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From the College President

Dear Holmes Family,

Thank you for all you do to make Holmes a great place to live, learn, and work. Your support is the safety net for our students. The scholarships and supplies you provide students are the differences in affording their books and transportation so they can achieve the dream of a degree or certificate and a better life for their family.



Holmes Community College has been a huge blessing in my life, as well as the life of my wife, Rae Anne. It gave us both a fantastic foundation in higher education without being burdened with long-term, student debt. My daughter, Hayley, is now enrolled on the Goodman Campus and appears to be living her best life as a Holmes Ambassador and PTK officer!

We are excited about new projects on the horizon to enhance our students' experience. Opening in 2022 will be: Training facilities for football, baseball, and softball as well as new turf fields that will allow our local schools to play as well if they have rainouts. An updated, state-of-the-art library, a new electrical lineman training facility, a new field house for our state champion soccer program, a student healthplex at 3 locations, updated classrooms, a new heating and air conditioning program, a new mobile welding classroom, and renovations to the outside of a dozen of our buildings throughout the district. We are excited to bring a new Registered Nurse (ADN) program to the Goodman Campus, and are busy raising money to match a significant grant that benefits our Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math programs.

To better serve our community, we have partnered with Premier Medical Group from Kosciusko to open a new medical clinic on campus that will serve our students and our local citizens who are in desperate need of affordable, local healthcare.

I humbly thank you for your loyal support of the Holmes Community College Development Foundation and the confidence you continue to place in our institution. I can assure you that we always try to be as practical as possible, being good stewards of your donations.

I know that you all agree that there is "No Place Like Holmes".

Jim Haffey, Ph.D.
President, Homes Community College



From the Foundation President

Dear Friends of Holmes CC,

Thanks to all of you who continue to support Holmes Community College. We appreciate your contribution and dedication and for staying in touch and supporting all the exciting things that are happening on all the campuses. Dr. Jim Haffey, faculty and staff continue to do an excellent job of providing students with a quality education to prepare them for success in life.



One thing is certain. There is always activity, excitement and growth going on at Holmes. Thanks to all of those who make this growth happen. Academic excellence continues to benefit our students. There will be new training facilities and fields for our sports program. This will benefit our Athletic Program and local schools. As Dr. Haffey mentioned, new Vocational Technical programs and a new Nursing Program will greatly benefit our students and surrounding communities. HCC students are much in demand in the workforce. Dr. Haffey went to the electrical lineman graduation to congratulate the graduating students. To his delight, he was informed that they had already been hired by the large electrical companies the minute they graduated. We can all be proud of the supporters and instructors that make all of this possible. A special thanks to the communication team that continues to keep us informed on all the good things that are happening at Holmes.

Each time we visit a Holmes CC campus, we are reminded of how Holmes impacted our lives. Many of us got our start at Holmes. By attending Holmes, we were able to continue our education for a more productive life.

Jack Holmes just celebrated his 90th birthday in the Goodman cafeteria. Many friends and associates joined together to honor and thank Jack for over half a century of dedication to Holmes CC. Being part of the Holmes Family is special. Becky and I are proud to be "Holmes Home-Grown", and we ask you to join us as we watch Holmes CC continue to grow and support our students and community.

Jesse E. Leverette, Jr., *President*
Holmes Community College Development Foundation

The Development Foundation, established more than 45 years ago, provides funds for scholarships for students attending Holmes and supports educational activities of the college, such as faculty development, modernization of classroom equipment, student development activities, and sponsorship of capital improvement campaigns. The Foundation puts every donation they receive to good use.

