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About the Foundation

The Holmes Community College Development Foundation was established more than 50 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.

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Foundation Leadership



Robby Robertson ('77)
President,
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From the Foundation President

In the following pages, you will learn about the meaningful impact your contributions to the HCC Development Foundation have had on the students at Holmes. Your Foundation serves as an essential partner to Holmes Community College, bridging critical funding gaps and providing vital resources for scholarships, modern technology, and campus improvements—all with the singular purpose of helping students succeed.

Because of your generosity, students who might otherwise face financial barriers are able to pursue their education, develop valuable skills, and build brighter futures. Classrooms are better equipped, opportunities are expanded, and lives are changed every day through your continued support.

As you reflect on the role Holmes has played in your own life, I encourage you to consider how your investment can create that same life-changing experience for today's students. Your gift—no matter the size—directly contributes to student success and strengthens the future of our communities.

It has been said that the saddest words of tongue or pen are, "I could have been." With your help, our students will never have to say those words. Instead, they will have the tools, encouragement, and opportunities needed to achieve their fullest potential.

Please continue to support your Foundation so that Holmes Community College students can pursue their dreams, reach their goals, and make a lasting impact in the world.



Jim Haffey ('96)
President,
Holmes Community College

From the College President

Exciting things are happening at Holmes Community College, and I hope that as you read just a glimpse of those highlights you feel the same way.

Our 100-year anniversary was a success as we celebrated all year long with multiple events and highlights on campus, capped off by a great Homecoming event that shattered attendance records. I hope this fall you can make plans to attend our annual homecoming and see all the improvements we have made on the Goodman Campus. It has truly been a time of revitalization as we have purchased and renovated over 30 buildings throughout the district in the past 18 months.

In addition to our 3 main campuses, we maintain great facilities in Kosciusko and Yazoo City. New on the horizon is our first ever building to serve the eastern side of our district. Our new Highway 82 location in Mathiston will be convenient to our Webster and Choctaw students, and is a very short drive from Starkville. This facility will provide a much needed resource center for that region, and will also serve as an eLearning testing center for our exploding online population that needs a brick and mortar presence from time to time.

We had one of the most successful accreditation visits in the nation this fall with glowing reviews from the SACS-COC accreditation team who spent a week touring our nine-county offerings.

You likely have noticed our 70,000 square foot Allied Health building going up in Madison county off of Interstate 55. In addition to modern classrooms and labs, it will provide the county's first large conference space for use by local businesses and community.

Finally, in addition to the academic, career tech, and workforce classes offered at locations like our 1,100 acre Bulldog Ranch, we are excited to launch a new Holmes Flight School that will open in the summer of 2026. Our first three planes are currently being painted and outfitted in school colors.

We hope you feel like Holmes is your home, and that you are always welcome back to our campuses. Together, we continue to make Mississippi and our communities great - because there truly is "No Place Like Holmes."



Throughout these pages you will find photos that were taken at various events celebrating Holmes' centennial anniversary. Thank you for helping us celebrate 100 years.





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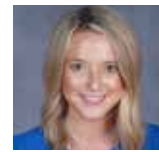
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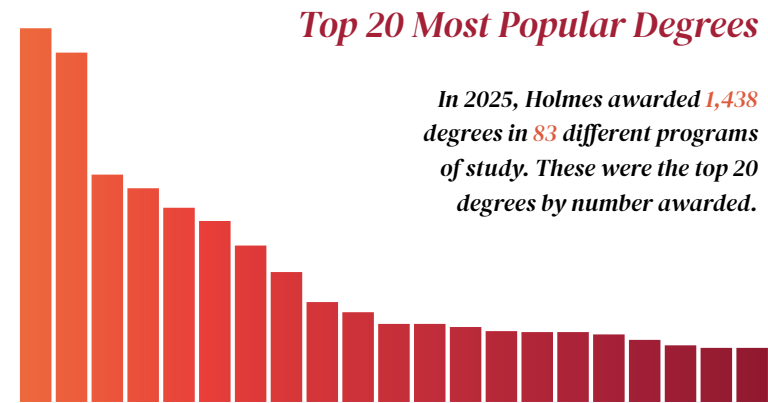
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2025 Institution Data

Total enrollment for all campuses **4,909**



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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Associate Degree Nursing (130) | 11. Billing & Coding Tech. (30) |
| 2. Pre-Nursing (121) | 12. Psychology (30) |
| 3. Heat, Vent, AC, Refrig Tech (80) | 13. Business Management Tech. (29) |
| 4. Practical Nursing (76) | 14. Culinary Arts Tech. (27) |
| 5. Business Administration (69) | 15. Drafting & Design Tech. (27) |
| 6. General College Studies (65) | 16. Computer Networking Tech. (26) |
| 7. Welding and Cutting Tech. (56) | 17. Industrial Tech. (24) |
| 8. EMS-Paramedic (47) | 18. Automotive Tech. (23) |
| 9. Electro-Mechanical Tech. (37) | 19. Accounting (22) |
| 10. Health Sciences (34) | 20. Elementary/Special Education (22) |



64% of our students lived in our district (3,118).

