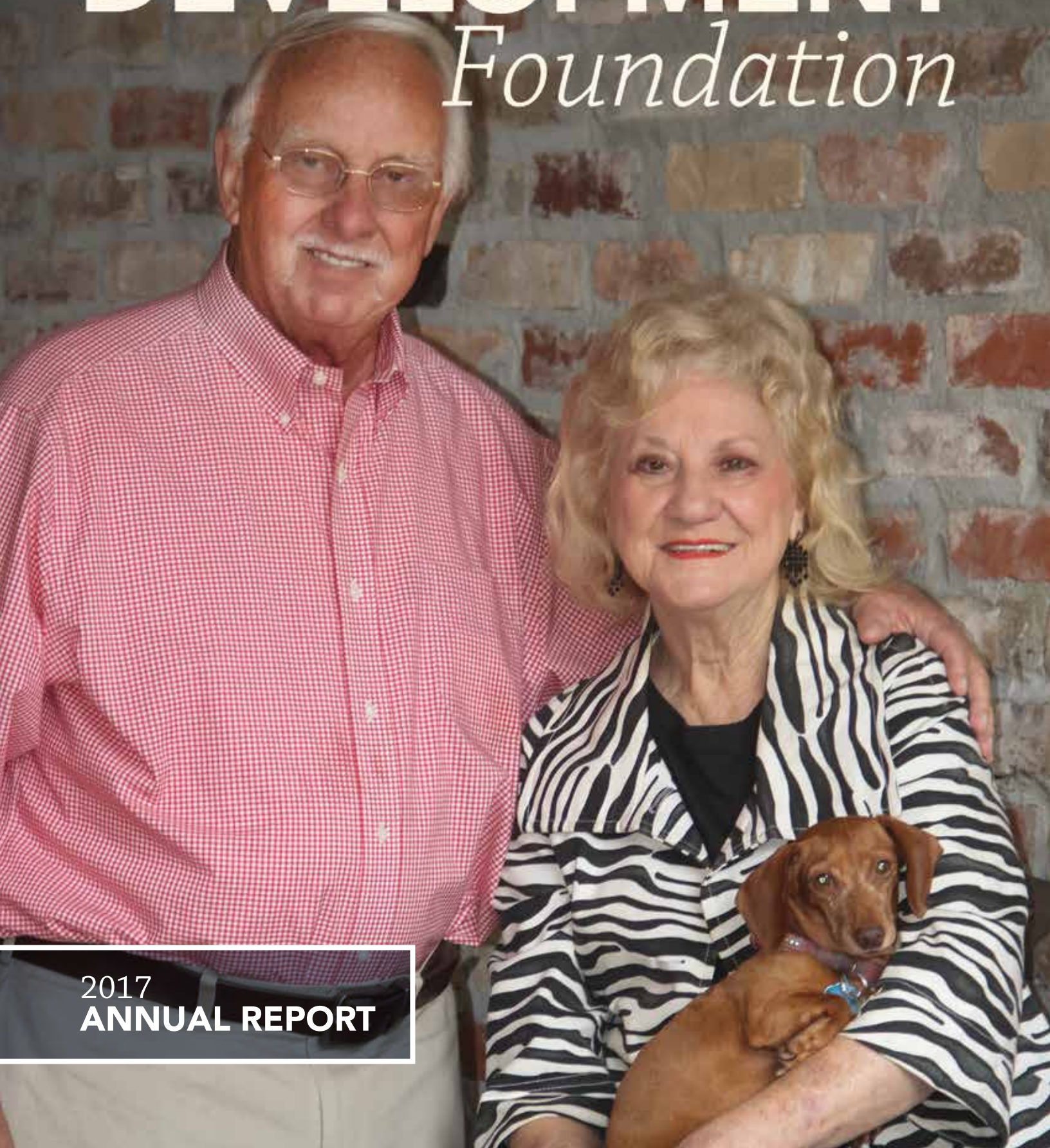


Holmes Community College

DEVELOPMENT *Foundation*



2017
ANNUAL REPORT

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Holmes Community College Development Foundation was established more than 40 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.

Since its inception, it has conducted campaigns for furnishing the old president's home to be used as a bed and breakfast and other alumni meetings. In addition to furnishing the house, it raised funds for the construction of a courtyard to be used for receptions and the paving of a supporting parking area.

The Foundation conducted the Lighting the Way Campaign in which \$1.5 million was raised to support college programs. The Foundation also raised funds amounting to \$750,000 for the building of the Chapel on the Hill which serves as the centerpiece for the campus and is used for recitals, weddings and other religious activities.

In 2016, the Foundation completed a Capital Campaign exceeding \$15 million. The mission of this campaign was to obtain support for student scholarships, instructional technology, program start up, etc.

The Foundation is governed by a 17-member Board of Directors, who annually elect officers from its membership. In addition to the Board of Directors, there is a Foundation Board of Governors with representation from the nine counties served by the college.

From the President of the Foundation



"Your ongoing support makes it possible for Holmes to continue as a world class institution that provides a quality education at an affordable price."