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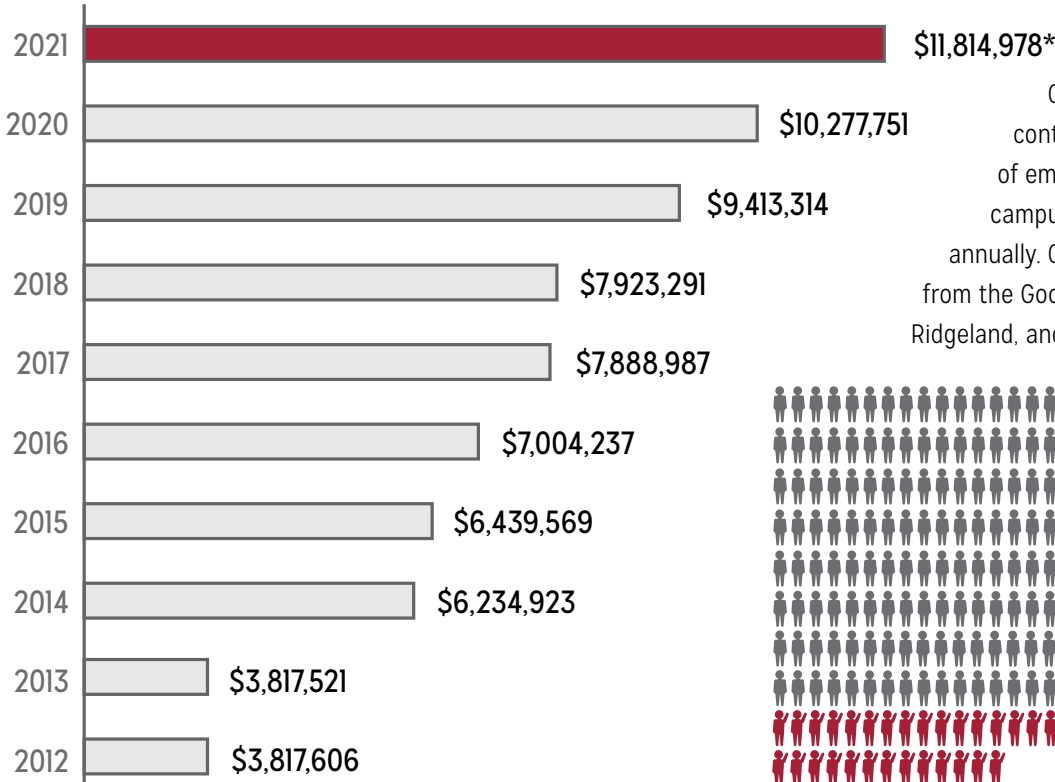
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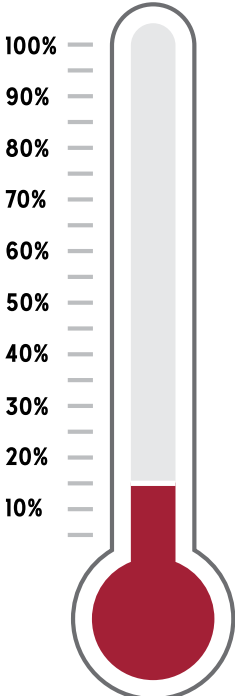
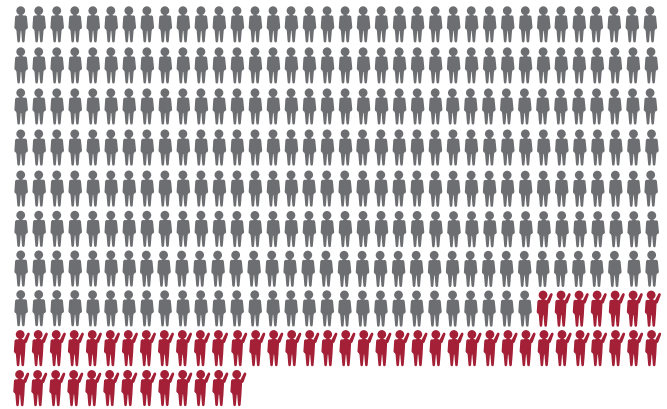
FOUNDATION BALANCE HISTORY



*Pending Audit

RAISE YOUR HAND

Of Holmes' 366 total employees, 80 contribute to the Foundation. The sum of employee donations across our three campuses equals approximately \$20,000 annually. Of the employees donating, 41% are from the Goodman Campus, 29% are located at Ridgeland, and 25% are on the Grenada Campus.

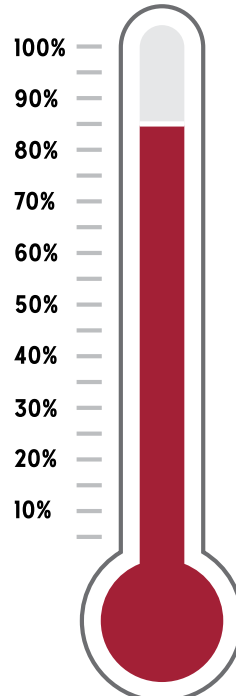


THE STEM MAJOR PROJECT MATCHING GRANT

The STEM Major Project, launched in 2021, has a five-year duration. We have reached 15% of our goal. There are several ways to donate: contact the Holmes Development Foundation office at (662) 472-9017 or scan the QR code on the back cover of this publication.

\$165,796 of 1 million

Read the full article on p. 12.



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPACITY BUILDING CHALLENGE GRANT

These funds will help renovate the interior of McMorrough Library and Archives while facilitating activities sponsored by the humanities departments. Three years remain for us to reach our goal. To donate, contact the HCC Development Foundation at (662) 472-9017 or scan the QR code on the back cover of this publication.

\$403,088 of \$463,698



Alumni Serving Our Community

Doris Belk

Doris Belk, of Kosciusko, is owner and president of Mitchell Metal Products, Inc., in Kosciusko, which she built with her late husband and Holmes alumnus, Dewitte Belk. Mitchell Metal is a privately-held and family-owned manufacturer of HVAC sheet metal products.

Mitchell Metal was established in 1924 by the Mike Mitchell Family. Although the name did not change, Mr. and Mrs. Belk purchased the company along with a partner in 1971. In 1981, the Belk family bought out the partner and the business has continued to grow.

Mitchell Metal Products, one of the largest employers in Attala County, with over 100 employees, is expanding again this year and will be operating in a 360,000 square feet of production space under one roof.

"We are excited about the production improvements," Belk said. "The larger space will help our Mitchell Metal employees load our products faster onto our trucks with a shorter wait time at the loading dock."

Three generations strong and in operation for almost 100 years, Mitchell Metal Products continues to be an HVAC leader serving thousands of customers across the United States from Kosciusko.

"Kosciusko is such a great place to raise a family and we have always been a big supporter of the community, so it's important that we stay," said Belk.

Belk's dedication to the industry has led her to serve as a member of the Air Distribution Institute, Mississippi Manufacturers Association and National Association of Manufacturers.

The manufacturer uses over 12 million pounds of galvanized steel annually to produce HVAC products into 30 to 20 gauge

galvanized steel, stainless steel and aluminum. Customers of Mitchell Metal Products have access to single-wall items, Type B vent, and even custom solutions, for very set specifications.