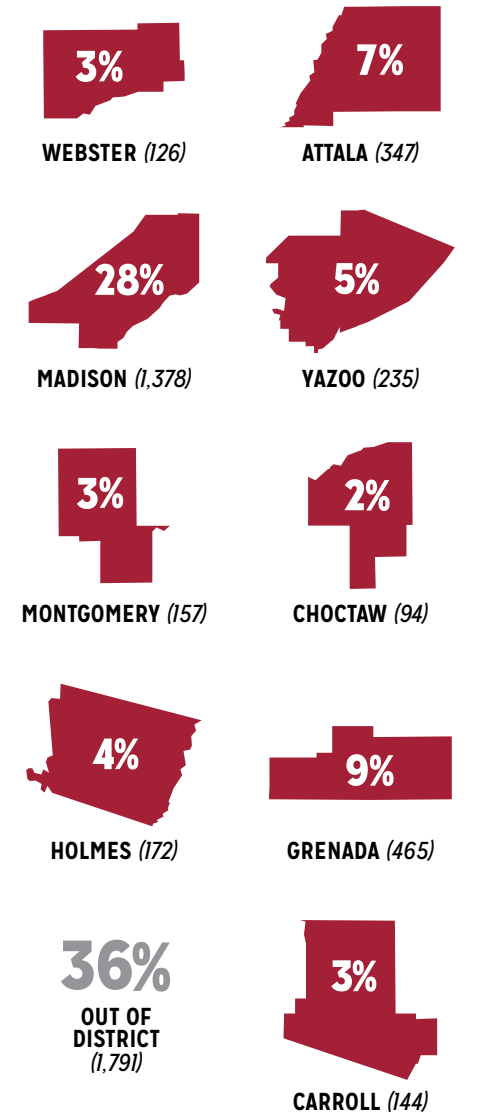


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125 HOLMES EMPLOYEES gave part of their salaries back to the college through the Development Foundation.

Betty Sue & Joe Adams: A Legacy of Dedication and Service



Betty Sue and Joe Adams began their journey in their hometown of Weir. They both graduated from Weir High School in 1966 and having started dating in 10th grade, the couple went on to attend Holmes in Goodman together. Little did they know that their connection would span more than five decades, including more than 50 years at the college in all their different roles.

After a year at Holmes, Joe and Betty Sue married in June of 1967. Joe continued his education, earning a B.S. in Industrial Education from Mississippi State University, followed by an M.S. in Education. He furthered his studies with an Educational Specialist degree and additional hours toward a doctorate. In the midst of the Vietnam War, Joe served as a member of the Mississippi National Guard.

Joe's first job out of college was as an Industrial Education teacher and assistant football coach at Bruce High School. In 1972, Frank Branch, then president of Holmes, reached out to offer Joe a position as an industrial education instructor. That call marked the beginning of a long and fulfilling career at Holmes for both Joe and Betty Sue.

The couple moved to Goodman, where they lived in campus housing until 1985. Betty Sue worked in clerical roles with administrators Robert Hodges and Wirt Hayes. While working full-time at Holmes, she earned her B.S. in Secondary Education, Mathematics, from Mississippi State, later completing her M.S. in Education in 1986.

In 1984, Joe became one of the first employees at the Ridgeland Campus of Holmes. He worked the entire year prior to opening in 1985, helping establish the first four-day week curriculum for Holmes students. Joe served as an assistant director and the campus opened its doors with just over 300 students. As enrollment grew, so did the campus, with the completion of Madison Hall and the Career Technology Building. Joe also helped introduce Friday and Saturday classes to accommodate working adults seeking transfer credits. In 1987 Joe was named vice president in charge of the Ridgeland campus.

The 1990s brought new challenges as technology began to transform education. Joe, alongside faculty and staff, worked to adapt the campus to meet the changing needs of students. By that time, the student population was roughly 75% college transfer classes and 25% career technical classes.

As the Ridgeland campus continued to expand, so did its facilities. Joe played a key role in the planning and de-

velopment of new buildings, including the Science Building (West), Ernest Adcock Library, Pat McGowan Workforce Training Center, the Student Union, a Maintenance Facility and Science Building (East), ultimately shaping the campus into the over 80-acre footprint it is today.

Betty Sue taught for four years in Kosciusko Junior High before joining the initial faculty on the Ridgeland Campus of Holmes as a mathematics instructor. She served as an advisor of the Alpha Lambda Sigma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society for over 20 years and was named a PTK Advisor of the Year in 2008.

The success of the Ridgeland campus is largely attributed to the faculty and staff, who shared a sense of community and commitment to the students. As the campus grew, so did the sense of unity and purpose among them.

Joe and Betty Sue retired together in 2011 after decades of service. Continuing a commitment to Holmes, Joe served part-time as director of Holmes Alumni Association from September 2011 through June 2014. Both he and Betty Sue worked with Homecoming activities and the Sports Hall of Fame.

Today, the Adams continue to make their home in Madison, where they remain active in their community. They are members of Madison Methodist Church and participate in the Mississippi Classic Cruisers Car Club and the Antique Vehicle Club of MS. They own two antique vehicles: a 1950 Chevrolet 1/2-ton pickup and a 1998 Chevrolet Silverado. They are members of Holmes Legacy Club and are involved with the Holmes Development Foundation where they both serve on the Board of Governors, with Joe also sitting on the Board of Directors. Additionally, Joe serves as a member of the Holmes Board of Trustees representing Madison County.

When they're not attending Holmes events, Joe and Betty Sue enjoy entering their antique trucks in car shows, "road-tripping" and spending time with family and friends. They have two children, Susan Adams Shirley and husband, Scott, Jeff Adams and wife Katie, and one grandchild, Molly Kate Adams.

Through their dedication to Holmes CC, Betty Sue and Joe Adams have left an indelible mark on the institution, helping to shape the future of countless students over the years.





Paul & McCrea Shelton Award Winner: John Robert Hall

John Robert Hall, known professionally as J.R., has devoted more than three decades to education, ministry and public service. His career reflects a rare blending of classroom instruction, church leadership and community engagement, marked by a consistent commitment to mentoring students, serving congregations and strengthening the institutions he has been part of throughout Mississippi.

