karley Poindexter and Kassey Ard.



Cheerleaders who received awards included: (front row, left to right) Kaitlyn Sloan, Taylor Sullivan, Katherine Middleton, Cheyenne Bennett, Haley Pate, Christina White, Kaylie Carpenter, Mary Menger Jones; and (back row, left to right) Micheal Edmonds, Thad Hicks, Lane Spell, Justin Milner, Brandon Bryant, Dalton Veazey and James Cobb.

Barksdale stops by for a visit with Coach Dupont and the Bulldogs

From Staff Reports/Photos



Kenny Dupont and Xan Barksdale

Former Holmes Community College Bulldog and minor leaguer and now turned author Xan Barksdale took a break from his busy schedule Friday to visit with his former coach Kenny Dupont and the Holmes Community College Bulldog baseball team.

Barksdale played for the Bulldogs in the 2001 and 2002 seasons, where he was a two-time All-State selection and All-Region after the 2002 season. At Holmes, he received his associate's degree and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

After Holmes, he played two seasons at Ole Miss before earning his bachelor's degree. He spent time with the Atlanta Braves organization after his playing days at Ole Miss. He then moved into the coaching ranks at both Louisville and East Tennessee State University. He recently stepped aside from coaching to promote his book "Catching-101" and do speaking engagements on catching and baseball as

a whole. His business, Xan Barksdale Baseball, is located in Johnson City, Tenn.

"I think giving back is really important," Barksdale said. "Because of my coaching career, I haven't been able to come back to Holmes as much as I wanted to over the past number of years but now that I have a little more free time, I plan to spend more time on campus and spend more time with the players who wear

the same uniform that I used to wear and do as much as I can. I would like to help out in any way I can.

"I want to let them know Holmes is a great place to be," he said. "I'm proud of coming from here. I like to come back here. I think it's important to talk to those young guys."

Barksdale said coming to Holmes from Madison-Ridgeland Academy was one of the best decisions he's ever made. "It's an important time in any young man or woman's career or life as a whole when you come from a high school student to becoming an adult in the next few years," Barksdale said. "The Holmes Goodman Campus is where I did a lot of growing up."

"I came here, got a degree and played baseball for Coach Dupont, who has been one of the most instrumental male figures in my life," he said. "Other than my dad, he's one of the most important men I've been

around. He helped me grow up and taught me a lot of lessons that have helped shape and mold me into the person I am today. We have a great relationship and talk regularly on the phone."

Writing a book of any kind never crossed Barksdale's mind until his personal journal kept growing with information that helped him in his playing and coaching careers.

"Then I looked up and thought I had too much information not to share with other people so I decided to organize it as a collection and as a book," Barksdale said. "With that I've really enjoyed sharing my knowledge of baseball and catching specifically. So I've continued to make a few DVDs and produce other content, but it definitely started with Catching 101."

To promote his book, he spends his time at baseball conventions and clinics talking about his book along with other aspects of the game.

One of Barksdale's videos "10 Rules for Catchers" features 10 things every young catcher should keep in mind including: hustle, improve every day, set examples, be the leader, have good body language, work to win the starting job every day, championships are the only goal, work harder than everyone else, take pride in the small things and love to win and hate to lose.

"Almost everything is related to your attitude, effort and hustle which is something every player can control every single day," Barksdale said. "Those are things I learned that I feel are important. How you react to the circumstances is what speaks highly of you and what it speaks about you. These are the things the fans in stands notice and what I'd like to encourage

the young players to do every time they get on the field."

Mental toughness is a huge part of being a successful baseball player, he said. "You're still going to have failure," Barksdale said. "Baseball is a game of failure and the key to having success is being able to minimize that and bounce back quickly."

A successful catcher has to have a lot of characteristics. "Number one you have to be a good leader," Barksdale said. "Everybody on the field is looking at you every single pitch so you have to have good body language. Everybody notices that and they see it and it affects them. You have to take control of the game and the pitcher."