First, I must express my appreciation for the confidence my fellow board members have placed in me to serve as president of the Holmes Community College Development Foundation Board of Directors and Governors; I am very humbled. I follow my friend and mentor, the late Dr. Donald Phillips, in this position. Dr. Phillips was my accounting instructor at Holmes in the late 1950s, where he provided the basic accounting skills and guidance necessary for me to pursue a career in accounting. The Board misses the leadership Dr. Phillips provided for over 25 years.

The purpose of the HCC Development Foundation is to provide scholarships and financial support to the college that are necessary to maintain a margin of excellence that tuition and tax support alone cannot offer. The Foundation provides a network of donors who enhance the quality of education for Holmes CC students and development opportunities for Holmes CC Administration, faculty and staff. Your ongoing support makes it possible for Holmes to continue as a world class institution that provides a quality education at an affordable price. The Foundation provides the support necessary for our students to have a successful career that may not otherwise be available to them.

Holmes Community College Development Foundation sincerely solicits your continued support so that Holmes may continue to serve the students as they prepare for graduation, transfer and the workforce. I have often said that an institution, such as Holmes, can only be as good as the support it receives from its alumni and friends. I humbly invite you to join the endeavor and become a part of helping enhance the lives of our students as they further their education.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Johnny Belk". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Johnny "Bit" Belk
President, Holmes Community College
Development Foundation

From the President of the College



"Sometimes just a few hundred dollars can be the difference in a single mother having enough money to buy textbooks for nursing school and achieving her dream."

Our Foundation has made excellent financial investments over the years to grow our endowment, but more importantly are the investments it has made in the lives of hundreds of students that have been able to better their own lives and help to strengthen our communities. Sometimes just a few hundred dollars can be the difference in a single mother having enough money to buy textbooks for nursing school and achieving her dream. Our foundation has been there to make those dreams a reality, and it is because our supporters have cared enough to recognize this work and have given generously.

Holmes continues to reach unprecedented heights, achieving and sharing in awards such as "Mississippi's Best College," "Mississippi's Best Place to Work," The "Number One Community College System in the Nation," a top five community college for eLearning, and an Aspen Award finalist that recognizes the best community colleges in the nation. We continue to be a leader in athletics and student performance, and several exciting new projects are on the horizon to enhance both.

As state support continues to shrink, it is crucial that we maximize the amount of private support available from our friends and alumni, and 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 frugal as possible and to be good stewards of your donations.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Haffey".

Jim Haffey, Ph.D.

President, Holmes Community College



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THE HOLMES HOUSE

The old president's home is now called the Holmes House. It is provided to alumni, staff and friends of the college to use.

All profits are used for the refurbishment and upkeep of the Holmes House. Lodging includes use of the kitchen and sitting areas.

If you are interested in reserving the Holmes House for your next event or visit to campus, please call Katherine Ellard at 662-472-9134.



Alumni Executive Committee



Development Foundation Board of Governors



Stepping Stone to SUCCESS

Paul Shelton has been actively involved in Holmes Community College for many years from the Development Foundation Board of Directors and Governors to being the 2012 Distinguished Service Award Recipient. Now Shelton is giving back to Holmes as he credits the school for being his stepping stone to success in his professional career.

Shelton graduated from Holmes in 1958. Afterwards, he served in the U.S. Army as a personnel specialist then worked as an accountant for almost 20 years.

In the 1970s, he realized he needed to continue his education. He made a huge effort to get a senior college degree. He worked full time and went to class at night, while supporting his wife and two daughters. Thankfully, the hours he put in at Holmes helped tremendously to achieve his goal.

He received two degrees from Mississippi College, a B.S. in Business

Administration and a Masters of Business Administration.

“A solid education is a stepping stone to having a productive life,” said Shelton.

Shelton reflects back on the people who impacted his life and encouraged him to finish his degree. Among those names are Frank Branch, past president at Holmes, Dr. Don Phillips, accounting instructor at Holmes, and Herman Hinds, president of the bank where

Shelton worked after Holmes. Even though these men influenced Shelton’s life at different times, they all impacted his life for the better. “I worked the lunch line in the cafeteria at Holmes. One day Dr. Phillips asked me to come be his student aid and grade his accounting tests. After that, I did not have to go back to working in the cafeteria,” Shelton said.

After completing his degrees, Shelton established his own CPA firm where he worked for over 40



“Students need something positive to focus on these days as it is even harder to be successful today.”

plus years. His ability to look after his clients and build a trustworthy business lead to his success over the years.

Both Shelton and his wife have chosen to establish a unique scholarship and employee award in order to contribute back to the school that made their success possible.

The Paul and McCrea Shelton Scholarship was established to be awarded to employees and students. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded each December to an employee from either the Goodman or Ridgeland Campus, and two \$300 scholarships will be awarded each fall and spring semester to students; one student from the Ridgeland Campus and one student from the Goodman Campus.

They chose to set up this unique scholarship as “nothing like this had been done before,” Shelton said.

