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Lindsey Turner named Most Beautiful

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The Top 10 included (left to right) Olivia Howell, Morgan McGlothlin, Kathryn Clare Schuler, Jesse Burton, Hannah Briscoe, Most Beautiful Lindsey Turner, Abigail Edge, Hayley Haffey, Tessa Mullins and Payton Fisher.

Lindsey Turner of Sallis was crowned Most Beautiful during the 2022 Holmes Parade of Beauties pageant held March 8 in McDaniel Auditorium. She was crowned by Goodman Campus Vice President Andy Wood.

The daughter of Jackie and Tim Turner, she is a biological science major on the Goodman Campus. She's a member of Connection!, Coachmen, the Chorale, BSU and serves as a Phi Theta Kappa officer. Turner enjoys rescuing animals, spending time with family and being the lead singer in a wedding band called Stylish. After Holmes, she plans to attend Mississippi College, followed by medical school or optometry school.

In addition to Turner, the Top Five included Hannah Briscoe of Grenada, Jesse Burton of Goodman, Abigail Edge of Vaughan and Hayley Haf-

fey of Kosciusko. The Top 10 were: Turner, Briscoe, Burton, Edge, Haffey, Payton Fisher of Flora, Olivia Howell of Lexington, Morgan McGlothlin of French Camp, Tessa Mullins of Stewart and Kathryn Clare Schuler of Kosciusko. Burton was named Most Photogenic, as well.

The pageant included interviews with judges earlier in the day and the evening gown competition. Tina Boyette directed the pageant with Haley DeNoon and Amanda Lindsey serving as assistant directors. Nikki Boutwell served as emcee for the evening, and Brandon Reynolds and Paul Wood escorted the contestants. Finally, Connection! members River Burrell, Camden Dixon and Macey Steed, along with director Mike Yates, provided entertainment at intermission.

Holmes' hybrid PN program named #1 in U.S. by Nurse.org

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Pictured is the Inaugural Holmes Hybrid Practical Nursing Class, Class of 2020 with (center) PN Division Chair **Dr. Christi Blair**. They are (left to right) **Sherita Latiker, Erin Hopkins, Jennifer Potts, Lisa Nipper, Cherry Singh and Brandy Raines**.

Holmes Community College's hybrid Practical Nursing program was named the #1 best online LPN program by Nurse.org. Nurse.org's selection criteria that they use for their list of the best online LPN programs considers the factors that most students value most highly, including: the quality of their curriculum and faculty; the cost to attend; flexible access to online classes; reputation; student/faculty ratio; student placement services and return on investment.

"I am honored that our Practical Nursing hybrid option was selected by Nursing.org," said Practical Nursing Division Chair Dr. Christi Blair. "I am so excited

Holmes is able to offer the hybrid option to our students. The idea was conceived to meet a need we identified in the applicants to our Practical Nursing program. Many students are unable to attend nursing school because they still need to work while attending classes. This part-time hybrid option allows the students to work and progress through nursing school at a slower pace than our traditional program. I am so thankful to Dr. Whittington and Mrs. Meriwether for supporting this idea. Holmes is now able to meet the needs of our students and community through this

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Five students named to Phi Theta Kappa All-MS Academic Team

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Je'la McLin



Kennedy Keyes



Jamya Faith Benson



Lucas Price



Lindsey Turner

Holmes Community College students Je'la McLin of Jackson, Kennedy Keyes of Brandon, Jamya Faith Benson of Grenada, Lucas Price of Kosciusko and Lindsey Turner of Sallis were all named to the 2022 Phi Theta Kappa honor society

All-Mississippi Academic Team. Nominations are based on outstanding academic performance and service to the college and community. McLin was named First Team, and the others were named to the Second Team.