Hall is the 2025 recipient of the Shelton Award. This award was established by longtime supporters of the college to an employee from the Goodman or Ridgeland Campus that goes above and beyond in support of the college, dedication to students and community service involvement.

In 1990, J. R. began adjunct teaching at Holmes while working full time as a United Methodist minister. That improbable beginning blossomed into a long-standing academic career that now spans 22 years as a Holmes instructor and nine as adjunct. Hall teaches history and religion courses on both the Ridgeland and Goodman campuses, as well as online. During his tenure, he received the Lamplighter Award in 2013 and the Humanities Award in 2020; honors reflecting his dedication to students, colleagues and the college community. While at Holmes, colleagues who had a lasting impact on his professional development included Luther Bogan, academic dean, and Sam Brown, chair of the History Department.

Over the course of his academic career, Hall has witnessed significant changes in higher education, particularly in advising, scheduling and classroom instruction. He began teaching during a period when student advising and course scheduling were handled entirely on paper, a process that depended heavily on communication between administrators and faculty. Today, he noted, those processes occur almost instantly through digital systems. Hall has also seen classrooms evolve from chalkboards to dry-erase

boards and, eventually, to technology-driven instruction that incorporates PowerPoint presentations, video and other multimedia tools.

Despite those changes, Hall said he continues to value instructor-student interaction in the classroom. Over the years, many of his students have gone on to careers such as nursing and law, while others have continued their studies in religion through additional Bible courses or seminary education.

“Don’t think of the ancient and medieval world as boring. They did more with what little they had than we do with all we have today,” Hall said.

Hall was reared in Copiah County. He is a graduate of Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he earned both a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Divinity degree. He has also completed additional studies at Mississippi State University, Mississippi College and Spring Hill College.

He returned to Mississippi, where he was ordained an elder in the United Methodist Church, serving the Bassfield, Goodman, Heritage Biloxi, Ridgeland, Sharon, Burns and Monterey charges. He retired from

the United Methodist Church in 2024 after 38 years of service. Hall continues to serve the Mississippi Annual Conference as chair of the Petitions and Resolutions Committee, having previously served on the Higher Education Committee and the Pension and Health Benefits Committee.

While an instructor at Holmes, Hall served as a six-year coordinator for the National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant for the McMorrough Library on the Goodman Campus. He represented the college at four statewide curriculum development meetings addressing philosophy and religion. Hall also assisted in recruiting author Richard Grant and musician Tricia Walker for presentations to the college community as part of an arts-related series. Through the History and Political

“Life involves more than a skill or a job. We are part of communities, and we need to find a place where we can contribute through community and citizenship. That is what I have found at Holmes.”

Science Division, he contributed to planning professional development events, including informational trips to the National World War II Museum and the Battle of New Orleans site in New Orleans, Vicksburg National Military Park, and historic sites around Natchez.

“Life involves more than a skill or a job,” Hall said. “We are part of communities, and we need to find a place where we can contribute through community and citizenship.” “That is what I have found at Holmes.”

Hall began teaching in the Social Science Building on the Goodman Campus. Although he has taught primarily on the Ridgeland Campus in recent years, he continues to teach on both campuses and online. His involvement extends beyond the classroom. Hall has served as a football spotter for 14 years and assists with game operations and announcing for Holmes football. He has also helped with Holmes softball, as well.

As an academic counselor, Hall spent countless hours guiding students as they navigated their first college experiences. During football season, he also assisted the sports information director with communication and game preparation for both home and away contests.

Hall served as a spotter at Ridgeland High School football games for 14 years and now serves as the public address announcer for both Ridgeland High School and Millsaps College. He teaches Basic Bible Interpretation and Early Church History courses for the Mississippi Annual Conference, assisting part-time pastors in continuing their education.

He has supported the City of Ridgeland by volunteering as the education representative for the Community Awareness Committee, which studies city issues and makes recommendations to the mayor and board of aldermen.

Hall is married to Dawn Trotti Hall. They have two daughters, Audrey and Madeline (Brett). The Hall family has resided in Ridgeland for quite some time and attend Parkway Hills United Methodist Church. In his spare time, Hall enjoys reading, with “Dune” by Frank Herbert among his favorites, and draws inspiration from historical figures such as Martin Luther and Constantine. When time allows, he also enjoys watching a hockey game. 🍷



New Quality Enhancement Plan benefits undecided students

The Holmes Community College Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), titled Career Compass, is aligned with the college’s mission to offer innovative educational opportunities to students to prepare them for university transfer, productive employment, and lifelong learning. After extensive research, the college has identified a significant obstacle that students face in their career readiness: choosing a program of study that will lead to a fulfilling career.

Career Compass focuses on students who choose General College Studies (GCS), one of the college’s largest programs of study. Some students opt for GCS as a precursor to being accepted into selective programs; however, many select it because they are uncertain of the career they want to pursue. The QEP will attend to this uncertainty, as research has shown the advantages of selecting a program of study earlier rather than later.

As the value of a college degree faces growing scrutiny, Career Compass aims to guide undecided students toward selecting an academic or career program of study through its interventions. By doing so, it enhances their likelihood of graduating and successfully transitioning into the workforce or higher education. Through a career-focused research essay (Career Profiles Assignment), a career exploration course, career exploration seminars, and advisor training, Career Compass is expected to have a positive effect on students’ academic and career success. The actions of the QEP will lead to fulfillment of the following overall goal with specific focus on three student learning outcomes.