The most memorable time for Shelton while at Holmes was the dorm life. He and his wife frequently come back to campus, and still enjoy attending Homecoming each fall.

He currently resides in Madison with his wife McCrea. They are members of the Holmes Community College Legacy Club along with numerous other professional, civic and religious organizations. They have two children, Paula and Angie, and three grandchildren. ■



HOLMES PARTICIPATES IN STATEWIDE COLLEGE DEGREE INITIATIVE

The portal to a better future is now available for thousands of Mississippians. The Complete 2 Compete (C2C) website provides information and resources available to help Mississippi adults who have completed some college, but no degree, to return to college and complete the requirements necessary to earn their degrees.

"Complete 2 Compete will grow our skilled, educated workforce, in turn growing economic development across the state," said Governor Phil Bryant. "This partnership will ensure Mississippi remains attractive to business and industry looking for a favorable tax climate and a workforce ready to excel on day one."

"This website provides important information that can have life-changing results for many Mississippians," said Dr. Glenn Boyce, Commissioner of Higher Education. "I would encourage individuals to access this website as it could be an important first step in helping them achieve a goal that will ultimately lead to a better, higher-paying job and greater job and financial security."

Mississippi Public Universities, the Mississippi Community College Board and the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges are

partners in the effort to identify target groups, implement adult learner services and re-engage adult students to help them complete their degrees.

"As a statewide initiative, Complete 2 Compete has the potential to impact hundreds of thousands of Mississippians," said Dr. Andrea Mayfield, Executive Director, Mississippi Community College Board. "I look forward to the positive impact on individuals, employers, and Mississippi's economy." There is no cost for submitting information through the C2C website and doing so may help an individual determine how close he/she is to completing degree requirements.

Holmes Community College offers a wide range of two-year associate degree programs, certificate programs, and occupational skills training, where one will experience a high-quality



education at an affordable price and close to home. Holmes provides flexible scheduling including day, evening, short-term, hybrid and online classes along with various support services. To cultivate a path to success, Holmes also has C2C Coaches to assist in guiding students in the right direction.

"We are pleased to continue to knock down barriers for students who have

Pictured above:

Vic Parker, Trek Coordinator - Ridgeland Campus; Stephanie Diffey, C2C Institutional Leader/Coordinator; Marsha Credit, Dr. Jim Haffey, Holmes Community College President and Jonathan Wright, Trek Coordinator - Goodman Campus.



worked hard to earn a degree that will lead to a career they can be proud to work in," Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey said. "I am heartened by the cooperation going on inside the state among our institutions to make that happen. I encourage everyone who has attended Holmes and/or a Mississippi four-year school to look again at what they may need to finish their degree. It may be easier and more cost-effective than they realize."

"We at Holmes understand and appreciate how adult learners must balance the responsibilities of family, work,

and classes so we diligently strive to help them reach their goals in the shortest time possible using the most efficient path," said Stephanie Diffey, Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness, Holmes C2C Institutional Leader/Coordinator. "It is exciting for us to be an active part of this transformative state-wide initiative."

Holmes Community College recently awarded Marsha Credit of Jackson an

Parker, Ridgeland's Trek Coordinator and C2C coach, beams as he speaks about Credit's success.

"From my perspective as a C2C coach, Marsha is exactly the type of adult learner this statewide initiative is designed to assist," said Parker. "When I would coach her through enrollment, registration or application processes, I could sense the excitement she had in anticipation

"We are pleased to continue to knock down barriers for students who have worked hard to earn a degree that will lead to a career they can be proud to work in."

Associate of Arts degree through the C2C program. Credit, 44, is the first Holmes student to receive a degree through C2C since the program's launch in August. Credit completed her program of study in elementary education on the Ridgeland Campus. She will attend Jackson State University in the spring of 2018 to continue working toward her bachelor degree in elementary education.

"I received an email about the program that included Holmes Trek Coordinator Vic Parker's information so I reached out to him," Credit said. "He was so excited that I did, and I truly appreciate all of his help. I've already recommended the C2C program to a few friends because of how it helped me reach my goal and get my degree."

of being awarded her degree. When you are able to assist students in completing their goal and you know it has a deep importance to them, their energy and excitement becomes contagious as you attempt to continue reaching other adult learners."

Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey had the opportunity to present Credit with her diploma and congratulate her in person.

"I'm so proud of Ms. Credit and it brings me joy to see the C2C program help students achieve their goals," Dr. Haffey said. "As Mr. Parker said, this initiative was designed to help people like her, and I wish her all the best as she continues her studies to become an educator." ■

For more information about enrolling at Holmes, visit holmescc.edu. For more information about Holmes C2C and the Trek Center, visit holmescc.edu/c2c/.

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES

Moorer receives the Sally Wilson Award

Goodman Campus English instructor Chad Moorer received one of the faculty's highest honors on May 1 during the Goodman Campus Awards and Honors Banquet - the Sally Wilson Distinguished Educator Award chosen by the student body from the Goodman Campus.

