

Sizemore to receive Special Service Award

Steve Sizemore will be recognized for the Special Service Award this spring. The Special Service Award is an honor Holmes occasionally bestows on an alumnus or non-alumnus who goes above and beyond in service to the college.

Sizemore has been exceedingly generous with his time and contributions to the sports programs at Holmes over the years. As owner of the Longhorn's Steakhouse in Newport, he has graciously provided numerous catered meals for the athletes.

The Longhorn's Steakhouse is famous for the steaks, which Sizemore cooks himself along with his locally, celebrated steak sauce. When the restaurant opens on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, it can be difficult to find a parking place. A person can order just about anything, from fried mushrooms to hamburgers to ribeyes, and will not go away hungry.

Sizemore has been cooking for many years and learned his way around the kitchen from his mother. Originally from Cleveland, he started out grilling

around the house with some friends, which snowballed into entering bar-b-que competitions.



Sizemore married his wife, Stacie, who is from Newport in 1994. Stacie is a Holmes alumna who continued on to earn a B.S. from the School of Pharmacy at the University of Mississippi. The Sizemores have three daughters: Alex (23), Cassidy (20), and Rylee (15).

In 1995, they opened a steakhouse restaurant in Kosciusko, later relocating to where the restaurant stands today. The large, drawing area for the restaurant has contributed to the Longhorn Steakhouse's success, in addition to catering corporate events like the National Wild Turkey Federation Banquet.

In 2008, the restaurant was closed following a devastating fire, but Sizemore steadily continued to cater events for his patrons. In 2013, Sizemore rebuilt and reopened the restaurant, where the tables were full again with loyal customers.

When Sizemore's oldest daughter enrolled at Holmes, he became more involved with the college. As his love of the college continued to grow, he started cooking more often on campus, especially for the athletic teams.

Sizemore has shown his love for Holmes by opening up his restaurant on Tuesday nights in the fall to host the "Jeff Koonz Radio Show" from Longhorn's. Prior to beginning the radio show, Sizemore was also instrumental in the Alumni Association's Wild Game Dinners held in the late 1990s.



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Golf Tournament

May 6th
Deerfield Golf Club
Madison, MS

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Classes of 1975, 76, 77,
78, 79 and 1980:
July 18th
President's Dining
Room Goodman, MS

Homecoming 2020

October 22th
Holmes CC
Goodman, MS

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RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Alumni Spotlight: Robert Aaron Lacey

Robert Aaron Lacey is a 2007 graduate of Holmes Community College, where he earned an associate's degree in business administration. He is also a graduate of Mississippi

College where he received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Master of Business Administration. Lacey continued his studies in banking and finance graduating from both the Mississippi School of Banking at the University of Mississippi and the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University.

Lacey is vice president and treasury services relationship manager of the BankPlus Treasury Services Department in Jackson. Lacey is a Certified Treasury Professional (CTP) with over 15 years in the banking industry. He is currently responsible for partnering with commercial,

business banking and private banking officers to develop new treasury services business and expanding existing business relationships. His coverage area expands from DeSoto County to the Gulf Coast with a primary focus in the Jackson Metropolitan area. Responsibilities include consulting with commercial clients, understanding their needs and delivering integrated banking, cash management and deposit product solutions.

Lacey is a current member of the Association of Financial Professionals, Madison County Chamber, graduate and alumnus of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Citizens' Academy,



Robert Aaron Lacey ('07), The HCC Alumni Association likes to spotlight our alumni. We are always looking for unique stories from our alumni so submit yours to: kellard@holmescc.edu.

Leadership Madison County, Mississippi College Alumni Association Board Director, Mississippi Young Bankers, and an honoree of Mississippi Business Journal's Top 50 Under 40 as well as a recipient of the MBJ Leader in Finance Award. He currently resides in Madison County with his wife, Courtney and their daughter, Abbie.

Baldwin to be Inducted to MCC Sports Hall of Fame

Randy Baldwin will be inducted into the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame at a special ceremony in Pearl.

For six seasons, Griffin, Georgia native Randy Baldwin hounded opposing defense as a kick return specialist in the National Football League. Prior to that he was an All-American at both University of Mississippi and Holmes Junior College.

For his achievements, Baldwin was named to the Holmes Community College Hall of Fame in 2003.

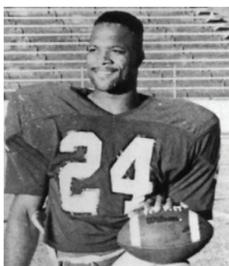
Baldwin put up some impressive numbers as a member of the Griffin High School football team from his sophomore and junior seasons. As a sophomore, he led the Bears in rushing and yards per carry and was second in the region. As a junior, he was the team and region leader in rushing, scoring, touchdowns and yards per carry. He rushed for over 1,700 yards and 29 touchdowns. The Bears finished as region champs. He was named All-American, All-Region, Super 11 in Georgia, Army All-American and Blue Chip All-American. He only played two games his senior year, though, due to a knee injury.