Je'la McLin

McLin, a biological sciences major on the Ridgeland Campus, is active on campus as a vice president for Phi Theta

Kappa, a member of STEM Club and a President's List scholar. Off campus, she is a Chick-fil-A team member and has

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FAME 2022!**

Seha the Survivor

By Alek Dickerson
Staff Reporter



Animals are all around us. They are a very important part of our environment and ecosystem. Just as it is important for human beings to have their needs met, it is equally as important for our animals to have their needs met. Animal lovers across the world are highly upset about

the recent events that happened in South Africa. Back in 2016, Seha, a Southern White rhino, was in a “poaching” incident with five other rhinos and he was the only survivor. Poaching is the action of illegal hunting. Seha was found two weeks later hornless and with tears running down his face. He was taken by Saving the Survivors, a vet organization that help rescues animals that are victims of poaching. Because of the severity of his injuries,

he underwent 30 operations. Doing some more research, poachers tend to attack very viscously which lead to them removing everything including parts of the skull. During the time he was kept, he was able to mate with a female rhino that was also a victim of poaching, and had a calf. After years of operations and close monitoring, Seha was released back into the Marataba reserve on Jan. 24.



Seha

What does the year 2022 mean to you?

By Lakesia Smith Smart
Staff Reporter



To some it means the year they will get to marry the love of their lives increasing their excitement as each day passes. To others, like myself, it’s the year they

graduate. Some people take the year to be more serious spiritually or emotionally. With the new year as motivation they strive to do better than they have done in the last year. Many people see 2022 as a new beginning. I see the new year as an opportunity to make it a good one. I see it as a way

to wipe your slate clean from anything you’ve ever done in your past and persevere to do everything in your power to make people forget by all the good you will do this year. This year will be what you make it, but only if you believe. Happy New Year.



PTK Grenada helps students learn financial skills

By Tanner Vance
Submitted



Pictured are Phi Theta Kappa members who served at the Financial Fair. They are (left to right) **Jamya Benson, Nicholas Johnson, Allyn-Claire Gant, Audrey Sykes, Kyle LaBarreare and Tanner Vance.**

During my time in public school, I noticed that our nation’s school curriculum contained a wide variety of subjects in which students would be educated. These classes ranged from required subjects, such as English or mathematics, to more advanced programs like engineering or robotics. However, despite the number of classes that were presented to me, I

couldn’t help seeing the fact that there were absolutely no courses of any kind that taught students the financial skills they needed. I saw a problem with our education system, and I asked myself, “How does our nation’s Board of Education expect students to integrate into the real world if they haven’t even been told how to use their money?” From then on, I knew

that I would take on the responsibility of ensuring that our nation’s students would come to be financially literate. This project came into fruition upon my appointment as president of my local chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Holmes Community College. From there, I received the help of my advisers, Cynthia Abel and Haley DeNoon, and chapter vice presidents, Jamya Benson and Anna-Claire Marascalco, as well as others. With their assistance, we began to research the effects of the lack of student financial literacy in our nation and found that it indeed had a profound negative impact on the future livelihoods of students. We later took this evidence and presented it to Jay Watts, the headmaster of Kirk Academy, along with Dr. Keri Tawater, the academic dean, and asked for their permission to begin our project in the high school portion of the academy. They agreed and were also generous enough to allow us to teach both the third and fourth period Economics classes every Friday. On Sept. 3, we officially began our project in which we would have multiple guest speakers come and educate students about budgeting, debit and credit cards, loans, checking and savings accounts, choosing the right route for college and even choosing the right occupation. These speakers included instructors from Holmes, local business leaders and even members of

the Chamber of Commerce. This routine would continue to enlighten students until the main event on Dec. 3 - the Finance Fair. The Finance Fair consisted of a mock society in which students were given a random monthly income and were asked to maintain a positive balance after they accounted for typical expenses such as rent, utilities, car payments, groceries and tuition payments. Other expenses were purely optional, including entertainment, dining out and charity. Students were even asked to draw a “misfortune card” that would contain an unfortunate and expensive event, such as a flat tire, to show the importance of saving up to accommodate actual unforeseen events that could happen to them in real life. Overall, the students were highly receptive of the event, and many were shocked when they discovered both the reality and struggle of managing their money in a real-world scenario. The staff at Kirk Academy also celebrated the success of the event and are hoping for its return next year. Because of the success of the project, we are looking to expand this event to many other schools and further guarantee the financial success of our nation’s future.