The Sally Wilson Distinguished Educator Award recognizes an outstanding educator from the Goodman Campus for his or her excellence in Phi Theta Kappa's hallmarks of fellowship, leadership, scholarship and service. The award, named for the Kappa Alpha's first and longtime advisor, the late Mrs. Sally Wilson, is based on the following criteria: the instructor encourages students to learn and enjoy the learning process through innovative teaching techniques; the instructor provides guidance, inspiration, support and motivation to students in and out of the classroom; and the instructor exemplifies honesty, integrity, excellence, dedication and leadership.

"I was surprised and honored just to be nominated," Moorer said. "Given the quality instructors who are my colleagues, I was even more surprised to win. It means a lot to me that students considered me for this award. I knew that I had been nominated, and it didn't take very long for Jason Kelly to start mentioning things that

could only apply to me," he said. "It still took a while for it to register that I had won."

Moorer said he prides himself in keeping his classroom environment open to lively discussions and tries to make complex academic ideas understandable. "We always serve students from a wide variety of backgrounds," Moorer explained. "This semester, I had a really good group who came together to my Comp. II class after being in my Comp. I classes. They have been a fun group to work with these past two semesters.

"I really try to use my background to demystify parts of the writing process and simplify things for students. At the same time, it is also important to challenge them to creatively solve problems on their own. If they don't learn how they get through their own writing process, the lessons from Composition classes won't carry forward. Our real goal is to make our students into capable writers for their professional lives."

Moorer came to Holmes Community College in Fall 2012 and has taught English Composition I and II, development courses, Creative Writing I and II and American Literature II. He has served as director and assistant director of the Goodman Campus Writing Center since its development in Fall 2015.



"Our real goal is to make our students into capable writers for their professional lives."



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CONGRATS NEW DOCTORAL RECIPIENTS

In 2017, Holmes added seven new Doctorates to our faculty and staff. This brings the total of full time Doctors to 27, with 17 currently pursuing the title.



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KRISTY McCLAIN

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Holmes Alumnus Dallas McCrory provides The Tools of the Trade

Dallas McCrory graduated from Holmes in 1969, with a degree he uses every day. The classes he took in machine shop from R.C. Mason and Drafting from W.A. Miles gave him a good foundation that allowed him to provide for his family for almost 50 years.

He went to work right after he graduated at Presto Manufacturing. In 1973, he started Magnolia Tool and Manufacturing Company Incorporated in Ridgeland which has been in business for 45 years. When he started the company, he worked closely with his old drafting teacher, R.C. Mason, and hired numerous people from Holmes Junior College. Two of which are still employed today, Jimmy Mabry and David McCluskey.

Magnolia Tool specializes in designing and building reliable tools for custom metal stamping. McCrory has made a niche of being able to engineer parts to help manufacturers improve their products for the consumers.

“I made this business a success by putting the extra effort to get a project done,” McCrory said. “We had the mentality if we did not do it, someone else would.”

Some of Magnolia Tool’s biggest clients through the years have been Modine Manufacturing and Bad Boy Buggies. All the projects they worked on involved creating custom made pieces as part of a larger project. Some examples include creating the metal plate that was once on the bottom of the original walkable boot

cast, designing a metal frame that holds a radiator in place for eighteen-wheelers and building custom racks for ATV production. Although Magnolia Tool has served customers largely in the Mississippi area, they have also had out of state business and some international projects over the years as well.



McCrory’s connections to Holmes Community College go back to Holmes Agriculture High-School which he attended in 1964-66 missing one year because they closed the school and he went to McAdams in 1967. While completing his technical degree, he was on the track team at Holmes, and the team won the state title in 1969.

The small family business employs McCrory’s wife (Deborah), son (Troy), daughter (Holly) and nephew (Chad).

“Some employees have been working at Magnolia Tool for almost 40 plus years; although they’re not family, they feel like it,” McCrory said.

Manufacturing has changed and even declined in the Jackson area since Magnolia Tool started however; McCrory said, “the willingness to work when customers need something” is the key.

McCrory resides in Madison and has not missed a day of work for being sick in 50 years. He enjoys what he does for a living and his favorite part of the business is still the design and development of a product. ■

a Legacy of Care

A dedication ceremony for the Nell Slade and W.C. "Dub" Shoemaker Nursing Wing was held at the Attala Center on October 10. The late Mrs. Shoemaker was the first nursing instructor for Holmes in Kosciusko, and she taught classes at Montfort Jones Hospital. Mr. Shoemaker owned the Star Herald and a printing business in Kosciusko along with newspapers across the state. Many people attended the dedication including Peggy Barclay, sister of the Mrs. Shoemaker, and two of Mrs. Shoemaker's nieces, Beth Palmar and Kathy Fortenberry. Barclay and Palmar are from Hattiesburg while Fortenberry is from Columbia. Mr. Shoemaker credited the nursing program's success in the early years to his late wife and said he was her biggest cheerleader.

The dedication of The Nell Slade & W. C. Shoemaker Nursing Wing



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The Legacy Club 2017

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. Gifts from donors combined with other private resources and state funding enable the College to provide an atmosphere in which students are challenged and encouraged. 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.