Belk is a native of Ethel. She graduated as valedictorian from Ethel High School, where she was Miss. Ethel High School, voted Most Likely to Succeed, a cheerleader and captain of the girl's basketball team. After high school, Belk graduated from Holmes in 1955 and continued her education at Mississippi State University.

She is currently serving as secretary for the Holmes Board of Trustees, as well as the Holmes Development Foundation Board of Directors. She is also a member of the Foundation's Board of Governors.

Additionally, Belk participated on the Holmes fundraising committee to renovate and furnish the old President's Home and the fundraising committee and furnishing committee for the Chapel on the Hill.

In 2021, the college honored Belk with one of the college's highest alumni honors as its 2021 Alumna of the Year.

Among Belk's talents, she is one of the many commissioned artist who have courthouse paintings from the Holmes District hanging in the Board of Trustee Board Room on the Goodman Campus.

Belk continues to be active in her community by serving in Fun and Flower Garden Club of Kosciusko, as a Junior Auxiliary Life Member, as an Attala County Historical Society Board Member and a member of First Baptist Church.

Belk has two daughters, five grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

"When I attended Holmes in 1955, I never realized the roles I would later serve through volunteerism with the college. I continue to support the college because it has always felt like home. Community service has been an integral part of my life; therefore, investing in our local community college has been rewarding."

Celebrating the Life of Jimmy Shirley

Highlighting the impact James “Jimmy” Shirley, had on students in the classroom as a teaching legacy at Holmes Community College. A native of Benton, Shirley passed away in the fall of 2021 at the age of 80.

Jimmy, or more commonly known as “Mr. Shirley,” retired from both Mississippi Chemical Corporation and Holmes and viewed education as a lifelong pursuit evidenced by his degrees from multiple universities.

Shirley worked at Holmes for 21 years and is remembered by his students for his down-to-earth teaching style. He held a bachelor’s degree in engineering physics from Delta State University and a master’s degree in mathematics and physics from The University of Mississippi. He has also completed additional studies at Louisiana State University and Mississippi State University.

Shirley began his teaching career teaching high school science classes in Greenwood before teaching at East Holmes Academy. While teaching at East Holmes, Frank Branch, the president of Holmes at that time, reached out to Shirley and asked him to come and teach at the college. After six to seven years of teaching in Goodman, Branch sent Shirley to Yazoo City to teach practical mathematics and chemistry.

While there, Shirley was able to as-

sist Mississippi Chemical Company, L.P., with ongoing issues they had been experiencing. Mississippi Chemical was so impressed with his critical thinking skills that they offered him a job in human resources at the plant, and he ended up working there for 30 years.

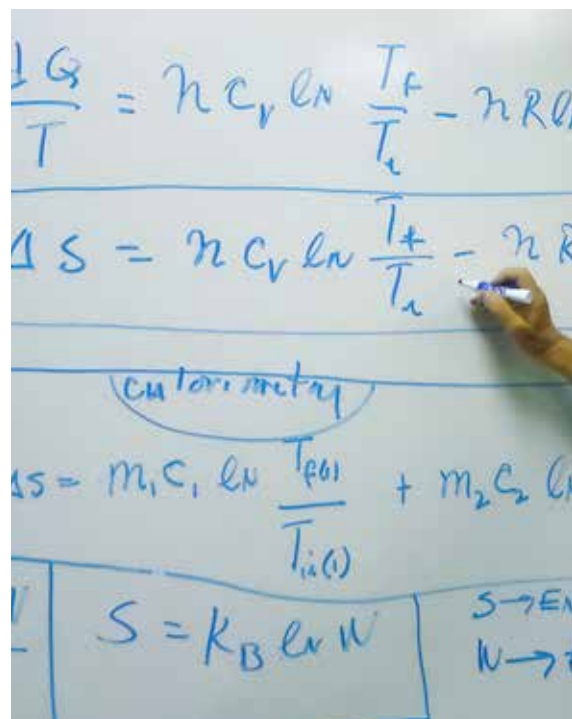
Upon his retirement from Mississippi Chemical, Shirley returned to Holmes to fill a temporary position teaching physics, which was supposed to last a few months. Those months turned into 12 years, and Shirley became a favorite among students on Holmes’ Goodman Campus. He was also an advisor for the Holmes Plus Program, which is a scholars program he helped found for students who show an aptitude in science and mathematics.

“Memorization is the lowest form of learning,” said Charissa Perrigin, a former student of Shirley’s. “Education is what’s left over when you’ve forgotten all that you memorized.”

Shirley’s passion was sharing knowledge and imparting wisdom to his students—and anyone else who would listen. He counseled countless students to pursue their highest ambitions in life, and in the community. He touched innumerable lives throughout the course of his career as an educator.

“In physics, I finally got a concept on something and told him I apologized for it not clicking the first time,” said Tommy Reid, a former Holmes student. “Mr. Shirley told me it was okay and that it happens a lot. That he questions his delivery sometimes because when he ‘tells somebody 2+2=4,’ there isn’t many different ways of saying it. So then he tries twooooo.....plluussssss.....twooooo.....equalllllss fffoouurrrr” (slow voice).”

Shirley was a Lamplighters Conference honoree, a Holmes Board of Trustees Special Recognition Award recipient, a National Science Foundation Grant recipient, a member of Mississippi Association of Physicists and a member of Rotary Club. He has also worked as an industrial engineering consultant. Shirley leaves behind his wife, Amy, four children, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Bill Grace Named Shelton Award Honoree

Head athletic trainer and HPR instructor Bill Grace, a native of West, received The Paul and McCrea Shelton Award to honor his hard work and dedication to Holmes Community College. A 1992 Holmes alumnus, Grace has worked for the college for 27 years and has always been extremely active on campus.