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Russia possibly blowing up gas prices

By Alek Dickerson
Staff Reporter



With the recent news of Russia invading Ukraine, the U.S. has decided to step in to help out. Russia has already started bombing Ukraine and it is very devastating. Schools, homes and even children’s hospitals are being blown up.

There are many ways to help out America and Ukraine, which I will mention later, during this tragic time.

There is so much going on across the world, what does this mean for America?

As some already suspected, we are looking at the rise of gas prices. U.S. benchmark crude oil hit its highest level since 2014. As of now, oil prices are around \$100 a barrel.

When it comes to oil, Russia makes up about 10 percent of the demand making about 10 million barrels of oil every day. This would mean, if the barrel prices continue to increase, we could be looking at higher gas prices such as \$5 a gallon or more.

Ways you can help Ukraine:
The Ukrainian Red Cross does loads of humanitarian work, from aiding refugees to training doctors.

The International Medical Corps is on the front lines and prepared to help citizens with emergency health care services, as well as mental health and psychosocial support.

Nova Ukraine is a nonprofit that delivers aid packages to Ukraine with everything from baby food and hygiene products, to clothes and household supplies.

UNICEF Ukraine is repairing schools damaged by the bombings and providing an emergency response to children affect-



HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Holmes Community College, a comprehensive public institution located in Central Mississippi, provides innovative educational and cultural opportunities to its constituents through campus-based and distance education programs. The college seeks to prepare its students for university transfer, productive employment and lifelong learning by offering an Associate of Arts degree, Associate of Applied Science degree, technical certificates and career certificates as well as workforce training. Holmes, whose primary commitment is to excellence in all areas, offers affordable, equal access to higher education in an attractive, secure, multi-campus environment.



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The Office of Disability Support Services is committed to creating a positive campus environment where students with disabilities are encouraged to pursue careers on the basis of personal interest and ability. DSS is a non-fee generating program designed to meet the unique needs of HCC students with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations are offered in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). DSS staff, Laura Bigbee, may be contacted at (662) 472-9088.

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Can overusing technology make us sick?

By Lakesia Smith Smart
Staff Reporter



The internet has revolutionized the way we live and work, although its benefits haven’t come without consequences. A growing body of research suggests that excessive use of the internet is detrimental to both physical and mental health.

Most of us have either drastically increased our internet usage over the

last 20 years, or we have simply never known a world without it. The internet has opened up the entire world of data and research to us, making the very resource that you are now reading not only possible but a source of credible information for you in a place where literally anyone can write and share anything.

The concept of “internet addiction” was first studied in 1996. Since then, there have been many studies linking problematic internet usage to various psychological issues, including anxiety, ADHD, autism, depression, hostility, schizophrenia, social anxiety disorder, loneliness,delete comma and stress.

As my mom always says,“Too much of anything can never be good.” My advice would be to go out and enjoy the sun and nature every now and then.

If you would like to read more on the research, visit <https://www.forbes.com/sites/kimberlywhitler/2018/...>

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2015/11/teenagers>.



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alternate pathway.”

Holmes established the hybrid Practical Nursing program in the spring of 2019. It’s a part-time program that runs over five semesters; all classroom work is online with lab and clinical work completed face-to-face. The Practical Nursing program prepares students to assist in providing general nursing care under the direction of a registered nurse, licensed physician or dentist. Intensive preparation for the NCLEX-PN Exam and transitioning from student to employee is provided in the program. It offers both campus-based and distance education PN programs that are offered as either a full-time day track or a hybrid option. An evening and weekend option will begin in June 2022.

“We are so very proud of the innovative thinking and hard work it took from Dr.

