

HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Holmes Community College's  
**2023 HOMECOMING**  
is Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
on the Goodman Campus.

For more information,  
visit the homecoming  
website for all of the details:  
[events.holmescc.edu/hoco-2023](https://events.holmescc.edu/hoco-2023)





## LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT

It is my honor to serve as the President of your Alumni Association and to have served as your Vice President under the leadership of former President Derek Starling. Under the leadership of Mr. Starling, the Alumni association has worked very hard to make your alumni association the best it can be.

Great progress has been made through a steadfast focus on the following goals:

1. Increasing attendance at alumni events.
2. Supporting the Alumni Affairs office to increase alumni participation.
3. Cultivating continued interest in Holmes CC among young alumni.
4. Acknowledging and celebrating the accomplishments of our alumni.

However, while there have been significant gains in these areas, work remains to be done. I am excited to serve you as we push forward with these efforts.

To that end, I encourage any of our alumni that are not already engaged with our alumni association to find a way to plug in. I promise that by doing this, you will have great pride in the wonderful things that are occurring at your Holmes Community College campuses under the leadership of President Jim Haffey and the wonderful staff at HCC.

Under his leadership, I am very excited about the direction and future of our Holmes Community College, and I encourage you to become a part of it. Through his leadership, I am sure that Holmes Community College will continue to be a constant in preparing young students for bright futures; however, this will only be multiplied through your participation and support.

As Albert Schweitzer once said, "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know; the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." I encourage each and every one of you to reach out to your alumni association and find out how you can serve.

I look forward to serving you over the course of the next year as your President, but this would not be possible without the continued support of Mrs. Katherine Ellard, Coordinator of Alumni Affairs/Public Relations Specialist. Thank you, Katherine for all that you do to make sure that we are successful in our efforts.

As I start my last year serving as your President, I ask for your continued prayers, support, and ideas on how we can better serve you and our beloved Holmes Community College, its students, staff, and communities.

*Jacob Black*



OCT. 26 - GOODMAN, MS - HOLMESCC.EDU



# 2023 HOMECOMING - OCT.26

## Schedule of Events

See more details and each event's location on the map on our homecoming website by scanning the QR code on the bottom of the next page.

- 8:30 AM VISUAL ARTS SHOW AND NEH SERIES
- 9:00 AM BASEBALL / SOFTBALL HIGHLIGHT
- 9:15 AM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OPEN PRACTICE / HOLMES BASKETBALL POSTER SIGNING FOLLOWING
- 10:00 AM CAREER & TRANSFER FAIR
- 10:00 AM MAJOR'S TRUCK EXPO
- 10:00 AM **HONOREE RECOGNITION**
- 10:20 AM COACHMEN & CONNECTION! PERFORMANCE
- 11:00 AM FUN AND GAMES IN THE GROVE
- 11:00 AM LUNCH & LIVE MUSIC
- NOON BASKETBALL ALUMNI GAME
- NOON CONCERT CHORALE PERFORMANCE
- 1:00 PM TAILGATING EXPERIENCE
- 1:45 PM ANNUAL ALUMNI MEETING
- 2:00 PM PEP RALLY AT TAILGATE AREA
- 2:30 PM BAND ENTERS STADIUM
- 2:45 PM LIVE MUSIC STARTS ON MAIN STAGE
- 2:45 PM PRE-GAME HONOREE RECOGNITION ON THE FIELD
- 2:55 PM NATIONAL ANTHEM
- 3:00 PM **KICK-OFF!**
- HALF-TIME HOMECOMING COURT
- 5:00 PM **MAIN ACT ON THE MAIN STAGE**

## Live Music & Entertainment

### HEADLINING ACT:

#### DJ Services by Style Entertainment



Through their DJ services, they provide the most excellent personal service with each event they are entrusted to. From music tailored to your event, to making all your announcements and bringing an elegant lighting show, Style Entertainment's DJ Service makes your event unforgettable!

### ADDITIONAL MUSICIAN:

#### Leith Loftin



Rooted in country and laced with southern swampy soul, Leith Loftin makes music that proves his miles are marked with a sound as unique as the life he has lived. This Mississippi native has wasted little time becoming one of country music's hottest up and comers. Leith Loftin's true to life, "throw back" sound throws back so far that it's new again.

