

HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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As we celebrate the centennial anniversary of Holmes, we reflect on a century of academic excellence and college milestones. This monumental occasion invites us to honor our rich legacy and our alumni who have enriched communities worldwide. Let us celebrate our past achievements and also the bright future that lies ahead.

ALUMNI Happenings

First Lieutenant Cade Marlow ('22) spoke at Winona Christian School in observation of Veteran's Day. Cade studied Criminology at Holmes Community College.



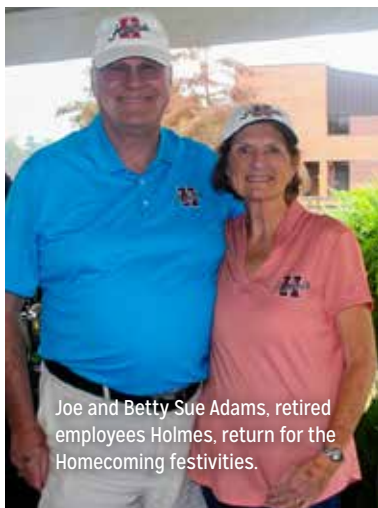
Clarence Harmon ('75) returned to Goodman for Homecoming. Harmon played for the Bulldogs in the 70s before a NFL career with the Washington Redskins..



Mary Clayton Belk ('20), Mandy Burrell ('91), future Bulldog Sawyer Belk, and Addie Burrell ('22) visit during homecoming festivities.



Pictured are (left to right) Holmes Alumni Association President Jacob Black ('08), the Queen's escort Amir Abdul-Rauf, 2024 Homecoming Queen Jakya Ellis, Goodman Campus Vice President Andy Wood and Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey ('97).



Joe and Betty Sue Adams, retired employees Holmes, return for the Homecoming festivities.



FRONT ROW: Linda Fuller ('72), Clarence Harmon ('75), Brenda Fuller
SECOND ROW: Linda Creamer ('74), Claude Elam ('74)
THIRD ROW: Hayward Haener, Walter Coleman ('73), Garnnet Day, Henery Booth ('75), Terry Moore ('74), RC Wade, Freddy Scott.



HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FOUNDATION
GOLF TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY
MAY 1, 2025

Deerfield Golf Club
Madison, Mississippi
11 a.m. Registration & Lunch
12 noon Tee Time

AFTER 5:00
SOCIAL
& HORS
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TEAM/CORPORATE SPONSOR \$600

Advertise your business while supporting Holmes! Includes 4 player team, green fees, cart fees, lunch and hole sign.

HOLE SPONSOR \$100

Not able to play, but still want to participate? Includes a hole sign showing your support.

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Feature your most sought-after wares. Support the Foundation by donating a raffle or prize item.

Please submit all entry forms with payment to Allison DeWeese by **MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025.**
By email: adeweese@holmescc.edu | By mail: 412 West Ridgeland Ave., Ridgeland, MS 39157.
Make checks payable to: Holmes Community College Development Foundation.



HOLMES SPORTS HALL OF FAME

AS A PART OF OUR 100 YEAR CELEBRATION, WE LOOK BACK AT HOLMES' TRADITION OF SPORTS EXCELLENCE. WE ALSO HONOR THE INDUCTEES FROM 2020, WHOSE CEREMONY WAS POSTPONED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

MICHAEL JACOB NEWTON, '05



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.

KEITH LENNELL GRAY, '88



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

During his time at Benton High School, Gray was awarded All County in Yazoo County, All District, All State and played on the AA state championship team in 1985.

When Gray played at Holmes, he made All Conference, All State, First Team All-Star, All-Star MVP for the North and received the Frank B. Branch Award.

LEWIS QUINBY MORGAN



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, director of athletics and he even coached one basketball game.

As 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.

WILSON "WIL" BROWNING, '09



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.

"One of my fondest memories at Holmes was playing in the regional championship game in 2009," Browning said.

RONALD JAY ALDY



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

Aldy received many honors in his coaching career, including 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.