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Pictured above:

The 2017 Holmes Community College Foundation Legacy Club took its annual trip to the Margaritaville Resort in Biloxi, MS. They enjoyed an evening of entrainment including mystery dinner theater at Ruth Chris Steak House. The Legacy Club is composed of donors and friends of Holmes Community College.

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Renasant Completion
Scholarship



CHANDLER GARRETT
Anonymous



CHRIS GARRETT
Anonymous



NICOLE GLADD
Renasant Bank



ERICA GOLDMAN
Lottie Ruth Vint, R.N., William
A. Vint, M.D. & Patricia Liles



CAMDEN GRAHAM
Cooper-Oguz



TANNER GRANTHAM
Advance Distributor
Products



ANNA MARIE GRAY
Grenada Rotary Club



MICHAEL GRAY
Ronnie Thomas Memorial



PAUL GREEN
Dr. L.C. Henson



HUNTER HAGGERTY
Charles Holder/Anel



DANIEL HARRIS
Renasant Completion
Scholarship



JASON HILL
The Industrial Co.



CHRISTOPHER HORNE
Hunter Engineering



CHRISTINA HOSS
Lottie Ruth Vint, R.N. and
William A. Vint, M.D.



REAGAN HYDRICK
Renasant Completion
Scholarship



RACHEL JONES
Renasant Completion
Scholarship



KYLEE KILLEBREW
Anonymous



NATHAN KILLEBREW
Providence Cooperative
Farms



KARLA LEE
Anonymous



CLEOPATRA LAMB
Renasant Bank



LOGAN LEDBETTER
MS Automotive
Manufactures Association



SARAH LEFLORE
Anonymous



HANNAH LIVINGSTON
Bain-Corey



ELISSA LONG
Lottie Ruth Vint, R.N. and
William A. Vint, M.D.



CHARLES LOWE
Burnis and Clytice Gardner



ROBYN MAKELY
Bondurant Family



KATLYN McCLELAN
Anonymous



HERKEVIUS MCCOY
The Industrial Company



MACEY McDANIEL
James M. Robertson
Memorial



MATTHEW MCGEE
Anonymous



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Lottie Ruth Vint, R.N. &
William A. Vint, M.D.



SAMANTHA MOFFETT
Bell South Endowed



FELICIA MURRAY
Lottie Ruth Vint, R.N. and
William A. Vint, M.D.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



HALLIE MURTAGH
McCrory-Holmes Milestone &
Renasant Bank Completion



PAYTON NEAL
Anonymous



LAURA PARTAIN
Anonymous



CHELLSEE PERRY
Lottie Ruth Vint, R.N. and
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CRYSTAL PORTER
Patricia Liles



MATTHEW PLEASANT
Milton Lee Olive III



KENDALL PRESTON
Grenada Rotary Club



JACOB RHODES
Anonymous



LEMUEL RICHARDSON
James M. Robertson
Memorial



CHRISTINA RUSHING
Burnis and Clytice Gardner
& Renasant Bank Completion



STEVEN RUTLEDGE
Renasant Completion
Scholarship



TYLER SLOAN
Gibson Family



JAMES SWINNEY
Burnis and Clytice Gardner



D'ARIEL SYKES
F.C. & Annie P. Dailey / Lottie Ruth
Vint, R.N. & William A.Vint, M.D.



BRITTANY TINDALL
Lottie Ruth Vint, R.N. &
William A.Vint, M.D.



ASHLEY TREHERN
Class of 1963



ANNA TURNER
James M. Robertson
Memorial



SHELBY TURNER
Renasant Completion
Scholarship & Anonymous



ALLIE WATKINS
Anonymous



LAUREN WELLS
Anonymous

2017 FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS NOT PICTURED

Kenneth Ashmore
Anonymous

Chasity Boykin
Renasant Bank

Cassandra Clupka
Advance Distributor
Products

Lacey Durrett
Millennial Teaching
Fellowship

Robyn Harbin
Lottie Ruth Vint, R.N. &
William A.Vint, M.D.

Mykel Hawes
James M. Robertson
Memorial

Chavez Hill
Pepsi

Paul Johnson
Carl Johnson Memorial

Christopher Kalil
Trustees Scholarship

Kendarrius Leonard
Pepsi

Devin Livingston
James M. Robertson
Memorial

Jacob McCoy
The Industrial Co.

Phebia Merrill
Lottie Ruth Vint, R.N. &
William A.Vint, M.D.

Patrick Morgan
Renasant Bank

Kala Neal
Bain-Corey

Cassidy Scott
Renasant Bank

Darius Shelby
Renasant Bank

Madison Shelton
Anonymous

Whitney Shivel
Renasant Bank

Nykesha Stewart
Advance Distributor
Products

Hannah Sullivan
Anonymous

Samuel Tompkins
Kay Hodges

Matthew Valentine
Renasant Bank

Crystal White
James M. Robertson
Memorial

Memorials and Honorariums

Holmes Community College Development Foundation appreciates the thoughtfulness of those celebrating loved one's lives. Memorial gifts are a special way to keep your loved one's legacy alive. Honorarium gifts celebrate lives while the honoree is still able to see the resulting work being done at Holmes Community College. These gifts touch many people by providing money for scholarships, textbooks or even lab equipment.