Students who are undecided in their career path will select their

academic or career program of study within their cohort year, thereby increasing their probability of graduation and facilitating their entry into the workforce or university transfer.

Career Compass Student Learning Outcomes include: GCS students will report increased confidence and clarity in the academic and/or career path they want to pursue; these students will indicate an increase in their knowledge and awareness of attainable career paths; GCS students will make contact with local businesses and industries that may impact their academic and/or career choice.

Major Decisions: Find Your Fit, Not Just Your Degree seminars

The “Major Decisions: Find Your Fit, Not Just Your Degree” seminars, sponsored by Cengage, featured a panel of Holmes alumni who shared real-world insight and advice about their careers, challenges and the rewards of doing work they love. Part of the Career Compass initiative, the seminars helped students connect their strengths and interests to future careers.

The Ridgeland Campus seminar

took place February 11, in the Pat McGowan Workforce Building. Panelists included Dr. Autumn Barron, audiologist at The Hearing Center of Jackson; Dr. Amy Whittington, vice president for Holmes Career-Technical Education and Derek Starling Sr., principal and co-founder at SOL Engineering Services. Academic Dean Dr. Tonya Lawrence moderated the event.

A second Career Seminar was held on Feb. 19 at the Grenada Campus. Grenada panelist included Paul McCarley, City President-Grenada at BankPlus; Nicholas Johnson, Second Grade Math and Science Teacher at Grenada Elementary School and Meghan Welch, PMHNP-BC (Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner) at Balance Therapy and Wellness LLC. Coordinator of Academic Programs Dr. Tina Garrett moderated the event.

The final career seminar was held in Goodman on February 25 in McMorrough library. Panelists included Dr. Dudley Moore, Senior Engineer, Combustion Technology at Solar Turbines Incorporated; Lucas Price, Director of Business Services at Holmes Community College; Dr. Lily Fran Guastella, MD at Mallory Community Health Center.

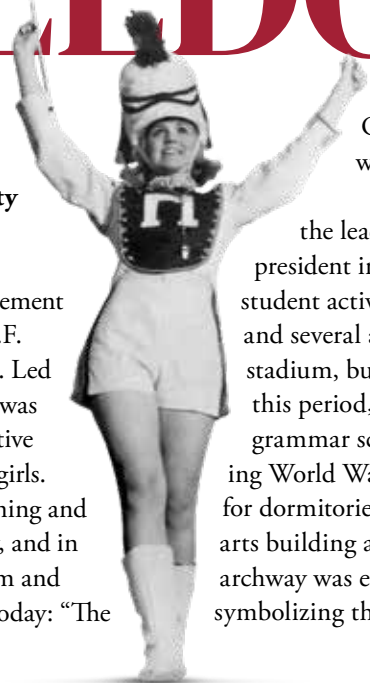




A Century of BULLDOGS

From its start with just three buildings to its current role as a multi-campus educational leader, Holmes Community College is celebrating 100 years of preparing students for success.

The journey began in 1925, with an endorsement from the State Superintendent of Education, W.F. Bond, to establish a junior college in Goodman. Led by Superintendent M.E. Morehead, the college was founded on a small campus with an administrative building and separate dormitories for boys and girls. The college's farm provided both hands-on learning and food for the students. The campus quickly grew, and in 1928, staff and students built its first gymnasium and introduced student publications that still exist today: "The



Growl" student newspaper and the yearbook, which became "Horizons" in 1941. The college continued to grow under the leadership of Ras M. Branch, who became president in 1940. He expanded course offerings and student activities to include athletics, a marching band and several academic and social clubs. The football stadium, built in 1936, was named in his honor. During this period, the college even bought and renovated a grammar school to serve as a boys' dormitory. Following World War II, the college acquired two naval barracks for dormitories and apartments and adding a new manual arts building and a grade-A dairy barn. In 1949, an archway was erected to mark the entrance to the college, symbolizing the institution's growing stature. The arch

was tragically lost in the 1990s but was rebuilt in 2015 for the college's 90-year celebration, with a new inscription reflecting its name change to Holmes Community College.

Navigating a New Era

Under the leadership of presidents Ras M. Branch and Clarence W. Lorance, who succeeded him in 1949, Holmes excelled in academics and athletics. The Bulldogs football team played in several bowl games in the 1940s and won multiple state championships. However, the mid-1950s brought tragedy with the unexpected death of President Lorance and the destruction of the student center by fire.

A new era dawned with the appointment of Frank B. Branch, a beloved figure at the college who had served in many roles since 1936. During his tenure, he expanded the college's district to include seven more counties, creating the nine-county area the college still serves today. Under his leadership, new buildings were added, including the McMorrough Library and the Montgomery Fine Arts Build-

ing. Academic and athletic programs flourished, and in 1959, the college was granted a chapter of the prestigious honor society Phi Theta Kappa.

The college continued to evolve, offering classes in multiple locations and expanding its curriculum to include a wide array of career and technical programs like automotive mechanics and practical nurse education. The new coliseum was built and dedicated to Frank B. Branch in 1974.

The most pivotal changes of the late 20th Century were the establishment of new campuses in Ridgeland and Grenada by 1985 and the official name change to Holmes Community College in 1989. This change reflected the college's mission to serve a broader population.

A Future of Growth and Innovation

In the past two decades, Holmes has embraced technology and continued to grow. Following the leadership of Dr. Glenn Boyce, Dr. Jim Haffey became the ninth president of Holmes on Sept. 10, 2014, making history as the youngest president in the Mississippi Community College system at age 37.