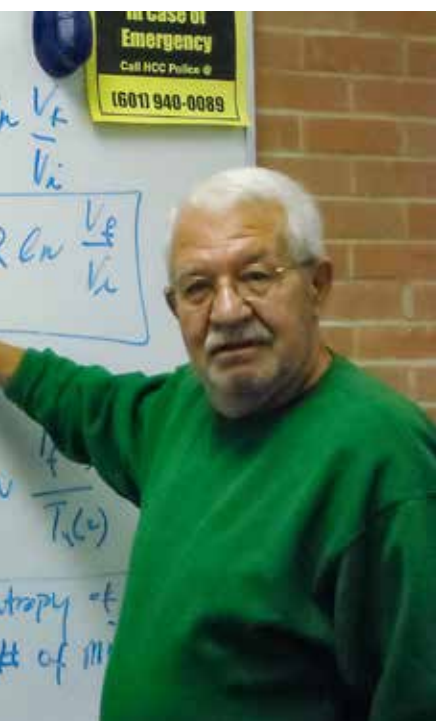
Grace was awarded the \$500 gift in December, which goes to an employee from either the Goodman or Ridgeland Campus. Two \$300 scholarships are awarded each fall and spring semester to students; one student on the Ridgeland Campus and one on the Goodman Campus. Employees are nominated by Holmes faculty/staff members based on their support of the college and community involvement.

Grace holds a Bachelor of Science in Human Performance and Sports Medicine from the University of Southern Mississippi as well as a Master of Social Science in Sports Medicine from the U.S. Sports Academy. As an instructor, he teaches classes on both the Goodman and Grenada campuses as well as through eLearning. He is also a certified first-aid instructor. In addition to his roles as trainer and instructor, he also advises students pursuing degrees in pre-athletic training, exercise science/kinesiology, pre-physical therapy, secondary education-physical education/kinesiology, general college studies, health informatics, liberal arts and sports management/administration.

As head athletic trainer, Grace ensures that all practices on all the college's campuses are covered as well as ballgames. He works with athletes to make sure they get the care they need through doctor's appointments, rehab training, etc. He is a 27-year member of the Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association and the National Athletic Trainers' Association. He also is a liaison between the college and sports insurance agents.

Outside of Holmes, Grace stays busy by serving in several capacities. He is a member of First Baptist Church in Kosciusko, where he serves as deacon, chairman of the recreation committee, Sunday school teacher for the adult department, and scribe for the Bylaws Committee. He also volunteers to cook for the church's special events and programs, where his specialty is tomato gravy and homemade biscuits. Additionally, Grace is a member of the North Mississippi Emmaus Community, where he has served in the past as a lay director for both a men's walk and the Crossroads college walk. Bill has served more than 30 weekends dedicating himself to serving the Lord during these retreats. He is a former member of the Emmaus board of directors.

Grace is married to the former Wendy Lewis and resides in Kosciusko. Wendy is the Coordinator of Academic Programs in Goodman, and they have three children, Britt (22), Kaylee (20) and Drew (17). Britt is a Holmes alumnus, Kaylee is a current Holmes student, and Drew attends Kosciusko High School.



Making an Impact: A Legacy of Commitment

Dr. Stephanie C. Diffey, Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness (IRE) at Holmes Community College, shares rare insights into the fascinating work that helps Holmes improve as an institution each year.

As Director of IRE, Dr. Diffey is responsible for coordinating activities relating to institutional effectiveness and grant development, including planning and evaluation, instructional research, and compliance with accrediting agencies.

The IRE Office regularly receives data from various local, state and national sources, which provides a wide range of important evaluative and assessment information on a regular basis. From these reports and institutional data, Dr. Diffey develops tables, graphs, and narratives for presentations on the administrative, educational support, and instructional units of Holmes to use as research base for strategic planning.

She ensures that Holmes assesses all instructional pro-

grams, administrative units, and student support units on an annual basis for the purpose of improving student learning, services, and administrative efficiency. These assessment activities are evident in the unit or programs assessment worksheets and survey results in which students and employees review the programs and services provided by the institution.

"Assessment allows programs and units at Holmes to evaluate their efforts and carefully observe where improvement is needed, making comprehensive decisions based on informative data" Dr. Diffey said.

Dr. Diffey works closely with more than 50 departments and divisions to revamp their processes of strategic planning. The institution develops annual



objectives after results are gathered from the previous year's program or unit assessments, student evaluations of instructors, faculty performance evaluations, administrative evaluations, and various district-wide surveys, all of which are reviewed, revised, and ratified by Dr. Diffey.

She also works with employees in seeking professional development by participating in graduate study, research, professional meetings, or in-service training.

Dr. Diffey works closely with Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness and Student Affairs, Dr. Lindy McCain, to put exceptional quality back



into departmental goals by using the assessment process.

“I have been honored and privileged to help promote forward movement by way of positive change to impact student learning and program outcomes for the last 18 years at Holmes,” Dr. Diffey said.

Dr. Diffey is the key person behind goals set by programs and departments, where she holds everyone accountable with great professionalism. Even though each group is responsible for their efforts, Dr. Diffey oversees the reporting efforts of outcomes, offering guidance to enhance the intended outcomes and ensure their progression.

