

HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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**The Holmes Community
College Development
Foundation Golf Classic**
will be held Wednesday, May 4,
at Deerfield Golf Club in Madison.
Registration will begin Mid-March

Contact Allison DeWeese for
more information at 601-605-3430
or adeweese@holmescc.edu.

HOLMES BULLDOGS Mentors

HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE NOW OFFERS MENTORING OPTIONS WITHIN THE ALUMNI COMMUNITY

Imagine spending the day with a local businessman, entrepreneur, teacher, politician, doctor, lawyer, coach, or other great professions to continue being sharp in your field. The experience could be very impactful and help strengthen your professional skills. The Holmes Alumni Community now has the option to offer mentorship to new alumni.

Please contact kellard@holmescc.edu if you have any questions or wish to provide mentorship to someone in your field of study.

Top Left: We enjoyed celebrating 50 years of football with the 1972 Holmes football team. They were recognized on the field at the end of the first quarter of the Homecoming game.

Bottom Left: Thank you to all the 2002 Football Team Members who returned to celebrate their 20th year since winning the 2002 State Championship and the Region 23 Title with a 9-2 record under Coach Hugh Shurden.

Make sure to join the alumni group if you were part of the team!

Top Middle: The Holmes Culinary Arts Program preparing the Alumni tailgate food.

Bottom Middle: Holmes Alumni enjoying the Alumni tailgate prior to the annual Alumni Association meeting held at Homecoming.

Right: Danny Chandler ('89) at Homecoming tailgate with mascot Bully.



Alumni Shop Orders

Purchase in the same cart as your alumni dues in our Alumni Community. See pricing: holmesccalumni.360alumni.com/campaigns



Carhartt Midweight Hooded Zip-Front Sweatshirt - Black



Eddie Bauer Highpoint Fleece Jacket - Metal Grey



District Scorecard Crop Tee - Black / White



THE SPORTS HALL OF FAME BANQUET is set for April 6th, 2023, at the Frank Branch Coliseum at 6:00 p.m. in Goodman. Tickets are now available online at holmesccalumni.360alumni.com/events/view/9088



FOOTBALL AND GOLF * CLASS OF 1997

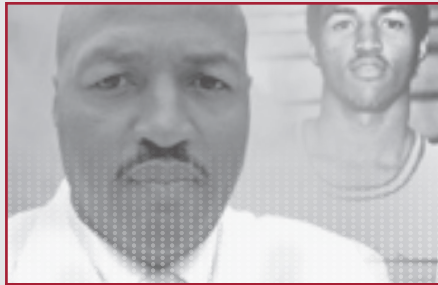
#4 GABE ALANIZ

Native: Deer Park, Texas

YEARS AT HOLMES: 1996 and 1997
Football seasons

SPORT: Football and Golf

- 4th in total yards in 1996
- 5th in passing yards in 1996 JUCO National standing under Hugh Shurden/Tony Cook



BASKETBALL * CLASS OF 1985

#25 MARTIN LATIKER

Native: Sallis, Mississippi

YEARS AT HOLMES: 1985-1986
and 1986-1987 seasons

SPORT: Football and Golf

- Best free throws during time on the basketball court
- All-State team two consecutive seasons
- Team captain in 1985-1986



SOCCER * CLASS OF 2004

#8 MARTIN PALOMO

Native: Madison, Mississippi

YEARS AT HOLMES: 2002-2004

SPORT: Soccer

- Among the first teams on the Ridgeland Campus under Coach Matt Convertino
- Instrumental in making the soccer program what it is today



BASKETBALL * CLASS OF 2005

#4 TERRANCE AKINS

Native: Little Rock, Arkansas

Years at Holmes: 2003-2004 and
2004-2005 seasons

SPORT: Basketball

- Co-Freshman of the Year
- Led the MACJC in Scoring (3 point & steals during 2003-2004 season)
- Sophomore of the year
- Runner up MACJC MVP
- 3 point MACJC leader.