## Dining Options

The **Carroll Cafeteria** will continue its tradition of offering several food selections from their menu. We are also happy to host **food trucks** again this year. Scan the QR code on the next page to see the Homecoming 2023 map on our website for the food truck locations.

# 2023 Homecoming Honorees:

To see full bios, scan the Honorees QR code below.

## ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR: MAGGIE GARRETT

**Hometown:** Goodman

**Currently Resides:** Goodman

**Education:** B. A. in English/French from Delta State University. Additional studies at the University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State University, The University of Mississippi and The Sorbonne Paris.

**Occupation:** Retired Educator in MS, WY and United States Federal Prison System

**Fun Facts:** While attending Holmes she was selected as a sophomore favorite, Mardi Gras favorite and secretary of the sophomore class. She was also active in choir and a member of the Wesley Foundation. Later, Garrett was chosen by the Mississippi Museum of Art to display her painting as a gallery artist.



## YOUNG ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR: GREG HOLLOWAY

**Hometown:** Byram

**Currently Resides:** Madison

**Education:** B. A in Accounting from Mississippi College

**Occupation:** Previously a principal at Tenax Aerospace, Greg is now actively involved in a real-estate investment group for veterinary medicine, healthcare and the oil and gas industries.

**Fun Facts:** Inducted in the Holmes Sports Hall of Fame in 2019 for Men's Soccer and a Board member for Non-Profit Foundation.



## VETERAN OF THE YEAR: DR. SAM MASSEY

**Hometown:** Pelahatchie

**Currently Resides:** Ridgeland

**Education:** Earned a medical degree from the University Of Tennessee College Of Medicine, then he furthered his education at Tulane to specialize in otolaryngology and head and neck surgery.

**Fun Facts:** Dr. Massey graduated from Holmes in 1956. Afterwards, he served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He flew with the B-29 bomber group in the Panama Canal Zone and Puerto Rico. Dr. Massey created the Massey Medical Scholarship that helps students continue their education in a medical field of their choice.



## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: JACKIE MCKINNEY

**Hometown:** Vaiden

**Currently Resides:** Vaiden

**Education:** Studies from the University of Memphis

**Fun Facts:** This retired educator has established an endowed scholarship through the Holmes Development Foundation helping students' pathway to success. She now focuses on being a social activist and writing.



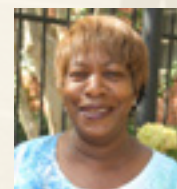
## SPECIAL RECOGNITION: AZZIE WINSTON

**Hometown:** Lexington

**Currently Resides:** Goodman

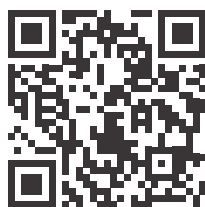
**Occupation:** Nutritionist/  
Head Baker/Food Service

**Fun Facts:** Azzie has provided Holmes students and staff meals with Aladdin Food Services for over three decades. Winston has lovingly served thousands of HCC students (some over three generations), as well as Governors and other Mississippi state officials.



## Homecoming Links

With a quick scan on your smart phone, you can visit the Homecoming website and find details for all the festivities.



**MAIN WEBSITE**  
HOMECOMING 2023



Full Schedule



Event Map



Honorees



Music



Food



Tailgating





## Alumni Spotlight *Fall 2023*

### Christopher Brandon Cochran

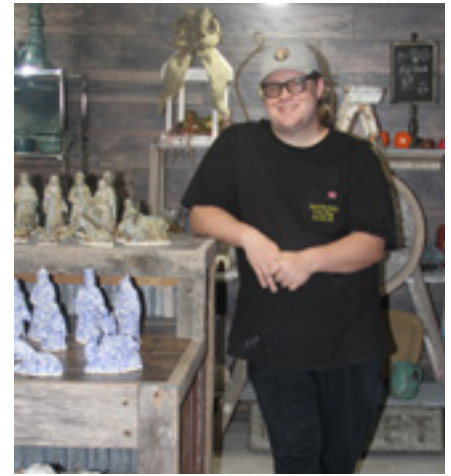
*Alum '15 - Owner of Earth and Fire Works, LLC*

Holmes CC grad and Attala County native Christopher "Brandon" Cochran, ('15) owns Earth and Fire Works, located just outside Kosciusko. While at Holmes, he worked with instructor Jerry Harris and found his love of pottery.