After finishing at Griffin, Baldwin signed with Georgia Tech but failed to qualify so he

became a Bulldog in the spring of 1987. In 1988, the Bulldogs finished the season with a record of 9-1 and participated in the Texas Shrine Bowl. Baldwin rushed for 1,524 yards and 15 touchdowns and was named second team All-American and finished second in the nation in rushing.

In 1989, he transferred to the University of Mississippi and picked up right where he left off in Goodman. He led the Rebels in rushing and scoring in the 1989 and 1990. The Rebels went to the Liberty Bowl in 1989 where he was named MVP and offensive player of the game. During the game he set the Liberty Bowl record with 177 rushing yards. He finished with 670 yards rushing in the 1989 on 107 carries and nine touchdowns. He caught 22 passes for 170 yards and had one touchdown.

During his senior season Baldwin broke a 40-year-old rushing record by rushing 249 yards in one game. Accomplishments as a senior included All-American, SEC Player of the Week four different times, runner-up for SEC Player of the Year, SEC first team and second in rushing,



Baldwin, Holmes Alumnus ('88), went on to play at Ole Miss and the NFL.

In 1990, he was only 30 yards shy of breaking the 1,000-yd mark at 970. He scored 11 touchdowns on the 163 carries. He caught 14 passes for 305

yards and two touchdowns.

He was selected in the fourth round by the Minnesota Vikings. He played one season for the Vikings where he returned one kick for 14 yards. He then played three seasons for the Cleveland Browns, where he had 1,872 yards in kickoff returns. He returned 30 kicks for 675 yards in 1992, 24 for 444 in 1993 and 28 for 753 and a touchdown in 1994. He was then traded to Carolina in 1995, where he ran 14 kicks back for 316 yards. He finished his career in Baltimore, where he had 20 returns for 405 yards in 1996. He was named Special Teams Player of the Year in 1993.

He had 51 carries for 170 yards while in Cleveland and six receptions for 60 yards. At Cleveland he had 23 rushes for 61 yards.

Ways to Support

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2. Kroger Community Rewards

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4. Development Foundation

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NOW?



Do you know where this picture was taken? Send your guess to kellard@holmescc.edu. We will unveil the location in the next edition of Paw Prints.

The picture from last issue was taken of the Holmes Logo on the Ridgeland Fitness center that overlooks I-55 and has 95,000 vehicles per day drive past that building and averaging 1.5 people per car estimating 52 million exposures per year.

Ronald Jay Aldy Women's Basketball Coach



Ronald Jay Aldy, a graduate of Jackson Central, coached women's basketball at Holmes on two separate occasions (1988-1992 and 2005-2012) and brought two State Championship titles to the college.

After high school, Aldy lettered in two sports, basketball and baseball, while earning his Bachelor of Science from the University of Mississippi.

Aldy's first coaching job was at Chamberlain Hunt Military Academy but he later took a job at Kirk Academy where he coached for 17 years.

In 1988, Aldy started his career at Holmes Community College as the women's basketball coach. During Aldy's time at Holmes the Lady Bulldogs captured the MACJC State Championship in 1991 before repeating as state champions the next year as well as capturing the Region XXII title.

After Holmes, Aldy moved on to coach at the University of Florida as the associate head coach helping to carry them to five NCAA tournaments appearances. He also coached women's basketball at the University of Mississippi and the University of Alabama.

When Aldy returned to Holmes in 2005, he picked up where he left off taking the Lady Bulldogs to the State and Region tournaments in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011 and 2012.

Among the many achievements that Aldy has received in his coaching career, included being named MACJC Coach of the Year twice, Region XXII Coach of the Year and has been inducted in the MAIS Sports Hall of Fame in 2011.

Aldy and his wife, Wanda, who reside in Tuscaloosa have two children Ronald Jay Aldy, Jr. and Brittany Aldy Myers along with four grandchildren Skyler (15), Logan (12), Weston (16) and Jay (12).

Lewis Quinby Morgan Coach, Athletic Director



Lewis Quinby Morgan served in numerous coaching positions during his 32 years at Holmes Community College. He served as assistant football coach, head baseball coach, head football coach and director of athletics.

A Washington County native, he attended Greenville High School. He attended The University of Mississippi and Delta State University (DSU). He earned a Bachelor of Science from DSU in 1968 and continued on to complete his masters in 1971.