More recently, her position has evolved into writing federal grants for

the college and the Holmes Development Foundation. In addition to serving as the Director of IRE, Dr. Diffey is responsible for writing the \$2.7 million STEM Grant Project and the \$463,698 NEH Grant, serving as the Project Administrator for both grants. She has also been fulfilling the roles as the college’s Title IX Coordinator and Compliance Officer, C2C Institutional Leader, and the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Director following two SACSCOC Reaffirmations and two SACSCOC Fifth Year Reviews.

Initially, Dr. Diffey started working for Holmes in 2000 as an adjunct, teaching both mathematics and Microsoft computer skills. In 2004, she was offered a position to join

the Holmes faculty as a full-time mathematics instructor, leading her to the current position and responsibilities she now holds.

Throughout her 22-year career span at Holmes, Dr. Diffey has served in many other capacities at the college. She has served as

in mathematics.

While working at Holmes, Dr. Diffey pursued a Doctorate of Education in Higher Administration, earning her doctoral degree in 2018 from the University of Mississippi with her dissertation title: “A Comparison of Course Grades Earned for Adult Learners in

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the PreCore Studies Division Chair, Mathematics Department Chair, ACE Coordinator, and COMPASS Placement Test Coordinator, all of which has prepared her for what she does for the college today.

Since 2019, Dr. Diffey has served as an adjunct instructor for Mississippi State University, teaching graduate-level classes, such as Advanced Methodologies in Middle and Secondary Education and Foundation of Teaching Middle Level Mathematics.

Dr. Diffey graduated from Mississippi State University (MSU) with a B.S. from the College of Education with an emphasis in mathematics. She continued her education at MSU, earning a Master’s of Science in Curriculum and Instruction, with an emphasis

College Algebra amid Different Delivery Formats at a Southeastern Community College.”

Dr. Diffey has three adult children - Ethan, Noah, and Jesse - all of whom are, or will be Holmes alumni. Aside from problem solving, writing, and research, she loves throwing clay on a pottery wheel, painting (oils), drawing (pencil and chalk), and has served as a church musician for over 40 years, playing the piano, singing, and directing choirs.

Celebrating Growth on the Goodman Campus

On April 23, 2021, Holmes Community College held a grand day of events to celebrate the advancement of education and athletics on the Goodman Campus with a series of groundbreaking and ribbon cuttings.

Guests were welcomed to campus with an American flag display at the Holmes Electrical Lineman Training Facility groundbreaking. The new maintenance building was open to visitors as well.

A ribbon cutting of the new renovation of McMorrough Library and Archives, which was made possible with the National Endowment for Humanities Grant, was held immediately after the lineman school groundbreaking. Speakers at this event included Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey and U.S. Senator Roger Wicker. The McMorrough Library and Archives ceremony was followed by a light reception prior to the next ribbon cutting of the Goodman Campus pavilion.

Among the guests were members of the Holmes Community Board of Trustees, local and state government officials and Holmes alumni.

Concluding the day of events was the groundbreaking of the Holmes Athletic Training Center. Goodman Campus Vice President/ Athletic Director Andy Wood welcomed everyone to the special event and Associate Athletic Director for External Relations Steve Diffey concluded the ceremony.

Top: Holmes County Supervisor Leonard Hampton, Holmes County Supervisor Alphonzo Greer, Holmes County Supervisor Debra Mabry, Goodman Mayor Tony McMullen, State Rep. Karl Oliver, U.S. Senator Roger Wicker, Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey, Holmes County Supervisor James Young, State Rep. and Speaker Pro Tempore Jason White, Carroll County Supervisor Jim Neill, Holmes Board Member Walter Alford, Holmes Board Member Dr. Walter Roberts. Mrs. Doris Belk was there as well but not pictured.

Bottom Left: Goodman Campus Vice-President and Athletic Director Andy Wood welcomes guests to the ground breaking ceremony for Holmes' new multi-sport indoor athletics facility.

Bottom Right: Supervisor Alphonzo Greer, Dr. Mike Blankenship, Board Member Walter Alford, Board Member April Neill, Karl Oliver, Dr. Jim Haffey, Sen. Roger Wicker, Board Member Dr. Walter Roberts, Supervisor Debra Mabry and Supervisor James Young.





District Improvements

JANUARY 2021

- **THE MACHINE TOOL LAB** on the Ridgeland Campus has been converted into classrooms for the HVAC Program
- **MAJOR PAINTING AND NEW SIGNAGE** has been completed on Ridgeland Campus and Grenada Campuses.
- **NEW BEDDING FOR THE DORMS** has been ordered.
- **TOUCHLESS FAUCETS AND TOILETS** have been installed throughout the Goodman Campus.

JUNE 2021

- **MOTEL DORM WAS RENOVATED** with new windows, doors, and air conditioners.
- **GRENADA DORM IS BEING REMODELED** with updated bathrooms and lobby fixtures.
- **TWO FREIGHTLINER ATHLETIC BUSES** were delivered to the Goodman Campus.

OCTOBER 2021

- **SOCCER FIELD HOUSE** construction plans are underway on Ridgeland Campus.

NOVEMBER 2021

- **THE RIDGELAND CAMPUS** was awarded the Business Yard of the Month
- **A NEW SOFTBALL PRESS BOX** was built by The Holmes CC Carpentry Department.
- **MATH & SCIENCE BUILDING** in Goodman has been renovated

DECEMBER 2021

- **CONTRACTORS HAVE POURED** concrete around the perimeter of the softball fields for installation of turf for softball and baseball fields.