Christi Blair to make this program a reality,” said Vice President for Career Technical Education Dr. Amy Whittington. “It exemplifies the mission of career technical education – meeting students where they are with the training they need to build a career that will change their lives. We hope that this model will be one we can duplicate in other programs to increase accessibility for the high-skill, high-wage, high-demand job training our community members need.”

Potential students for the program must have a high school diploma or a GED certificate and provide official transcripts from all schools/colleges previously attended. Applicants must also have a minimum of a 20 on their ACT to apply, which is higher than required for the traditional Practical Nursing program at Holmes.

Although college credit is not required for application to the program, applicants with any college credit must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to be considered for selection.

Admission is selective based on such criteria as: ACT score; college credit GPA; current healthcare licensure – EMT, Paramedic, Certified Nursing Assistant, Surgical Technology and in-district status. College prerequisites are not required.

“As I began this venture of Director of Health Science Programs, Dr. Christi Blair presented an innovative learning pathway for our practical nursing students,” said Ginger Meriwether, MSN, RN, director of Health Science Programs. “The hybrid PN program has been the brain-child of Dr. Blair since its inception. As she teaches these students and many others provide

help with labs, testing, general meeting of the students’ needs, etc., I wanted to include a very special thanks to Dr. Blair. We are so proud of her and her desire to meet the needs of students in an unconventional way. I am not surprised at the naming of the cohort as the top Hybrid program in the U.S.”

To see the listing on nurse.org, visit <https://nurse.org/education/top-online-lpn-programs/>.

Applications for the next cohort, which will begin in August of 2022, are being accepted through April 30.

For more information about the program, contact Wyndy Peeples at wpeeples@holmescc.edu or 662-472-9098.

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served as a volunteer at the University of Mississippi Medical Center Children’s Hospital. She plans to attend Mississippi State University to pursue a bachelor’s degree in biochemistry with a pre-dental concentration. Her career goal is to become an orthodontist.

Kennedy Keyes

Keyes, a software engineering major on the Ridgeland Campus, plans to pursue a bachelor’s degree at Mississippi State University upon graduating from Holmes. She is a President’s List scholar, Phi Theta Kappa member, 2021-2022 Holmes Foundation (Renasant Bank) Scholarship recipient; a Dean’s Scholarship recipient and a 2021 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship recipient. She was also voted a Class Favorite.

Outside of Holmes, Keyes works part time, volunteers with the DoSomething Organization and is an international Coding Black Females club member. She

occasionally tutors her peers, as well. In her free time, she codes websites and mobile games, collects out of interests and watches thriller, sci-fi and DC films.

Jamya Faith Benson

Benson, an elementary education major on the Grenada Campus, is a President’s and Dean’s List scholar, an English Composition Award recipient and a Mississippi Hobnob attendee. She is active on campus as Student Government Association (SGA) president, Phi Theta Kappa honor society vice president of communications, a member of the Baptist Student Union and a student worker for the Office of Admissions. Benson was also selected as the Grenada Campus Student Body Maid during Homecoming 2021. Off campus, she volunteers with the Grenada Soup Kitchen and serves as a math tutor, vocal coach and church pianist. Upon graduation from Holmes, she plans to attend the University of Mississippi where she will

pursue a bachelor’s degree in education with a minor in music. She looks forward to teaching students and motivating them to be great leaders.

Lucas Price

Price, an accounting major on the Goodman Campus, was named Mr. Holmes Community College during the 2020-2021 school year. He served as vice president of Phi Theta Kappa in 2021, president of Phi Theta Kappa in 2022 and was on the President’s List every semester. Price is also a member of the Holmes Connection!, Coachmen, Chorale and Baptist Student Union.

Additionally, he is an active member of First Baptist Church of Kosciusko where he serves as a worship leader, youth counselor for Fall Retreat and youth counselor for D-NOW. He also volunteers with Shepherd’s Touch.

Price also served as a work-study student for the Holmes Healthplex in

Kosciusko and works at The Aisle Mississippi Wedding Venue on the weekends. After graduation from Holmes, he plans to continue his education at Mississippi State University to pursue a career in accounting. His goal is to obtain a bachelor’s as well as a master’s degree in accounting.