TRACK, TENNIS AND SOFTBALL * CLASS OF 1963

COACH DANIEL EDWARDS

Native: Canton, Mississippi

YEARS AT HOLMES: 1961-1963

SPORT: Football, tennis, track as a
student and 17 as a coach

- Instructor
- Began the softball program, and built the field
- Served as a successful head coach



LADIES BASKETBALL * CLASS OF 2006

#13 LURENA HOLMES

Native: Blackhawk, Mississippi

YEARS AT HOLMES: 2004-2005 and
2005-2006 seasons

SPORT: Basketball

- Best free throw record on the team
- Outstanding offensive game on the court

You can nominate an outstanding athlete you know to be included in the **Holmes Community College Sports Hall of Fame!** Just scan the QR code to the right to fill out an application today!

See the full articles online: holmescc.edu/alumni



SPECIAL RECOGNITION INVITATION:

The 2003 soccer team will be celebrating 20 years since they played together. The 2003 team was among the first to play in Ridgeland and paved the way for what our Holmes Soccer program is today.

We encourage Matthew Reece, Daniel Martinez, Matthew Bodkin, Shane Vineyard, Joseph Carmody, Kimbrell Dodder, Andy Hall, Martin Palomo, Clint Case, Crisler Torrence, Cedric Stewart and Eric Forrest to join us for a special recognition presentation at the Sports Hall of Fame Banquet on April 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the Frank Branch Coliseum on the Goodman Campus.



We would like to invite anyone in the classes of 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1980 to register for the 4th annual reunion on July 15 at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate being a Holmes Alumni for 40 plus years.

Please register online:

holmesccalumni.360alumni.com/events/view/9220

For further details, please contact

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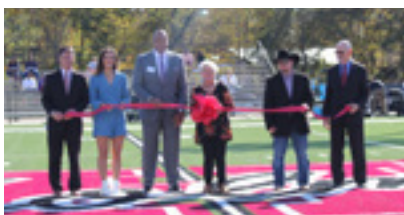
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Ridgeland

WOULD YOU LIKE TO NOMINATE SOMEONE TO RECEIVE ONE OF OUR HIGHEST HONORS?

Over the years, some of Holmes's fantastic students have been honored with either the **Alumnus of the Year Award** or the **Distinguished Service Award**. We would love to receive your nomination suggestions.

You can mail their nomination and their current resume to the Holmes Community College Alumni Association, Attn: Katherine Ellard, P.O. Box 369 Goodman, MS 39079. For more information, you can call (662) 472.9134 or email Katherine Ellard, kellard@holmescc.edu.

Holmes Community College was recently awarded the title of Best Alumni Network by Intelligent.com



Intelligent.com's research identifies top schools in the state based on tuition costs, the number of credits required to graduate and the online coursework delivery format.

Holmes was recognized as the college with the Best Alumni Network for a number of reasons. The college, founded in 1925, has a very active alumni association and many perks available to alums. These benefits include a house on campus,

the Holmes House, which can be rented for events or overnight stays and use of the campus chapel for weddings. Alumni are also recognized annually with awards like Veteran of the Year, Outstanding Alumni, Distinguished Service Award and Sports Hall of Fame induction.

Additionally, Holmes alumni now have a better way to stay in the loop with Alumni 360. The Alumni Association encourages all former Bulldogs to stay connected through this platform by visiting holmesccalumni.360alumni.com.

**To learn more about Holmes CC,
visit holmescc.edu.**

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visit intelligent.com.**



We want you to be *activated!*

Scan or visit holmesccalumni.360alumni.com/

WHO: HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WHAT: HOLMES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

WHEN: ALWAYS!

**WHERE: ALL THE HOLMES CAMPUSES, NOW
UNITED WITHIN THE ALUMNI COMMUNITY**

WHY: THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOLMES

GIVING BACK!



The Holmes Community College Development Foundation was established more than 45 years ago to represent the nine-county district the college serves. Its purpose is to provide funds for scholarships for students attending Holmes, as well as provide funds to support other educational activities of the college, such as faculty development, modernization of classroom equipment, student development activities, and sponsorship of capital improvement campaigns.