Athletics Donation Opportunities

Holmes has a long tradition of fielding outstanding sports teams. We have nearly 100 years of athletic alumni that have helped to build the Bulldog legacy on the field, court, and track. Now, you can help us sustain athletic excellence by giving to our athletic clubs.

The future looks bright for Holmes Athletics, as we continue to invest in new facilities, equipment and staff for all our teams. Come be a part of the excitement for Bulldog Nation. Donations may be made online, by phone, or mailed to the foundation office at P.O. Box 527, Goodman, MS 39079.



In 2021, the Holmes Men's Basketball Team won the Region XXIII Title and advanced to NJCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship in Hutchinson, Kansas.



Women's soccer won the 2021 MACCC/Region XXIII title, and competed in the NJCAA Division II Tournament. They finished the season ranked 2nd in the nation.



Summer Athletics Camps

JUNE
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MIDDLE SCHOOL SHOWCASE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

There will be a Middle School Showcase on June 4 in Frank Branch Coliseum. The first 10 teams will be accepted. The top two teams will play in a championship game and will receive a championship trophy. Cost per team is \$200. For more information, contact Coach Flanigan at jflanigan@holmescc.edu.

JUNE
13

MEN'S SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Holmes Community College Men's Soccer Head Coach Matt Convertino has set a 7v7 Tournament on June 13 on the Ridgeland Campus. Registration information can be found at www.g2gsoccer.com/7v7-tournament.cfm. For more information, contact Coach Convertino at mconvertino@holmescc.edu.

JUNE
13-15

WOMEN'S TEAM BASKETBALL CAMP

Women's basketball will host a high school team camp on June 13-15. Teams will play 2 games a day, with a double elimination tournament on day three. Games will begin at 9:00 a.m. Certified referees will be used to officiate games. A concession stand will be provided. T-shirts will be included in the cost of camp. Cost is \$50/player. The first 10 teams will be accepted. For more information, contact Coach Goodnight at bgoodnight@holmescc.edu.

JUNE
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WOMEN'S SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Holmes Community College Women's Soccer Head Coach Wesley Noble will hold an ID Camp and a 7v7 Tournament this summer on the Ridgeland Campus. For more information, contact Coach Noble at mnoable@holmescc.edu.

JUNE
24

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM BASKETBALL CAMP

Jason Flanigan will host a one-day high school team camp on June 24. The camp will teach the Holmes basketball philosophy: believe in hard work, dedication, faith, and courage. The first 10 teams will be accepted. Cost is \$200 per team.

JUNE
27-30

INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS BASKETBALL CAMP

Great for a range of ages! Join us at the Jason Flanigan Camp for individual campers, to be held June 27-30 in Frank Branch Coliseum. Campers will receive individual instruction from Bulldog coaches, players, former players and coaches in the area. Available for ages 7 – high school seniors. Cost is \$125. For more information, contact Coach Flanigan at jflanigan@holmescc.edu.

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MINI BULLDOG CHEER CAMP

We invite our littlest Bulldogs to the Mini Bulldog Cheer Camp, Tuesday, August 2, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon on our Goodman Campus. The kids will cheer alongside the HCC cheer squad, while learning the basics. Open to ages 5K – 6th Grade; cost is \$25 each. To register, contact Heather Jones at hjones@holmescc.edu.

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JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUNT CLINIC

Bring your squad or your stunt group to Goodman, Thursday, August 4, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. We will practice foundational techniques and learn new ones! Cost is \$25 per person. Contact Heather Jones at hjones@holmescc.edu to sign up your group.

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COLLEGE PREP CHEER CLINIC

If you aspire to cheer at the next level, here's your chance to prepare and find out what colleges are looking for. Open to anyone from 9th grade though college. Hosted on the Goodman Campus, Thursday, August 4, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Contact Heather Jones at hjones@holmescc.edu to sign up.

HOLMES
ATHLETICS

Holmes Awarded Grant for the STEM Major Project



THE STEM MAJOR PROJECT

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Holmes Community College a \$2.76 million grant to enhance Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) offerings.

The multifaceted purpose of the grant includes strengthening outreach efforts, expanding educational opportunities, and supporting financial means to serve the academic needs of students. The STEM Major Project was developed by Holmes to renovate STEM facilities with cutting-edge technology while incorporating activities and programs promoting STEM awareness. A culmination of these collaborative efforts will aid in increasing enrollment and completion of STEM-relat-

ed degrees offered at Holmes to advance the ongoing success of its students.

“This is an excellent opportunity for us to leverage federal grant dollars with private donations and college funds to do amazing work for our students and faculty,” said Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey. “Holmes students deserve the best facilities, instructors and equipment in the state, and we are committed to making sure our future Mississippi leaders have all the tools they need to be successful. We can’t wait to get to work on making these improvements.”

The Holmes Development Foundation recognizes the outcomes set forth by The STEM Major Project to be achievable, successful and promising. STEM students will be inspired by the grant’s forward-thinking

revisions and strategies to impact the awareness of opportunities in STEM educational programs as well as have an important impact on students gaining access to quality opportunities for personal growth and understanding in the STEM fields.