Under Dr. Haffey, the college has reached several milestones. New facilities have been built across all campuses, including the D.P. "Pat" McGowan Workforce Training Center in Ridgeland and a new \$8.5 million facility in Grenada. Within the first year of Dr. Haffey's tenure, new sites and property were acquired. On June 24, 2015, Holmes celebrated the ribbon-cutting for the Yazoo County Economic Development and Educational Center in Yazoo City. The new Attala Center then opened its doors in November 2015, and just weeks later, Holmes officially announced it had acquired the approximately 25,000 square-foot building that formerly housed Fitness Lady, plus roughly four acres of prime I-55 Frontage Road access, to expand the Ridgeland Campus territory.

The college has made significant technological strides, continuously adding new programs and expanding partnerships to meet workforce and higher education needs. Holmes has numerous partnerships with local businesses through its workforce division, as well as multiple collaborations with four-year universities and colleges.



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Construction is underway for a brand-new Allied Health Facility on the Ridgeland Campus, which broke ground on June 19, 2025. The facility will house the Associate Degree Nursing, Practical Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant, and Surgical Technology programs. In addition to classrooms and offices, it will feature a large multipurpose space with banquet seating for 350 and lecture-style seating for 530, allowing Holmes to host more group events for the local community.

Pioneering programs and partnerships have marked recent years at the college. In 2017, Holmes became the first community college in the nation to offer PSY 2543 Applied Behavior Analysis, an online course required to earn the Registered Behavior Technician credential. The same year, the Holmes Grenada Campus became the third location in the state to house an arboretum. In 2018, Holmes set up a training partnership with Ingalls Shipbuilding. Most recently, in 2024, Holmes successfully launched Mississippi's first Amazon Web Services (AWS) Information Infrastructure Pre-Apprenticeship

(I2PA) program, one of only three in the nation at that point. The four-week program equips participants with in-demand skills for careers in information infrastructure, concluding with a networking opportunity with AWS experts and contractors.

Recent campus and facility expansions continued the growth trend. In the past six years, the college purchased a 7,000 square foot health club on Highway 12 in Kosciusko, built a new maintenance building and cedar pavilion in Goodman, and added a cedar pavilion and lighted walking trail in Grenada. Career Technical Education expanded to include massage therapy, the health care assistant program and culinary arts. The 2022-23 year was one of major

development: Holmes added the 1,100-acre Bulldog Ranch, allowing the college to again offer hands-on agricultural electives for credit and serving as the new location for the Electrical Linemen program. The linemen program also made headlines when Gracie Gustafson became the second female lineman student in the state in 2024. Holmes has added a state-of-the-art new athletic facility and weight room in Goodman, and new courtyard area on the Ridgeland Campus, as well.

Student and athletic achievements have also been historic. On Dec. 4, 2016, the Holmes Bulldogs football team made history by winning their first NJCAA Bowl with a 28-21 win in the Graphic Edge Bowl. In 2019, the Lady Bulldogs soccer team made it to the NJCAA Gulf South District Championship for the first time in the college's history. The Lady Bulldogs soccer team won the MACCC title after



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going 8-1-1 during the regular season conference play in 2022-2023 and finished as the National Championship Runner Up that year.

In other notable developments, in November 2020, Holmes alumnus Rocky Vaughan's design for a new Mississippi Flag was passed as the new flag referendum. Additionally, Rollin Beans coffee was added to the Holmes Ridgeland Student Union during the 2024-2025 school year.

Holmes' commitment to excellence is reflected in recent accolades: Niche ranked it as Mississippi's top community college and among the best in the nation. It has also been selected as an educational partner for Amazon's Career Choice program.

Capturing the Holmes Story

To celebrate Holmes' centennial during the 2025-26 school year, two of the college's Phi Theta Kappa chapters will focus their Honors in Action projects on

preserving the college's history. The Kappa Alpha Chapter (Goodman Campus) has chosen "Preserving Stories" as its theme, focusing specifically on Holmes' 100-year history.

"To honor this legacy, members are developing a podcast that will feature interviews with alumni, faculty, and staff, alongside archival research," said Goodman Campus Phi Theta Advisor Simonee Miller. "Their goal is to digitally preserve these stories in the campus library, ensuring Holmes' rich history remains accessible for generations to come."

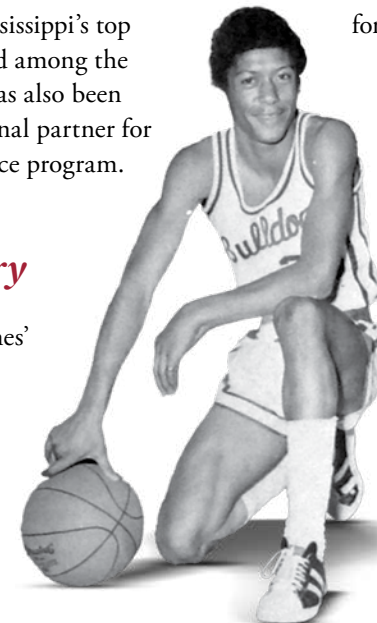
Meanwhile, the Ridgeland Campus Phi Theta Kappa Chapter is documenting Holmes' history through a different medium. Ridgeland Campus Advisor Lisa Anglin explained that students are continuing a book of Holmes' history, focusing on the last 50 years.

"They are also

telling the oral history of Holmes by interviewing students, faculty, staff and alumni," Anglin said. "They will compile all the stories into something spectacular that will last for the next 100 years."

This year's celebrations honor a century of achievements while looking ahead to a future of continued expansion. The college invited all living members of the Holmes Sports Hall of Fame to its banquet in April. In August, faculty and staff formed a giant "100" on the Goodman campus football field for a drone photo, symbolizing a unified spirit. The college is also distributing commemorative blankets and Compass Coins, which represent the guidance and support it provides to students.