MEMORIALS

John "Billy" Howell

Mr. & Mrs. Barry Blakely
Jerry D. Bond
Class of 1959
Melba A. Darton
Patty, Kenny & Wade Henson
Kilmichael Town Board
& Chief of Police

Margaret Holmes

Eugenia Collins

Dr. Don Phillips

Betty Sue & Joe Adams
Elizabeth & Johnny Belk
Eugenia Collins
Margaret Davis
Betty Mitchell

Reid & Aline Thorne

Eugenia Collins

Christine Covington

Eugenia Collins

Tommy Buford

Eugenia Collins

Sue Power

Eugenia Collins

David Rule

Eugenia Collins

Dorothy Thomas

Eugenia Collins

Henry B. McClellan

Eugenia Collins

Dorothy Harville

Francis Nix

Rhett Presley

Betty Mitchell

Harvey Black

Margaret Davis

Aaron Burney

Kristy McClain
Frances Nix
Andy Pearson
Chanda Sykes

A.E. "Gene" Harlow

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Harville

Lijuan Cao

Grenada Higher Education Assoc.

Joel Plunkett

Grenada Higher Education Assoc.

Eleise Estes

Grenada Higher Education Assoc.

James "Jim" Hudson

Diane & Henry Harman

HONORARIUMS

Lorene Long McAllilly

Roy D. McAllilly

TYPES OF PLANNED GIFTS AND BENEFITS

Holmes Community College is ready to work with you and a financial advisor or attorney in confidence and without obligation, to help you explore the best possible method of giving for your circumstance.

Bequests - leave a gift without diminishing the assets available to you during your lifetime.

Charitable Remainder Trusts - give to Holmes while providing a life income for yourself or beneficiaries.

Gift Annuities - receive life income without a huge donation or complicated agreement.

Life Insurance - make a substantial gift through relatively modest annual payments.

Retained Life Estate - transfer the ownership of a home or farm while retaining the right to use the property during your lifetime.



MINI GRANTS

2017 FOUNDATION MINI-GRANTS

Total Approved: \$25,774

A Biology/Science Dept.

Dr. Kathy Nipper **\$1,707**

Materials for extension of Ridge Walk Path (removal of tree, mulch, weed barrier fabric, and sign for the Arboretum)

B Biology/Science Dept.

Joe David White **\$7,332**

Purchase 20 updated microscopes and lab equipment for Ridgeland Campus

C Fine Arts Dept.

Larry Morgan **\$1,195**

Host a piano recital on Ridgeland Campus (Piano rental, piano tuner, performer, finger foods, decorations, programs and posters)

English Dept.

Sonya Arnett **\$1,000**

Honorariums, refreshments for Arts and Letters events, and British Literature II class presentation refreshments

D Fine Arts Dept.

Jerry Harris **\$14,240**

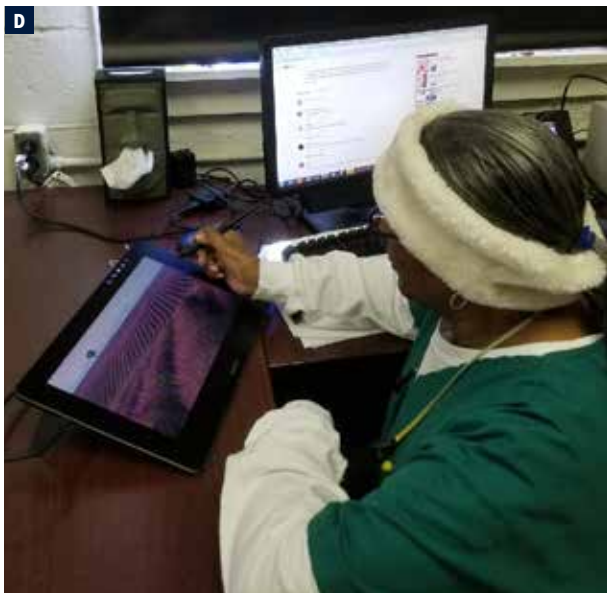
Purchase 18 Cintig HD Interactive Pen Display (Art Tablet to enable students to draw directly on the screen and transfer drawing to print)

English Dept.

Chad Moorer **\$300**

Money for prizes for Goodman Creative Writing Contest





Scholarships Established in 2017

Advanced Distributor Products (ADP) Scholarship: The scholarship is designed to assist the community's youth in attending post-secondary education. To be eligible the applicant must be a biological or adopted child of an ADP employee, a Mississippi resident, enrolled full-time at Holmes immediately following high school graduation. The recipient must maintain a 2.5 grade point average and complete 40 hours of community service. Additional requirements may be obtained at the ADP Human Resources office.