In 2017, Aldy was honored by having the Kirk Academy gym floor named the "Ronnie Aldy Court."

THE SPORTS HALL OF FAME BANQUET WILL BE APRIL 10!
WHERE: FRANK BRANCH COLISEUM | GOODMAN
WHEN: 5 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR | 6 P.M. DINNER & PROGRAM
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PAST INDUCTEES

2024

Larry Hart
Richard Worthy
Shane Michael Troclair
Gerald Gibson
Walter Holman
Shelton Richardson

2023

Terrance Akins
Gabe Alaniz
Daniel Edwards
Lurena Holmes
Martin L. Latiker
Martin Palomo

2022

Dr. Dashan Turner
Anthony Carlyle
Alton Wright
Elton Calhoun
Robert Pool
James Lehman

2021

Durwin W. Carpenter
Jacobby M. Robinson
Danya A. Turner
Johnathan E. Boyd
Trumaine Sykes
Willie C. Harris

2020

Ronald Jay Aldy
Wilson Browning
Keith Lennell Gray
Lewis Quinby Morgan
Michael Jacob Newton

2019

Sheila Sullivan Hickman
Tony Stanford
Greg Holloway
Robert Gates
Richard Akins

2018

Ashley Howard
Bill Bailey
Jacob Peeler
Terrance Sykes
Jason Russell

2017

Austin Taylor
Charles McCluskey
Derek Starling
Elizabeth Mosby Ellis
Todd Kimble
Phillip Sistrunk

2016

Angela Bounds-Stevenson
Shaston Coleman
Michael Ellis
Clarence Harmon
William Farris Jenkins
Don Wynne

2015

Michael Avalon
Tim Bell
Claude Gunter
Jerrelyn Redmond Jackson
Cadman Porter
Randy Shields
Hugh Shurden
Stephen Waggener

2014

Chris Avery
Laura Coleman Canard
Richard Chisolm
Sherwood Colette
Terry Day
Michael Jones
W.A. Miles
Clint Tompkins

2013

Roy Oswalt
Randy Martin
Chris White
Candice Edwards Parish
Xan Barksdale
Duane Starks
Walter Jones
Bradly S. MacNealy

2012

Robert Lynn Rose
Ricky Joe Black
Marvin D. Taylor
Reginald "Reggie" Tiller

2011

A.J. Kilpatrick
Alvin McKinley
Don Phillips
Lance Pogue
David Springer

2010

Ras Branch
Ray Clower
Tommy Guthrie
Tonya Dawson Sims

2009

Milton Griffin
Frank Branch
Dick Johnson
Walter Van Allen

2008

Bobby "Monkey" Grantham
Artie Hendricks
Vicki Phillips Dyer Minninger
Franks Shaw

2007

Bennie Kimble
Monty Perry
Kenny Taylor
Roy "Luke" Terry

2006

Hank James
Sonny Smith
Jerry Stewart
Robert Wright

2005

Charles "Foozy" Dyer
Bette Smith Edwards
Greg Robinson
Alan Wallace

2004

Ricky Casey
Kim Wingard Fuller
Bobby Pirkle
Woody Simpson

2003

Randy Baldwin
Billy Bell
Charlie Grant
Retha Greer

2002

Robert Alexander
Larry Therrell
Elton Wright
James "Red" Free
John Pratt

2001

Billy Bowman
Kathleen Buckley
Luther Kuykendall
Johnny Plummer

2000

Robert Felton
Joe Lynn Gant
Howard Guthrie
Charlotte McQuary
Joe Silverii

1999

Wayne Leonard
Ken Herring
Dr. Bobby Bell
James W. Busby
Geraldine Manning

1998

Edna Earl Edwards
Frank Horn
David R. Oakes
Tommy Worthey

1997

James E. Adams
Jesse J. Atkins
Dale Brasher
Homer Robertson
Geneva B. Free

1996

Allen Abels
Carlton Abels
Cephus Abels
John Ables
Robert Brown
Melvin McFarland
Rebecca K. Oswalt
Aubrey Rozzell