Lindsey Turner

Turner, a biological science major on the Goodman Campus, is a member of Holmes Connection!, Coachmen singers and the Chorale. Additionally, she is involved in Baptist Student Union and serves as a Phi Theta Kappa officer. She was named Holmes’ 2022 Most Beautiful in the Parade of Beauties pageant, as well. In her free time, Turner enjoys singing, dancing, rescuing animals and spending time with family. Upon graduation from Holmes, Turner plans to attend Mississippi College, followed by medical school or optometry school.

Dr. Amy Whittington named to the PTK Alumni Hall of Honor

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Dr. Amy Whittington

Vice President for Career Technical Education (CTE) Dr. Amy Whittington was nominated and selected as a member of the 2022 Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Hall of Honor. She will be recognized during the national Catalyst event held April 7-9 at the Gaylord Rockies Resort and Convention Center in Denver, Colorado.

A 2000 Holmes alumna, Dr. Whittington was a Phi Theta Kappa officer and an Ambassador. After she completed her associate degree, she earned a bachelor’s in accounting and a master’s in business administration from Delta State University. Additionally, Dr. Whittington is a 2015

graduate of the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy and she earned her doctoral degree in Community College Leadership from Mississippi State University.

“Several years ago, Phi Theta Kappa began allowing career technical students to become eligible for invitation into the honor society,” said Lisa Anglin, mathematics instructor and Ridgeland Campus Phi Theta Kappa adviser. “Dr. Whittington knew the impact Phi Theta Kappa had on her future education when she was a member of the Kappa Alpha Chapter. She used this knowledge to promote and encourage membership to students in CTE programs at Holmes. She trained the CTE counselor on the advantages of Phi Theta Kappa and the qualifications of invitation and membership. She also pushed the counselor to attend every classroom and promote membership and acceptance of invitation while encouraging the CTE instructors to promote leadership in Phi Theta Kappa. That same year, a member of a CTE program became an award-winning chapter officer.”

Dr. Whittington began her career at Holmes as an instructor in the Business Office Technology and Business Administration departments. She became CTE director for Ridgeland in 2013 and was promoted to district director in 2016. In 2018, Dr. Whittington was promoted yet

again to her current position as a vice president for CTE. Preceding her days as a Holmes employee, she worked as an accountant for Delta State University and as an accountant for Ivey Mechanical Company.

“Dr. Whittington is always finding ways to empower the general education students,” Anglin said. “She worked closely this year with our Phi Theta Kappa team on their Honors in Action Hallmark. The students strived to reform education and revolutionize the economy of Mississippi. Dr. Whittington arranged the final action of this project. She helped organize and plan alongside our officers a “Show on the Road” career fair that showcased all the career technical programs offered at our college. She encouraged students to know their options for career technical programs and employment or for career technical programs transitioning to a bachelor’s degree.”

The CTE programs lead to an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree, Advanced Technical Certificate, Technical Certificate or a Career Certificate, with certain ones offering transferability to baccalaureate programs. Holmes currently offers 21 CTE programs across the district.

“Dr. Whittington is one of our largest advocates for student achievement and recognition,” said Will Alexander, engineering technology instructor, Goodman

Campus Phi Theta Kappa adviser and member of the MSLA PTK Regional Advisory Board. “She strives for excellence and expects the same of the faculty and students at Holmes. It is an honor to work with her in regard to curriculum and instruction, SkillsUSA and Phi Theta Kappa. Having our Holmes Vice President of Career Technical Education being honored and named into the Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Hall of Fame is one of the highest honors I could imagine. I am thrilled for her, our college, and the impact this will have with career technical education.

“I am looking forward to the MSLA (Mississippi/Louisiana) Awards Gala and Catalyst, to see how Holmes will rank in achievements in the regional and international rankings,” Alexander said. “We are proud of our chapters, members/officers, advisors and administrators who provide support in the various areas we need to grow future leaders and compete on a global scale. Dr. Whittington embodies the 4 hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa every day and truly reflects all of what a hall of fame honoree should demonstrate.