After Holmes, Cochran earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Delta State University with a major in crafts and a minor in printmaking. He credits Delta State instructor Chet Oguz for helping to perfect his skills as a student.

Over the past eight years, growth and success hasn't changed how the Cochran family custom craft each piece of Earth and Fire Works pottery. It is all still lovingly made by hand, on his family farm. They specialize in color – you just never know what is going to come out of the kiln. To say the growing company has expanded would be an understatement. They ship their Mississippi creations to 23 states, seven countries and two international destinations.

The Cochrans invite everyone, especially Holmes alumni, to visit their shop full of items. They are located just off of Highway 35 South on King Road. It is a destination for anyone traveling through Central Mississippi and should be on your "must-visit" list. You can also find them at holiday markets and vintage markets around the southeast. Look for them at the Christmas Extravaganza Arts & Crafts Expo in Covington, Louisiana, Dec. 1-3.



## ALUMNI GAMES



The Holmes Men's and Women's soccer programs held their annual alumni games Aug. 5 & 12 on the Ridgeland Campus.



Front L to R: Shelby Thomas, Londyn Dorsey, Abbi Roberts, Kennedy Richardson, Mia Aviles, Madison Deslatte, Olivia Deslatte, Back L to R: Mia Mauro, Katelin Johnson, Rylee Braden, Kaci Craft, Jordan Patrick, Maddie Leber, McKenzie Simms, Darian Blackburn, Madison Lee, Alysia Terry, Ja'Laycia Brown, Isabella Wade



Back L to R: Martin Cobb, Austin Scott, Michael Pardue, Philip Sistrunk, Dau Mabil, Josh Hinkle, Colby Fair, Wesley Jacobs. Front L to R: Kyle Kirtley, Cody Kirtley, Rolando Sanchez, Jay Glenn, Cristian Torrence, Gabe King, Alfredo Marin, Mike Elinski, Austin Scheider

HOLMES MEN'S BASKETBALL

# ALUMNI GAME

HOMECOMING 2023

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

FRANK BRANCH COLISEUM

AT 12 NOON

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT COACH JASON FLANIGAN  
AT JFLANIGAN@HOLMESCC.EDU OR 601-503-7460.



## OUR 360ALUMNI SPORTS GROUPS ARE GROWING!

If you are part of any of the following groups please login to the alumni community and go to groups to reconnect with your team!

1951 Baseball Team  
1965 Football Team  
1972 Football Team  
1981 Football Team  
2002 Football Team  
1980-1985 Lady Bulldog Teams

Holmes Cheer Alumni  
Men's Basketball Alumni  
Holmes Sports Hall of Fame  
Recipients  
Holmes Women's Basketball  
Alumni

Don't see your team? Contact the alumni office and we will help you get started. Contact Katherine Ellard at [kellard@holmescc.edu](mailto:kellard@holmescc.edu) or (662) 472-9134.



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**Stay in touch!** Helping you stay connected to Holmes Community College and to each other is what the HCC Alumni Association is all about. Update your contact information by sending an email to: [kellard@holmescc.edu](mailto:kellard@holmescc.edu).



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@HolmesCCMississippi  
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#### INSTAGRAM

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#### TWITTER

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@holmescc



#### OFFICIAL HASHTAG

#NoPlaceLikeHolmes



## CLASS Reunion

1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980

**This is the fourth year of gathering for these classmates! They gathered in July on the Goodman Campus for camaraderie. During the reunion they sang, shared life updates and enjoyed a nice lunch together.**

**PICTURED:** Barbara Sawyer-Williams, Earline Wright-Hart, Geraldine Granderson, Johnny Mae Simmons, LaGina Fisher, Mamie Davis, Kenny "O.C." Thornton, Alan Ellis, Eddie Ellis, Hubert Spires, Calvin Collins, Calvin "Old Man" Harron, Charlie Howard, Clifton Hogue, Robert "Fairrod" Robinson, Geneva Woodward, Lorita Lee, Minnie Luckett, Norman Rivers, Elijah Harrington, Cathleen Brooks, Floyd Brooks, Deloise Smith-Ainsworth, Peggy Wise, Rose Washington, Beatrice Rena Prichard, Jeff Luckett, Willie Burrell, Glenda Williams, Nathaniel Whirl, not pictured David Lacy.

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