"It's a very demanding physical job," he said. "It's hot in Mississippi and in the south. You'll have bumps and bruises. You have to be tough and want to get back there and get dirty."

"I believe in major leagues so many catchers are being named managers of professional teams because of the inside knowledge they have in the game, and they get to see the game from a number of different angles," he said.

Barksdale also co-authored a book "Big League Nutrition" which is key to being a successful catcher or player in general. "One of the aspects of baseball I've always enjoyed is the working out aspect and the training part of it," Barksdale said. "I like being in the weight room and taking care of my body and pushing it beyond its limits. One of the things that dictates how far you can take your body is the food you put inside of it and how you treat it."

The book offers suggestions on what you should eat and should not eat. It helps them get their bodies in the shape they want it to be in, he said.

Noble, Coulibaly, and Convertino take on new roles in coaching Bulldog soccer

From Staff Reports/Photos



Wesley Noble

Wesley Noble has recently been named Associate Head Women's Soccer Coach for the Holmes Bulldogs. Noble, 24, was formerly the assistant women's soccer coach under James "Gleddy" Gledhill.

Originally from Brandon, Noble played for Brandon High School, where he was All-Division his sophomore, junior, and senior year. He was also All-State selection, All-District Player of the Year, Most Valuable Player, and team captain. He even had the best record in school history.

Following high school, Noble went on to play for Francis Marion University in South Carolina, Holmes Community College, and Mississippi College.

At Holmes, Noble was captain, team Most Valuable Player, an NJCAA All-Region selection and the all-time assist record holder for the program. He was

also a part of the team that won the first ever North division title.

While at Mississippi College, the team won the first ever conference championship. He was also a student assistant for the Mississippi College Men's Soccer team and currently coaches for Brandon Futbol Club, where he has coached since 2010.

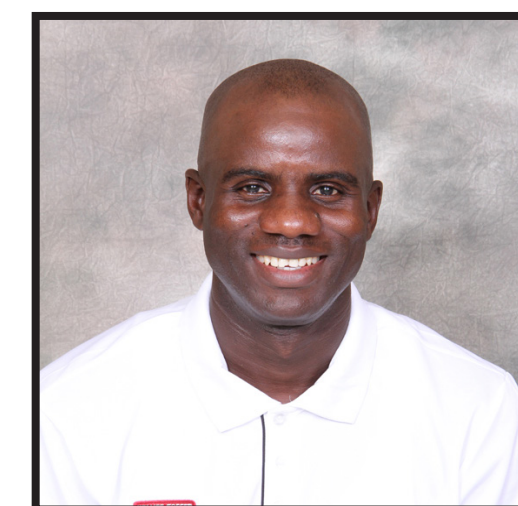
Additionally, Noble currently holds his USSF "D" license and his NSCAA level 5 and 6 Diploma.

Ousmane Coulibaly has recently been named Associate Head Men's Soccer Coach for Holmes. Coulibaly was currently the assistant men's soccer coach. He is originally from Burkina Faso, West Africa, where he earned over 20 caps for the full National Team including qualification matches for the 1998 FIFA World Cup. He graduated from the University of Mobile with a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems.

Playing for Mobile, Coulibaly received 1st Team Gulf Coast Athletic Conference All-Conference and NAIA 1st Team All-American Honors. He is also a staff coach with the Mississippi Rush youth soccer club. Coulibaly has obtained the USSF D License and National Youth License.

He can also be found as a player for Burkina Faso on the FIFA '98 video game by EA Sports.

Coach Matt Convertino will now serve as Head Coach over both the men and women's soccer teams.



Ousmane Coulibaly

Convertino took over coaching the men's soccer team in 2002. Since that time, he has guided the team to its finest seasons in school history. Holmes has seen itself rise from a last place MACJC finish in 2002 (1-11-1, 12nd out of 12 teams) to MACJC finalist in both 2012 (13-4-2, 2nd out of 12 teams) and 2006 (13-4-1, 2nd out of 12 teams).