Dr. Whittington and her husband, Frank, have two children: their son, Ian, and daughter, Ava. They are active members of Broadmoor Baptist Church in Madison.

Grenada Campus announces Hall of Fame 2022

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are the 2022 Grenada Campus Hall of Fame inductees. They are *(left to right)* **Nicholas Johnson**, **Allyn-Claire Gant**, **Jamya Faith Benson** and **Gavin Kolb**.

Each year, Holmes Community College faculty and staff members select the winners for the prestigious Hall of Fame. This year, the Hall of Fame inductees from the Grenada Campus included: Jamya Faith Benson of Grenada, Allyn-Claire Gant of Winona, Nicholas I'kevious Johnson of Duck Hill and Gavin Kolb of Holcomb.

Jamya Faith Benson

Benson, an elementary education major, is a President's and Dean's List scholar, an English Composition Award recipient and a Mississippi Hobnob attendee. She is active on

campus as Student Government Association president, Phi Theta Kappa honor society vice president of communications, a member of the Baptist Student Union and a student worker for the Office of Admissions. Benson was also selected as the Grenada Campus Student Body Maid during Homecoming 2021.

Off campus, she volunteers with the Grenada Soup Kitchen and serves as a math tutor, vocal coach and church pianist. Upon graduation from Holmes, she plans to attend the University of Mississippi, where she will pursue a bachelor's degree in education with a minor in music.

"I look forward to teaching students and motivating them to be great leaders," Benson said.

Allyn-Claire Gant

Gant, a marketing major, is an Ambassador as well as a member of Baptist Student Union, Phi Theta Kappa and SGA. She is also on the President's List. Outside of Holmes, Gant serves as the recreational leader for Awanas at North Winona Baptist Church on Sunday nights.

Upon graduation, she plans to obtain a bachelor's degree in marketing from Mississippi State University. When she turns 21, Gant's plan is to start applying and interviewing to be a flight attendant so that she can travel and work at the same time.

Nicholas I'kevious Johnson, an elementary education major, holds a number of accolades at Holmes including: Freshman Class Favorite, Dean's List scholar, President's List scholar, Holmes Foundation Scholarship recipient, Fine Arts Award recipient and Mississippi Economic Council Hobnob recipient. He was also selected as a Homecoming Court escort and serves as an Ambassador, Baptist Student Union member, Campus Police student worker, Writing Center tutor and Student Government Association secretary

and treasurer.

Johnson's community involvement includes: hosting a toy drive for underprivileged children of the community, volunteering at the Grenada Campus food pantry sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, hosting a school supply drive for Winona Elementary School, organizing a kindness table during World Kindness Week and leading a Valentine's Day fundraiser for SGA where all proceeds go to the children of St. Jude.

After Holmes, Johnson will transfer to Delta State University to earn a bachelor's degree and master's degree in elementary education as well as administration. He has hopes of becoming an elementary school teacher and working his way up to the role of assistant principal or even head principal.

Gavin Kolb

Kolb, a wildlife management major, is a President's List and Dean's List scholar. He is also an active member of Phi Theta Kappa. Kolb is an Iraq veteran who serves in the Mississippi National Guard.

Upon graduation from Holmes, Kolb will attend Delta State University on a full-tuition scholarship and pursue his career goal of becoming a game warden or wildlife biologist.

Ridgeland Campus announces Hall of Fame 2022

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are the 2022 Ridgeland Campus Hall of Fame inductees. They are *(left to right)* **Junnah Mondejar** of Madison, **Olivia M. Deslatte** of Madison, **Ava Grace Stegall** of Madison, **Bethany Jadyn Biggers** of Canton, *(middle row, left to right)* **Je'la McLin** of Jackson, **Jon Stegall** of Madison, **Londyn McKenzie Dorsey** of Jackson, **Yasmin Chambers** of Jackson, *(back row, left to right)* **Alfredo Marin** of Kosciusko, **Joseph "Joe" N. Williams** of Flowood, **Jireh Green** of Brandon and **Faith Elizabeth Austin** of Brandon.