In support of the efforts to enrich and diversify the college’s STEM provisions, the grant will annually match \$100,000 of donations given to the Holmes Community College Development Foundation on behalf of The STEM Major Project. The Holmes Community College Development Foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) organization, will be allowed to utilize interest from the annual \$100,000 matching endowment to enhance the areas of STEM, including scholarships for underrepresented students

and all other students as well as provide ongoing essential items for the STEM Divisions, such as instructional equipment and supplies.

Overall, the leading projections in The STEM Major Project will secure the practicality of activities set forth by the STEM divisions to become an innovative leader among Mississippi’s fifteen public community colleges, paving the way for Holmes students to have parallel proficiencies to successfully proclaim employment in the highly-competitive STEM occupations.

Please contact the Holmes Development Foundation office at (662) 472-9017 to discuss giving opportunities for the matching grant or scan the QR code for the STEM grant on the back cover of this publication.

Mini Grants Enrich Learning

Each year, faculty and staff members apply for Foundation mini grants based on student needs. In Goodman, Jeffrey Brown's band students were provided a high quality portable microphone and camera for recording their performances.

On the Ridgeland Campus, Larry Morgan was awarded audio/visual equipment, Kris Wilson now has 20 frames to display his students' drawings, Lisa Anglin can utilize her light board for the Phi Theta Kappa and facility media center, Dr. Meg King purchased up-to-date technology for the PTA program, and Laura Canard, Chair of History and Political Science hosted a communication seminar with the History and Political Science Department.



New Grenada Campus Pavilion

The Holmes CC Alpha Mu Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is working to add a new element to the Grenada Campus by building an outdoor cypress pavilion. This student led effort will help provide funding for the pavilion that will give both faculty and students a space to use for events or just a quiet place to sit between classes. It will also provide space for the community who utilize the campus walking trail. Contact the Development Foundation at (662) 472-9017 to discuss giving opportunities or scan the QR code on the back cover.



Boys of Holmes

All of these gentleman went to Holmes. Wirt, Gene and Jesse started in 1965 (same class). Tommy Worthey started in 1966 (after Holmes Agricultural HS). They have stayed connected with the common connection being Holmes Community College. Now they all continue to serve the college by serving on the Development Foundation Board of Govonerors. Join your fellow alumni and get involved. You never know, we may feature you in our publications.

Pictured in this photo are Joe Adams '68, Tommy Worthey '69, Wirt Hayes '68, Jesse Leverette '68 and Gene Richardson '68.



A look back at Humanities Presentations at McMorrough

Many Humanities events have been made possible by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grant awarded in 2020. The grant has not only provided funding for the renovation of the McMorrough Library and Archives, but also is facilitating the continuation of its long-standing goal of supporting the humanities and providing informative, quality programming in a modernized and inclusive environment for the benefit of both students and the surrounding community.



SPIRITUALS FROM THE UNDERGROUND

On April 15, The National Endowment for the Humanities and Holmes Community College Development Foundation presented *Spirituals from the Underground: How Music Inspired and Instructed Slaves to Pursue Their Freedom*.

The hour long presentation focused on the role of music in helping escaped slaves traverse to freedom following the Underground Railroad. Music and textual analysis were presented by members of the Holmes Concert Chorale, under the direction of Benny Edwards and accompanied by Dr. Donna Banks and Mike Yates.



THE HUMANIZING FORCE OF BLACK POETRY IN THE ANTEBELLUM SOUTH

McMorrough Library and Archives was proud to present a historical poetry reading entitled *The Humanizing Force of Black Poetry in the Antebellum South* that featured poetry published in black-owned newspapers during the antebellum era of the Civil War. The event took place April 15 in the newly renovated McMorrough Library on the Goodman Campus.



BEAUTY AND POISE: AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN WRITERS OF THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE

LaShonda Levy, 2021-22 Holmes Community College Humanities Teacher of the Year, delivered her scholarly presentation, *Beauty and Poise: African American Women Writers of the Harlem Renaissance* on February 24 in the McMorrough Library on the Goodman Campus.

The presentation featured the contributions of female authors and artists that helped to create the robust creative expression of the Harlem Renaissance. Featured artists included Gwendolyn Bennett, Nella Larsen, Zora Neale Hurston and Bessie Smith.

Holmes Hosts Annual Foundation Golf Tournament

The Holmes Community College Development Foundation, Inc., held the Annual Golf Classic on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at Deerfield Golf Club in Madison. The event included lunch followed by tee off at noon and a social following completion of play. During the social, participants enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, door prizes and the announcement of winners.

Team Ivey Mechanical, consisting of Ken Bain, Denny Terrell, Austin Terrell and Nicholas Upchurch, was the first flight winner. Austin Terrell also had the Longest Drive on hole #18. The second flight winner was Team Paint Plus, which included J.T. Blair, Kevin Connor, Scott DeLoach and Jon Thompson. Team Career-Technical Education came in as third flight winner, and that team consisted of Bryan DeWeese, Dr. Luke Jones, Dr. Larry Webster and Frank Whittington. Additionally, Antoine Cash won a prize for being Closest to the Hole on number three.

The Annual Golf Classic raises money for the Holmes Foundation through corporate/team sponsorships, hole sponsorships, and mulligan cards. This year's door prizes were donated by Meagan and Bill Fitts (WHIM Pottery), Geiger Marketing (Jennifer Rebich), J. Olive, Joe T's Wine & Spirits, North American Coal - Red Hills Mine, Paul Shelton, S&S Recovery and Soulshine Pizza Factory.