Once part of the Holmes PTA Family, you are always our family. Our alumni come back to graduation to support their family and see the

faculty. We go to each other's weddings, celebrate birthdays, help clean up after tornados damage our homes, have pizza delivered to lab to work through lunch, meet each other in the ER for support until parents can get there, fix flat tires in the parking lot... **We are FAMILY.**



TOP LEFT: Back Row: Tabby Byars, James Wade Byars, Heather Crouch, Charlotte Crouch, Jacob Buchannon, Kadero Edley **Bottom Row:** Dani Denley, Ellie Denley, Jaimsey Bloom, Ashlyn Bloom, Tate Neeley, Turner Neely and Charlie Neely

Top Right: Jacob Buchannon, Hope Ellis Hendrix, Corey Richardson and Julia Richardson

Bottom: Katie Stokes Pugh, Tabby Byars, Becca Christian, Ashlyn Bloom, Lindsey McLellan

HOLMES BULLDOGS

IF YOU WERE A LETTERED ATHLETE AT HOLMES: once you have activated your account, *find your group* so we can keep in touch with you.

Activate your account to find other groups, **NOT** just sports groups. We have nursing, Connection!, Ambassadors and other groups. If your group is not there, you can also **CREATE ONE!**



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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.



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Official Hashtag

#NoPlaceLikeHolmes



PEELER TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE MCCHOF

Jacob Peeler, a graduate of Kosciusko High School, played football at Holmes and will be inducted into the Mississippi Community and Junior College Sports Hall of Fame on April 25 at the Muse Center on the Rankin County Campus of Hinds Community College.

Peeler played center and was on the 2002

State Championship team which was among one of his favorite memories at Holmes. He received other accolades as well, including NJCAA All-American, NJCAA Academic All-American and JC Gridwire All-American.

Outside of football, Peeler was involved with Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and was a Holmes Ambassador.

Upon graduation from Holmes, he continued to play football at Louisiana Tech. He was on the starting lineup at Louisiana Tech and earned a Bachelor of Science in education with an emphasis in social studies in 2007. Peeler continued his studies at Mississippi State University, adding a Master of Science in kinesiology to his resume in 2008.

Peeler and his wife, Tori, live in Columbia, Missouri with their three children where he is the wide receiver coach at the University of

Missouri. Prior to his current coaching job, he served two seasons as offensive coordinator at Texas State (2020–21), three seasons at Ole Miss (2017–19) and four seasons at California (2013–16).

In Peeler's two seasons at Texas State, the Bobcats produced eight offensive All-Sun Belt Conference honorees. The Bobcat offense increased its rushing output by nearly 65 percent from the previous season and averaged 369.7 total yards and 27.7 points per game in 2020. It was the most yards gained for the Bobcats since 2015 and the most points scored since 2014.

While at Ole Miss, Peeler coached two of the NFL's best 2019 rookie wide receivers in Tennessee's A.J. He spent two seasons as receivers coach (2017, 2018) and was promoted to co-offensive coordinator. In 2018, Peeler was inducted into the Holmes Sports Hall of Fame.

At Cal, he was a graduate assistant in 2013–14 before being promoted to assistant coach for inside receivers in 2015. Peeler helped turn Cal's offense into one of the nation's best, as the Golden Bears ranked in the NCAA's top 10 in passing offense, top 15 in total offense and top 25 in scoring offense for three-straight seasons. Peeler's coaching stops also include Louisiana Tech (2009–12) and Itawamba C.C. (2008).

Holmes Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability or genetic information in its educational programs and activities, employment practices, or admissions processes. The following administrators have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies of Holmes Community College:

Inquiries regarding compliance with Title VI, ADEA, and Title IX are coordinated by the Vice President for Compliance and Institutional Research, Henry B. McClellan Administration Building, Post Office Box 369, Goodman, MS 39079, Phone: 662-472-9429, compliance@holmescc.edu.

Inquiries regarding compliance with Section 504 and ADA are coordinated by the Disability Student Services Coordinator, M.R. Thorne Vocational-Technical Building, Room 110, Post Office Box 369, Goodman, MS 39079, Phone: 662-472-9088, disabilitysupportservices@holmescc.edu.