While Morgan was at Delta State he played football. He was part of the 1967 football team who went 9-1 that season and defeated the University of Tampa. His senior year, Morgan served as a graduate assistant along with serving as the assistant track coach.

In 1968, Morgan started his coaching career at Holmes and made a home here at the college. As a baseball coach here at Holmes he led the Dirtbags to two appearances in the NCAA Region 23 tournament. He served as assistant football coach of the MJCA North All-Stars championship in 1979. In 1988, as assistant coach, he led the football team to finish first in the North then played in the Texas Jr. College Shrine Bowl in Tyler, Texas.

Now Morgan is retired. He lives in Taft, Tennessee with his wife Rebecca. They have three children, all of whom attended Holmes and participated in Bulldog Athletics: Lewis (Class of '89), Aaron (Class of '96) and Hamer (Class of '98). The Morgans have five granddaughters who are all involved in sports.

Wilson 'Wil' Browning Baseball



A native of Sallis and a graduate of Kosciusko High School, Wilson "Wil" Browning played baseball for Holmes Community College during the 2007-2009 seasons.

Browning was a right-handed pitcher for the Dirt Bags. He made All American in 2008, then in 2009 he was on the NJCAA Region 23 Division II All Region team and made All State for baseball.

Baseball was a way of life for Browning. After Holmes Browning continued on to University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) where he played baseball and completed a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology. While at ULM, his baseball team won the Sunbelt championship in 2012 and Browning was named MVP of the tournament.

In 2012, Browning was signed and entered the minor leagues with the Toronto Blue Jays. He played professionally for six years all with the Blue Jays. During his time in the minor league system he excelled in the sport. Browning made All-Stars in 2013 and 2015 plus he was named MVP in 2015 for his contributions to the game. The R. Howard Webster Award was given to Browning which is awarded annually to the Most Valuable Player at each of the Toronto Blue Jays' minor league affiliated teams.

Now Browning lives in West Monroe, Louisiana, with his wife, Anna Marie who is a third grade school teacher. They have two children Hunk (3) and Merritt (5 months).

Keith Lennell Gray Basketball



Keith Lennell Gray graduated from Benton High School and headed to Goodman, excited to play basketball for Holmes Community College. Gray played under Bennie Kimble for the 1986-1988 seasons.

At Benton High School, Gray achieved success early in the sport. He was awarded All County in Yazoo County, All District, All State and played on the AA state championship team 1985.

When Gray arrived at Holmes, he was ready to play basketball and it showed in his achievements. He made All Conference, All State, First Team All-Star selection, All-Star MVP for the North and received the Frank B. Branch Award during his tenor.

Gray earned an Associate of Arts degree from Holmes Community College. After Holmes, Gray continued on to Western Carolina University. He played basketball for the Catamounts where he was forth in the nation in 3-point percentage and was in the top 20 all-time scoring average in the school's history.

Upon completing his Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship from Western Carolina University he pursued a professional career in the World Basketball League. Among some of his accomplishments professionally he was three-time Dunk Champion, lead team in scoring and three time league player of the month just to list a few.

Now, Gray is an instructor in Construction Management Technologies/ Project Management at Wake Tech Community College. He lives in lives in Raleigh, North Carolina with his wife Adrian and their daughter Taejona (16).

Michael Jacob Newton Soccer



Michael Jacob Newton graduated from University Christian School and headed to the Ridgeland Campus to play soccer for the Holmes Community College Bulldogs. He played under Coach Matt Convertino during the 2003-2005 seasons.

In 2004, the Holmes soccer program was in its seventh year. Newton's freshman year, the soccer team went 6-8-2 for the season and the team consisted of mostly freshman yet put together the longest winning streak in the young program's history.

The Bulldogs fought extremely hard Newton's sophomore year to make it to the playoffs but fell short in an overtime game against Itawamba. It was a well-fought season for the soccer team as they finished the 2005 season 6-3-1 in the MACJC North Division and Newton made MACJC All-State after the season but his own stats included 4 goals, 2 assists, 10 points (ranking him 37th overall in the Holmes single season scoring record list).

After Holmes, Newton attended the University of Mississippi where he earned two bachelor's degrees, one in history (2007) and the other broadcast journalism (2010).

Newton has been in the Jackson area since he graduated from the University of Mississippi. He has worked as an account representative and assistant ticket manager for the Mississippi Braves. Then he worked as an IT consultant for six years and is now in the insurance business.

Currently Newton lives in Brandon with his wife, Jessica. They have two children, Rosalind (1) and Dean (newborn).

Read the full stories about our Holmes 2020 Sports Hall of Fame inductees at www.holmescc.edu/alumni/shof.aspx.