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Holmes Legacy Club Invites New Members



The Holmes Legacy Club is an opportunity for donors to invest in Holmes Community College and the people it serves. Legacy Club members pledge a minimum of \$1,500 annually.

These gifts help bridge the gap between Holmes' essential needs and available funding. Private support makes the difference between a budget that provides a minimal level of support for teaching and faculty development and a budget that means an enhanced educational experience which goes beyond the ordinary.

Each year, the Legacy Club takes a trip to network and celebrate Holmes. In the past, the group has traveled to The Grand Hotel at Point Clear, the Mississippi Gulf Coast, New Orleans, Nashville, and Memphis. This year the Legacy Club is traveling to New Orleans. They will leave from the Holmes Campus on a Monday and return on a Wednesday. The trip will be filled with fun activities around the city, enjoying good cuisine and watching a performance at the Saenger Theater.

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Newly Established Scholarships

MARGARET “BETTY” GAUSE LUTZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Margaret “Betty” Gause Lutz Memorial Scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. William J. Lutz in memory of his mother. Betty Gause Lutz graduated from MSCW during World War II with a degree in Chemistry and immediately went to work as a chemist at a DuPont munitions factory. Later, she earned a Master’s Degree at Mississippi College and taught science at Canton High School for many years. The recipients must be graduates of Canton High School, enrolled in 15 hours in a STEM program on the Ridgeland or Goodman Campus, have a minimum ACT score of 16, and maintain a Holmes GPA of 2.25.



MR. WEST BAILEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by West’s family to honor his life as well as his time at Holmes as a varsity baseball player (1995-97). After Holmes, West graduated from his beloved

Mississippi State University to become a successful coach, educator, and principal. A Military Veteran, West adored his children Brooks, Etta, and Maddux Bailey. The Scholarship Committee will select the recipient(s) based on a review of applicants’ need and achievement.

THE PRICILLA FLETCHER EMS SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established to benefit students from Holmes County or the surrounding area. The recipient must be enrolled in the Emergency Medical Technician Program and have a minimum 2.0 grade-point-average.

There are many ways to establish a scholarship at Holmes. We will even work with your financial advisor to create a plan that fits your needs. For information about establishing a scholarship at Holmes Community College, contact Dr. Lindy McCain at (662) 472-9017 or lmccain@holmescc.edu.

Ole Miss Scholarship for Holmes Transfers

The late Henry B. McClellan Jr. of Goodman, MS, was known to his colleagues at Holmes Community College as a solution finder. A scholarship fund in his name, at the Ole Miss School of Business Administration, will work to provide opportunities - or a tuition solution - for HCC students transferring to Ole Miss to pursue business degrees.

Established by J. Walter Michel and his wife, Beth, in memory of her father, the Henry B. McClellan Jr. School of Business Administration Scholarship Fund pays tribute to the life of the past executive vice president of Holmes CC. Two scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 will be awarded at the beginning of the 2022-2023 academic year.

“Henry McClellan Jr. (or Henry B. to those that knew and loved him) was a brilliant business mind who led the financial arm of Holmes Community College for decades with a steady hand,” said Dr. Jim Haffey, Holmes CC president.

“This will be an outstanding opportunity for our best and brightest to stay in state and benefit from the strong partnership we enjoy with Ole Miss.”

Contributions can be made to the Henry B. McClellan Jr. Scholarship fund at <https://zurl.co/KRay>.

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The Legacy of Dale Lewis

The late Dale Lewis had a very committed relationship with Holmes. He served in multiple capacities



on campus and surrounding area schools. Lewis retired from Holmes in 2003 as executive vice president after 24 years of service and over 30 years in education.

Lewis was born in Grenada and graduated from Durant High School. He continued his education at Mississippi State University with further studies at Holmes and Delta State University. He also served 21 years and retired from the Mississippi Army National Guard.

The family of Dale Lewis wants to continue the dedicated legacy of their patriarch to Holmes. Lewis was very passionate about helping the students.

Lewis developed many wonderful friendships during his time at Holmes that continued until his death in March of 2021. Among those relationships were Steve Caldwell, H.B. McClellan, Robert Pool and Quimby Morgan.

Lewis met his wife, Gladys, affectionately known as "Mrs. Tottie", in Durant and they were married 54 years. Together they have two daughters, Sheri and Wendy, and from a very young age he taught their girls to love and respect the impact Holmes had on everyone during their time on campus.

Foundation Scholarship Recipients

The Holmes Development Foundation oversees Endowment and Patronage scholarships that can be awarded to students majoring in specific disciplines. For more information about Scholarships, contact the Development Foundation. Award amounts and criteria vary from scholarship to scholarship. Here are the recipients of the Endowment and Patronage Scholarships for 2021-2022.



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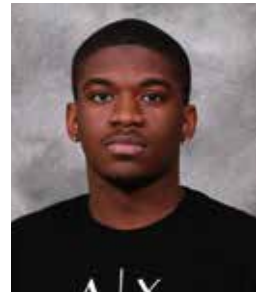
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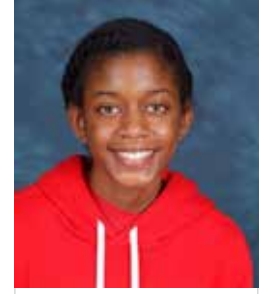
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NEH Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grant

The Foundation has a five-year plan to match the National Endowment for the Humanities grant with \$231,849, totaling \$463,698 over the life of the grant. These funds will provide the means for renovating the interior spaces of McMurrugh Library in Goodman.



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