The festivities culminated with a special celebration on Oct. 16. Prior to the football game against Itawamba Community College, an open house was held for the newly renovated Frank B. Branch Coliseum. At halftime, a spectacular fireworks show lit up the sky, marking a century of history and a future of endless possibilities for the Holmes Community College. 🌸



Collision Repair recognized for fire truck refinish

During their monthly meeting, the Madison County Board of Supervisors recently recognized Holmes Community College's Collision Repair Technology program on Nov. 17 for its outstanding work in refinishing a heavy rescue fire truck for the Madison County Fire Department. The project, completed this fall, was designed to match the department's 9/11 Commemorative Fire Truck and has been praised as a significant contribution to both the county and local first responders.

The recognition was led by Madison County Fire Coordinator Minor Norman, a proud Holmes alumnus with deep ties to the college. Norman not only completed the Industrial Maintenance program on the Goodman Campus, but also played baseball for the Bulldogs. His history as a student-athlete and his continued involvement with the college have made him a strong supporter of Holmes' career-technical programs and their role in preparing the local workforce.

During the Board meeting, Norman presented the finished rescue truck and commended the Collision Repair students for their professionalism, craftsmanship and dedication to the project. He emphasized how the partnership with Holmes allowed students to gain real-world experience while helping enhance the fire department's fleet.

Collision Repair students Conner Campbell, Toba Ghazi, Timothy Pate, Everette Smith, Kendall Williamson and Antonio Wilson completed the painting and refinishing work under the guidance of instructor Casey Caldwell.

Holmes' Collision Repair Technology program provides hands-on training in automotive painting, refinishing and structural repair, preparing students for careers in the automotive repair industry through rigorous, industry-aligned coursework.



Top: Pictured with the refinished Madison County fire truck are (left to right) Madison County Mega Site Alliance Fire District Board Members Bo Jordan and Calvin Garrett; HCC Vice President and current Board of Trustees member Joe Adams; HCC alumnus and Madison County Fire Coordinator Minor Norman, Madison County Board of Supervisors President Gerald Steen; HCC Vice President Dr. Bronwyn Martin; HCC Vice President for Career Technical Education Dr. Amy Whittington and HCC Collision Repair Instructor Casey Caldwell.

Holmes hosts AirCare Night Out training for first responders

Holmes Community College hosted "AirCare Night Out" on Thursday, Aug. 28 at the Pat McGowan Workforce Training Center on the Ridgeland Campus, providing invaluable training to 133 first responders.

"This was a great class with first responders from Hinds, Madison and Yazoo counties attending," said Minor Norman, fire coordinator for Madison County. "Jeremy Benson with UMMC Air Care did a great job teaching the class. Now, there are

133 first responders who have more knowledge and are better equipped to save lives because they took the time to attend this class. Also, I want to thank Holmes Community College for allowing us to have this class on their Ridgeland Campus."

The free event welcomed first responders from across the state, including several Holmes campus police officers. Training topics included establishing an AirCare landing zone at the scene of an accident, bleeding control for gunshot wounds and

traumatic lacerations, and opioid overdose resuscitation.

Participants received a First Hands bleeding control kit, a Narcan (naloxone) resuscitation kit and a tactical field bag upon completion of the training.

In addition to the essential skills and equipment gained, Holmes campus police officers who attended earned five hours of credit toward the 40 annual hours required by the Mississippi State Board of Standards and Training.

Flight training school set to take off at Holmes

Holmes is expanding its career-focused programs with the launch of a new flight training school and the addition of Aviation Management courses.

The flight training school will prepare students to earn private, instrument and commercial pilot licenses certified by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), key steps toward careers as commercial, corporate or private pilots. Students will also gain foundational skills for air traffic control careers with plans to expand into advanced certifications including multi-engine endorsements. Training will be conducted at the Kosciusko-Attala County Airport using three aircraft: a two-seat Cessna 150 and two four-seat Cessna 172 airplanes, widely recognized as safe and reliable training aircraft.

The flight school is a Workforce Development initiative with no college credit earned. Cameron Clark will teach one-on-one instruction and students may begin any time they would like with a self-paced schedule worked out with Clark. Students must be at least 18, U.S. citizens, have a valid driver's license and be able to read, write and speak English. To fly solo, students must pass a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) medical



exam performed by an authorized Aviation Medical Examiner (AME). While not required for the first lesson, students must obtain at least a Third-Class Medical Certificate before soloing; early completion is recommended to ensure fitness to fly.

“This program allows students, even those starting from scratch, to pursue private, instrument or commercial licenses,” Clark said. “The training and licensure gained can open doors to careers flying for commercial airlines, corporate aviation or private operations.”

Beginning in August, Holmes will offer Aviation Management courses as Career-Technical Education classes for college credit that can

transfer. Courses include Introduction to Aviation, Private Pilot Ground I and Private Pilot Ground II. These courses provide students with knowledge on flight principles, aircraft systems, the National Airspace System, airport operations and FAA pilot certification requirements.

Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey said the programs reflect the college's commitment to workforce development and career readiness.

“These initiatives provide students with unique opportunities to pursue aviation careers and earn FAA certification,” Dr. Haffey said. “When looking around our district at available hangar space for three airplanes, availability of certified instructors and instructional space, we eventually

decided on the Kosciusko airport as the best fit for student pilots and their ability to have a safe, accessible environment to train. The beauty of aircraft as training devices is, they tend to be very mobile! So, we will offer the ability to move the aircraft to various airports in our district to fit individual training needs. We will also be offering discounts for training to employees, and employees with a license will be able to eventually rent the planes.”