Johnny and Elizabeth Belk Scholarship: This scholarship was established by longtime friends of Holmes Community College, Elizabeth and Johnny Belk. The purpose is to support students from Attala County, with first consideration given to graduates of Ethel High School. Recipients will be selected on the basis of financial need, academic potential, and leadership ability.

The Class of 1963 Scholarship: The class of 1963 established this scholarship in honor of the fond memories and lifetime friendships made while attending Holmes. The scholarship recipient must be a U.S. citizen, a Mississippi resident, an entering freshman on the Goodman Campus, score a minimum 20 on the ACT or 940 on the SAT, deserving financially, exhibit high moral standards, and maintain a GPA of 3.0.



LOOKING FOR A HOLMES ALUMNI?

Get your copy of the new Holmes Alumni Directory! Books are being printed now, and will be distributed in the Spring. Also, it may not be too late to be included in the directory. Call our dedicated HCC alumni phone number to add your information today at 662-472-9134.

A DECISION LEADS TO A LEGACY

"People today don't see the value in giving back, and many students today get their degree and move on. We need to change that mentality."

Columbus native Danny Chandler had humble beginnings that he describes as tough times. Chandler was a good student in high school so he used his academic success as an opportunity to go to college.

"Education is the tool to change a person's life," Chandler said. "It helps lift individuals and families out of poverty, both generational and situational."

Chandler's Holmes Community College story starts a little different than most, as he had already finished his undergraduate studies and was currently pursuing other post-graduate degrees. He graduated from Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama. After college he pursued a graduate degree at Mississippi State University while teaching algebra, until his mother got sick.

Once his mother recovered, he moved to Jackson and began looking for an affordable option to finish his degrees. It was then that he crossed paths with Joe Adams and Earl Sisco whose students he was tutoring for algebra. These two men, along with Betty Sue Adams, encouraged



Chandler to attend Holmes. He began his studies at Holmes in 1990, taking an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course on the Ridgeland Campus. Since then, he has attended Holmes off and on when there was a course or program that he was interested in or something different he wanted to pursue.

The EMT course at Holmes helped Chandler become a friendly face in the Hinds and Madison county areas. He is currently in his 27th year working for American Medical Response which handles the 911 calls for Hinds County.

Since his departure from Holmes, Chandler has chosen to set up a scholarship in his sister, Francine Chandler's,



Pictured above is Francine Chandler, Danny Chandler's sister, for whom his scholarship is named.

memory. He contacted the Holmes Development Foundation Executive Director Dr. Lindy McCain and together they have been working to establish the Francine Chandler Childhood Education Scholarship (FCCES).



**"IF YOU DO NOT MAKE
[GIVING] A HABIT, YOU
WILL NEVER START."**



His sister was interested in early childhood education and worked in childcare for 20 years. Before she could open her own daycare, she was diagnosed with incurable brain cancer in the fall of 2002.

Chandler has a passion for helping students in communities all over the state. He says that "his reward is to see the light bulb come on for the student," and that "the first time they understand what they are learning

is what it is all about for him. People today don't see the value in giving back, and many students today get their degree and move on. We need to change that mentality. We need to challenge this generation that giving to Holmes is a good thing that will benefit them. The students need to feel connected beyond the relationships they had while on campus."

Chandler decided to make giving back a habit as soon as he got out of

college, and he encourages others to do the same.

"If you do not make it a habit, you will never start," he said. Chandler hopes that someone he helps will help someone behind them, and his legacy will be continued to another generation.

Chandler and his wife, Reta, currently reside in Madison and have one son, Daniel Ryan, who is attending medical school in Nashville, Tennessee. ■

Having a parent attend the same college would be a damper to most people, but Kosciusko native Dr. Dustin Gentry saw it as a blessing to have his mom, Lenita, attend classes with him at Holmes Community College.

A SON, A DOCTOR, *a Bulldog*

While Gentry was a freshman at Holmes, his mom was at home serving as caregiver to Gentry's ill grandmother. After his grandmother passed away, both Gentry and Lenita decided they would go into the medical field: he as a doctor and she as a nurse.

"I was proud to have momma there," Gentry said. "When I was in junior high and high school, she was the one that made sure I studied hard and made good grades. She was the reason for my success."

"I went into medicine to serve others," he said. "While I was attending HCC, my grandmother passed away from an extended illness, and God used that difficult time in my life to propel me towards a career in medicine, just as God used that illness to lead my mother into nursing. We were all very close. Dad was at home working and supporting two college students."



Gentry graduated from Holmes in 2005 before earning a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from Mississippi State University. He graduated from the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 2011 and completed his residency at the University of Texas Health Northeast in Tyler, Texas, while earning an MBA from UT-Tyler at the same time. In 2014, he returned to Mississippi to join the medical staff of Winston Medical Center.

"I really enjoyed my time at HCC," Gentry said. "There was so much to do! I can't remember everything I did there because I was involved in everything possible."