1995

Bill Bigby
Paul Haynes
James E. Pannell
Russell E. Reid
Mattye Collins Ruth
Bill Taylor

1994

Donald Berry
Ode Burrell
Charlie Howard
Mike Kinnison
Wayne Sims

1993

Jeff Campbell
Millard Davis
Faye Graham Dillard
Mel Gibson
Earl "Dixie" Howell
Thomas E. Nix
Hugh Pepper
Patty Burton Wood

If you are a previous Sports Hall of Fame inductee, this year's event is for you! We are excited to welcome you to visit campus and view our facility upgrades.

STARLING TO BE INDUCTED INTO MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Derek Starling ('86) of Madison, will be inducted into the Mississippi Community and Junior College Sports Hall of Fame on April 22, at the Clyde Muse Center in Pearl. Starling has served as a past president of the HCC Alumni Association, and currently serves on the Holmes Development Foundation Board of Directors.

A graduate of Canton High School, he played men's basketball for the Bulldogs under the late Coach Bennie Kimble from 1984-1986. During Starling's time as a Bulldog, he was team captain, named to the All-Region 23 Team, MJCAA All-State and chosen to play in the MJCAA All-Star game. Other accolades he received included the Academic Award, the Sportsmanship Award, the Ras Branch Award and the Bulldog Award.



Upon graduation from Holmes, he attended Mississippi State University and earned his bachelor's in industrial and systems engineering with a minor in mathematics. He is now the owner and principal of SOL Engineering Services, headquartered in Jackson.

Some of Starling's success include: Small Business Administration's Mississippi Business Person of the Year (2015); serving on the Canton School Board for 17 years, (eight of which he served as chairman); MSU Department of Industrial & System Engineering Advisory Board member

(2018-present); inducted as a Fellow into the Society of American Military Engineers (2022) and lifetime member of the Holmes Alumni Association.

In 2017, he was inducted into the Holmes Sports Hall of Fame for his basketball accomplishments, then in 2022, was recognized as the Holmes Alumni Association as Alumnus of the Year.

He and his wife continue to support students at Holmes through a scholarship he and his wife established in 2024. The Daphenia and Derek Starling Family Scholarship will be for a graduate of Canton High School majoring in a STEM field. The student must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 2.5 grade-point-average."

"We wanted to do a scholarship because Holmes invest- ed into me with a scholarship that allowed me to afford college," Starling said. "My scholarship was the beginning of my preparation for lifelong learn- ing and we want to give other deserving students that same opportunity."

Starling belongs to Alcorn State University Department of Advanced Technology's Advisory Board, the American Council of Engineering Companies, the American Society for Quality, and the Board of Directors for the Society of American Military Engineering. He and his wife, Daphenia, have one son, Derek.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL
10
THURSDAY
SPORTS HALL OF FAME
Frank Branch Coliseum
5 PM Social | 6 PM Dinner

MAY
14
THURSDAY
GRADUATION
Frank Branch Coliseum
10:00 AM & 2:00 PM

MAY
1
THURSDAY
SPRING POPS CONCERT
McDaniel Auditorium | Goodman

MAY
19
MONDAY
1975-1980 CLASS REUNION
Carroll Cafeteria | Goodman

MAY
1
THURSDAY
FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT
Deerfield Country Club | Canton

OCTOBER
23
THURSDAY
HOME COMING 100TH CELEBRATION
Goodman | Starting at 9:00 AM



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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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HOLMES MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Give back to our Alma Mater - be a part of an exciting new shadowing initiative with Holmes! Mentor a Holmes student in your field of expertise and help them shape their future. To become a mentor, contact Angela Boyd, Director of Student Support Services at (662) 472-9002, or scan the QR the code.

TreDarius Clifton ('19), mentored Madison Pickett ('23) and Javia Brown ('23) during an Alcorn State University campus visit. He answered questions about transitioning from Holmes CC to Alcorn.