There will be an interview process for slots once they become scarce, and priority will be given to students interested in a career in aviation. Individuals interested in the flight training school or Aviation Management courses can contact Emily Bennett at ebennett@holmescc.edu for more information.

Major renovations for Frank Branch Coliseum

Holmes Community College basketball fans returning to Frank B. Branch Coliseum on the Goodman Campus for events will find a completely transformed facility following the completion of an extensive renovation project.

Branch Coliseum opened in 1973 during the presidency of Frank Branch. Over the years, the college made several upgrades, including renovations to locker rooms, lighting, sound systems, restrooms and the playing surface, as well as enhancements to the front entry highlighting members of the Holmes Sports Hall of Fame.

The most recent renovation, however, represented a comprehensive modernization of the playing arena. Construction began the week after spring graduation in May. JH&H Architects Planners Interiors PA served as the project architect, and Pike Construction of Mississippi was the general contractor.

The project included the removal of championship banners, ceiling tiles, the old sound system and lighting, along with the replacement of practice and main goals. Crews installed four new motorized practice goals, new ceiling grids, upgraded electrical systems, modern lighting for the court and seating areas, and a new sound system. Both ends of the court were enclosed with sheetrock, electrical systems were upgraded, and a new video board was installed on the north end of the coliseum.

Covington Floors of Tennessee removed the existing wood floor down to the concrete base and installed a new wood floor from the ground up. The playing surface was completed with a new design. Rolling goals replaced the former ceiling-mounted goals and are now in use for practices and games.

Additional work included final installation and calibration of the video board, sound system and lighting, ensuring the facility was ready for competition. The renovated coliseum hosted its first game of the season when the Holmes Lady Bulldogs played Co-Lin on Nov. 1.

The project also included the installation of a new roof during the summer.



Ridgeland Campus PTK chapter writes history, literally

Holmes' three Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) chapters attended the 2026 Mississippi/Louisiana (MS/LA) Regional Conference and Awards Gala, held March 5-6 at Mississippi State University. The chapters joined 49 others in celebrating achievements and vying for the top Honors in Action (HIA) project, an award focused on research-based service. For 2026, each chapter submitted an HIA project including the theme "Preserving Stories."

As Holmes approached its centennial anniversary, the chapters were uniquely positioned to tell the story of the college.

The Ridgeland Chapter researched, organized and published a 186-page hardback book spanning 100 years of HCC written records, oral histories, and photographs.

Lisa Anglin, co-sponsor of Alpha Lambda Sigma chapter on the Ridgeland Campus explained, "We developed the research question, 'Can storytelling build community?' Our conclusions revealed that when cultural stories are not preserved, opportunities for community are diminished. These findings directly inspired our research-driven HIA project," Anglin continued, "We discovered that there was a need for a complete narrative that reflected the lived experiences of Holmes' students, alumni, faculty, and staff. The teamwork and leadership skills which we have built will benefit us throughout our lives. The experience of forming many local connections led us to appreciate the value of listening to cultural stories in our community."

Alpha Lambda Sigma's project won first place overall and first place in its selected theme, helping them to win first in the Region. Ultimately, Alpha Lambda Sigma was named Most Distinguished Chapter, the evening's most prestigious award, qualifying the chapter to compete at the Phi Theta Kappa National Convention in Baltimore, MD on March 28.

Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing academic excellence at two-year colleges and includes more than 1,200 chapters worldwide. Membership in PTK is reserved for students who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement, requiring at least 12 hours of college-level coursework and a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher.

Ridgeland's Alpha Lambda Sigma and Grenada's Alpha Mu Beta competed against other PTK chapters worldwide at Catalyst, Phi Theta Kappa National Convention in Baltimore, MD. Ridgeland won Top 5 most distinguished Honors in Action project, Third place for most distinguished theme, and 10th best PTK chapter in the world. Grenada was also awarded top 50 most distinguished Honors in Action project, and Top 100 Chapter in the Word.



Holmes Foundation hosts Annual Golf Classic

The Holmes Development Foundation held its annual Golf Classic on Thursday, May 1, at Deerfield Golf Club in Madison.

The popular fundraising event featured a full day of activities, including lunch, a round of golf and a social gathering immediately following the conclusion of play.

Proceeds from the tournament support the Holmes Foundation, which provides scholarships and other forms of support to Holmes Community College students. The event is funded primarily through corporate and team sponsorships, as well as hole sponsorships purchased by local

businesses and community partners.

In Flight A, Team Precision Turf—made up of Thomas DeWeese, Jordan Gill, Joey Wright and Cade Wilkinson—claimed first place. Team Renasant Bank, consisting of Justin Develin, Dr. Jim Haffey, Brad Varner and Bob Jordan, took second place. Team Path Company, with members Rudy Watkins, Jimmy Nix, Eric Nix and Hunter Lipscomb, placed third.

In Flight B, Team Sunstar Insurance earned first place with players Robby Robertson, Bradley Tyler, Mike McBride and Michael Lee. The L Group Team, which included Jay Leverette, Mike Anderson and

J.P. Milam, finished in second place. Team Fortinet, composed of Alan Gilliam, Jeff Little, James Clark and Aaron Karr, rounded out the top three with a third-place finish.



Holmes launches Hotel and Restaurant Management Technology program

Holmes recently announced the launch of a new Hotel and Restaurant Management Technology program on the Ridgeland Campus. The program, which expands upon the college's long-standing Culinary Arts Technology program, provides students with an option to pursue careers in the growing hospitality and tourism industry.