In doing so, Convertino's teams have rewritten the Holmes' record books posting the program's most shutouts, highest goals-for and lowest goals-against average, as well as the most goals scored and least goals ever allowed in a season. 2011 was a milestone for Convertino as he earned his 100th NJCAA win as well as recording the Bulldogs best regular season record in school history (11-2-1, 3rd out of 12 teams). Under Convertino, the Bulldogs were back-to-back MACJC North Division Champions in 2011 and 2012



Matt Convertino

in addition to MACJC North Division Runners-up in 2006 and 2010.

Since 2002, the Holmes soccer program has been awarded 28 MACJC All-State awards, 10 NJCAA Region 23 selections as well as 9 NJCAA Academic All-American and 7 Distinguished Academic All-American Awards.

A native of Utica, New York Convertino played two years at Herkimer County Community College in New York, where he helped the Generals win the 1994 NJCAA National Championship as well as two Mountain Valley Conference Championships and two NJCAA Region III Championships.

After Herkimer, he went on to the University of Mobile where the Rams won the University of Mobile's first Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Championship and NAIA Southwest Regional Championship.



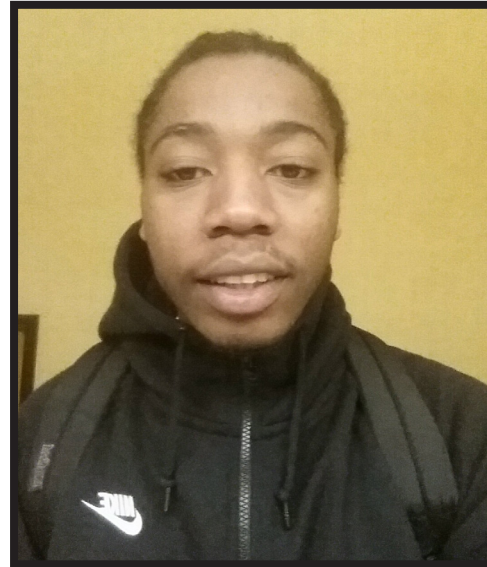
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 Major: Business
 Campus: Goodman
 Future Plans: Being on TV.
 About me: I enjoy watching sports and playing sports. I am humble and well liked.
 "I wouldn't dare wasting my time lying to when I could tell the truth."

**Jessica McLean**

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 Campus: Grenada
 Future Plans: I plan to go to Savannah College of Art and Design in Atlanta, Georgia. There I plan to major in animation and minor in fashion.
 About Me: I enjoy Cosplay, drawing, painting, crafting, sewing, writing, and reading. I also enjoy dressing up as fictional characters and going to anime conventions in the costumes.

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 Future plans: I plan to attend the University of Southern Mississippi and receiving a bachelors in elementary education.
 About me: I enjoy reading, making YouTube videos, singing, acting, photography, and building my brand.

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 "I'm bad, and that's good. I will never be good, and that's not bad. There's no one I'd rather be than me." – Wreck-It Ralph

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Hometown: Grenada
 Major: English
 Campus: Grenada
 Future plans: I plan to attend Ole Miss and major in Journalism.
 About me: I enjoy reading, hunting, and following politics. I also make it a point to wear crazy socks almost every day.

**Santia Williams**

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

**Jerrell "Rell" Young**

Hometown: Canton
 Major: Business Administration
 Campus: Ridgeland
 Future plans: To attend a four-year university (hadn't decided on which one) and one day own my restaurant
 About me: I enjoy cooking, fishing and enjoying life...I'm very spontaneous.

**Rex Ford**

Hometown: Grenada
 Major: Liberal Arts
 Campus: Grenada
 Future Plans: Undecided.

Check out the new Holmes Community College blog, the HCC Grid, at <http://blog.holmescc.edu>.