"I made a lot of friends," he said. "In fact, my best friends did not come from high school, senior college, or graduate school but from HCC. The Baptist Student Union challenged me spiritually and was definitely responsible for bringing me closer to God. Phi Theta Kappa challenged me academically and broadened my horizons. The activities and discussions we had in our meetings challenged my world views and helped me strengthen my opinions about certain matters and also helped me change some thoughts I had. The (Growl) newspaper was fun to write for and always kept me up-to-date on the latest issues around the world and the campus. One of the greatest honors I had was serving as an ambassador for HCC. We had a lot of fun too!"

Gentry is clear that he has never regretted going to a community college. "It was a fantastic decision," he said. "I met my best friends there. I learned a lot, and when I joined classmates at MSU

and UMMC there was no difference in our preparation for more advanced courses. In fact, the top students in my major at MSU were all from community colleges. I was well-prepared for senior college by HCC."

Reflecting on his days at Holmes brings up many memories for Gentry, but one particular Friday morning class especially stands out in his mind.

"One of my most memorable moments is walking into Mr. (Jim) Shirley's class at 8 a.m. on a Friday morning for engineering physics, and it was just me and Mr. Shirley," he said. "It usually took us the whole period to work through one problem...and we carried on business as usual. I could not name favorite teachers, because they were all favorites to me...every last one of them. They cared about teaching, and I cared about learning so it worked out very well."

Although Gentry insists Holmes prepared him well, he is also quick to admit medical school was difficult.

"Medical school was tough not because the information was challenging, but because the volume of challenging material was overwhelming at times," he said. "I really enjoyed getting to take care of patients, and the fact that I was able to learn medicine from so many great physicians."

Little did Gentry know when he accepted a job at the Winston Medical Center in Louisville that the facility and a great portion of the town would soon be destroyed by a massive tornado.

"I was just getting finished with clinic in Texas when someone cut the TV on in the break room and said, 'Hey Gentry,

isn't that the town you're going to move too?' It was very surreal," he said. "I had already bought a house and was getting ready to start work in Louisville. When I finally got here, there was no hospital left...just a mobile unit for an emergency room and some tents. It was like "M*A*S*H" the television show, but we made the best of it and I wouldn't trade that experience for the world.

"Louisville is a small town much like Kosciusko," he said. "My grandfather used to own a grocery store here in Louisville, Gentry's Big Star, and both my parents grew up here. I love the fact that I know my patients outside of the office. I've been to some of their homes, and some of them have been to mine. I do whatever I can every day of the week to help them and be accessible. It's also a great little town to raise a family."

Gentry sees patients in the hospital, clinic and the nursing home. "My medical practice is very busy," he said. "As a family physician, I see patients of all ages. I enjoy helping people through their medical problems beginning to end. I treat their illnesses in the clinic and if needed, in the hospital, and when they are better, I see them back in the clinic. Then I see their kids and uncles and the whole family. I love building relationships with my patients."

He is proud to have returned to his roots, as he was born at Winston Medical Center, and to serve others through a medical career that all began as a student at Holmes Community College. ■

HOMECOMING



Bringing it Back to Holmes

Homecoming was celebrated Saturday, October 29, 2017. A few of the events held on the Goodman Campus include an awards banquet, Connection! performance, Student Art Show, and football victory over Northeast.

A Dr. Haffey presents James Foster with a plaque honoring him as Holmes' World War II Veteran of the Year.

B Hallie Murtagh, Holmes CC 2017 Homecoming Queen, takes a break to pose with Major.

C Honorees Al Haskins, Hays Branscome and Xan Barksdale are recognized on the field at halftime.

D The Branscome family enjoys a meal in the VIP tent.

E Major always stops to pose with little Bulldog fans.

F Xan Barksdale mingles with family in front of McDaniel Hall.

Annual Scramble a Success



The Holmes Community College Foundation Annual Golf Classic was held on May 10, 2017 at the Deerfield Golf Club in Madison. The scramble style charity tournament benefited the Holmes CC Development Foundation, which further supports the college by providing scholarships, instructional equipment, library resources, faculty development opportunities and other activities that enhance the instructional programs of the college. The day included lunch, 18 holes of golf, door prizes/giveaways and an after 5 social. Twenty-one, four person teams played in the classic.

1st Flight Winner Mitchell Metal Projects

Team members:

Austin Taylor
Trey Bowman
Trent Adams
Chase Smith

2nd Flight Winner Howard Technology Solutions

Team members:

Rusty Toms
Justin Ferguson
Steven Tiller
Kevin Baker (NP)

3rd Flight Winner Dallas Printing, Inc.

Team members:

Jim Haffey
Larry Webster
Maurice Stinson
Glen Beard



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SAVE THESE DATES

SPORTS HALL OF FAME

April 26
Goodman, Miss.

THE FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 9th
Deerfield Golf Club

ALUMNI LUNCHESES

July 10th, Grenada
July 11th, Attala
July 17th, Yazoo
July 18th, Montgomery
July 24th, Carroll

July 25th, Holmes
July 31, Madison
August 1, Webster
August 7th, Choctaw

HOMECOMING

October 20
Goodman, Miss.