The Culinary Arts Technology program remains focused on hands-on lab instruction led by a chef instructor in a commercial kitchen. Students gain practical experience in food preparation while also preparing to earn their ServSafe Manager certification from the National Restaurant Association upon completion of CUT 1213 Sanitation and Safety.

The new Hotel and Restaurant Management Technology program provides specialized career and technical instruction in all phases of hotel and restaurant management. The curriculum is designed to prepare students for leadership roles in the

hospitality and tourism industry, including positions as general managers and directors of operations. Instruction covers travel and tourism, hotel and lodging facilities, food services, recreation facilities, hospitality marketing, franchise and unit management, business and financial management, hospitality transportation and logistics, and industry policies and regulations.

Instructor Alexei Harrison, who leads the program at Holmes, said the expansion is in direct response to student and industry needs.

"We have listened to our students and industry over the past five years," Harrison said. "The need for flexible degree options and training to fit the varied career goals of our students pushed us to expand the course offerings of the traditional culinary or hospitality degree. Our students can now customize the learning experience by choosing from the many baking and pastry, advanced culinary or hospitality

course electives being offered."

Harrison emphasized that the Hotel and Restaurant Management degree is designed with career readiness in mind.

"Our Hotel and Restaurant Management degree prepares students for leadership in one of the world's most dynamic industries," Harrison said. "With hands-on experience, industry connections and a focus on hospitality, graduates are prepared to build careers in hotels, resorts, restaurants and beyond. The opportunities are endless, both internationally and at home. Once students complete the required coursework, they can earn the nationally recognized Restaurant Management Professional credential from the National Restaurant Association."

In addition, instructor Lori Morrison is teaching both Culinary Arts and advanced Baking and Pastry courses at Holmes. While the Baking and Pastry degree is not yet an official program, Holmes already offers all of the courses required, giving students another avenue to enhance their skills.

"We are so very proud of how Chef Alexei Harrison has built this program over the past few years," said Vice President for Career Technical Education Dr. Amy Whittington. "Her knowledge and industry relationships have helped make this program world class. We look forward to seeing how this new program option will support our local industry needs."

For more information about the Hotel and Restaurant Management Technology program, contact Harrison at amharrison@holmescc.edu or (601) 605-3327.



Holmes Legacy Club 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.

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 traveled to Memphis to enjoy a performance of the classic musical "Some Like it Hot" at the Orpheum Theatre.

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Mini Grants

ELIZABETH SHELBY

Student Support Services, Goodman Southeastern Atlantic TRIO Conference and training in Houston, TX

GWEN LORDEON

ADN Instructor, Ridgeland International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning Annual Conference Summer 2026

HEATHER JONES

Cheer Coach, Goodman Bulldog Mascot for indoor use

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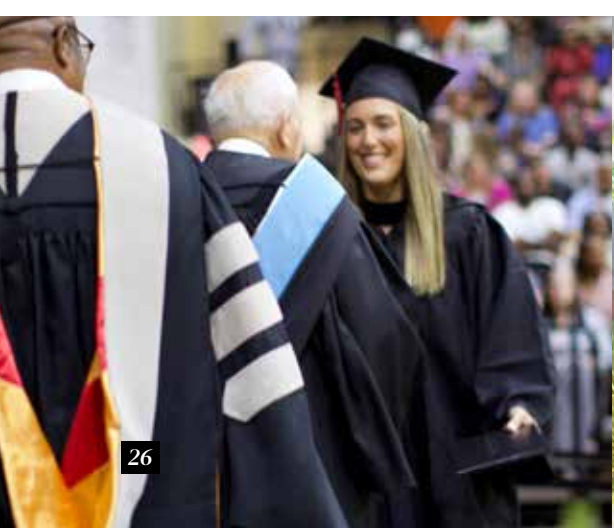
ADN Instructor, Goodman Classroom Audio System

JORDAN HEFLIN

Student Activities, Ridgeland Vendors/Products for Student Activities Events

HEATHER JONES

Chemistry Instructor, Goodman New equipment for Chemistry Lab



Established Scholarships

THE IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This is a unique scholarship designed to recognize students' academic achievements while also highlighting the profound influence of impactful educators. Each award recipient receives \$500 per fall semester and an additional \$500 per spring semester, totaling \$1,000 annually. Eligibility for the scholarship is based on academic achievement and demonstrated financial need. A truly unique requirement of this program is the "Impact Teacher" Essay. This is a mandatory 300-to-500-word essay where students must share a story about a teacher or professor who made the most significant impact on their life. This essay component is central to strengthening the program's core mission of recognizing meaningful educational relationships.

ED AND BILLIE NANCE SCHOLARSHIP

Both Ed and Billie attended Holmes Community College at the Goodman Campus. Ed played football and was on the 1950 Championship team. He was later honored with the 2004 Alumnus of the Year award. Ed and Billie met at Holmes and both furthered their education in the medical field. In memory of Ed and Billie and their strong admiration for Holmes the family is offering this scholarship in their name. Recipients must have attended high school in Mississippi or Alabama, and have a minimum 3.0 GPA and 20 ACT score: or be a veteran of the US armed forces. Recipients must attend the Goodman Campus and maintain a 3.0 GPA. The scholarship may be used for tuition and/or books.



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The Holmes Development Foundation oversees Endowment and Patronage Scholarships that are awarded to students majoring in specific disciplines. Award amounts and criteria varies. Here are the scholarship recipients for 2025-2026.

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Alexis Arrington
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Completion Scholarship*



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Taylor Chamblee
*Anonymous
Scholarship*



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