Each year, Holmes Community College faculty and staff members select the winners for the prestigious Hall of Fame. This year, the Hall of Fame inductees from the Ridgeland Campus included: Bethany Biggers of Canton, Yasmine Chambers of ?, Olivia Deslatte of Madison, Londyn Dorsey of Jackson, Jireh Green of Brandon, Alfredo Marin of Kosciusko, Je'la McLin of Jackson, Junnah Mondejar of Madison, Ava Grace Stegall of Madison, Jon Stegall of Madison and Joseph Williams of Flowood.

Faith Elizabeth Austin

Austin, an elementary education major, is active on campus as an Ambassador, Student Government Association representative and Phi Theta Kappa member. She is a Pres-

ident's List scholar who works part-time at Wells, Marble and Hurst Law Firm filing documents. Austin is also a Bible Club Teacher for Redeemer Church, PCA in Jackson and a member of the Worship Team for Word of Life church, where she participated in a mission trip to Mexico.

"My plan after Holmes is to attend Mississippi State University in the fall to pursue my bachelor's in elementary education," Austin said. "My goal is to become a first grade teacher. While attending MSU, I also plan to become an MSU Roadrunner which involves conducting campus tours. I will also work in social media for the newly-established Living Hope Life Center of Starkville."

Bethany Jadyn Biggers

Biggers, a pre-medical major, is president of Phi Theta Kappa, president of STEM Club, an Ambassador, an SGA representative and served as the 2021 Ridgeland Student Body Homecoming Maid. As a freshman, she served as secretary of the STEM Club, was voted Freshmen Class Favorite, received the English Composition Award and was involved in Focus Factor.

"I plan to transfer to Mississippi State University and after graduation, I am hoping to attend University of Mississippi Medical School to further my dream of becoming a pediatrician," Biggers said.

Yasmin Chambers

Chambers, a computer engineering major, serves as a combat engineer for the U.S. Army and works as a sterile processing tech for University of Mississippi Medical Center. Additionally, she is a tutor and volunteers for Molina Health Care, Gamblin's Orthodontics and Madison-Ridgeland Pet Grooming. On campus, Chambers is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and is a Dean's List scholar. Other accolades include: being certified in Python Programming (military accredited) and being certified in combat, medical and tactical training, where she was the top in her company (467th HHC Engineering Battalion).

Chambers has also served as a Community Garden volunteer at McLeod Elementary, as a Jackson Academy Alumni basketball volunteer and as a children's church volunteer at New Jerusalem Church.

"After I graduate from Holmes, I plan to attend Mississippi State University and continue majoring in computer engineering," Chambers said. "With my degree, I plan to create new and innovative medical technology. I would like to build virtual reality sys-

tems and simulations that would help in the medical field, as well as develop new software that will further elevate the growth of technology. I plan to explore technology systems that will save a life one day. Also, I would like to explore the cyber security field of computer engineering to protect one's privacy and further secure our armed forces operations considering I am in the U.S. Army."

Olivia M. Deslatte

Deslatte, an exercise science/kinesiology major, is a midfielder for the Lady Bulldogs soccer team. The Lady Bulldogs captured their sixth straight MACCC North Division title and were the MACCC/Region 23 runner-up and got an at-large bid to the 2021 NJCAA National Tournament. Deslatte was named to the United Soccer Coaches Junior College Division II Women All-West Region team as well as the National Junior College Athletic Association All-American Team for Division II Women's Soccer. Prior to the national tournament, Deslatte was named First Team All-MACCC North Division and named to the All-Region 23 Team.

As a freshman, Deslatte was named NJCAA All-Region 23 and was named a United Soccer Coaches Player of Distinction. She was also named Third Team NJCAA All-Academic Honors, Academic All-State and received the Scholar Athlete Award. A President's List scholar, she is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Outside of Holmes, Deslatte is employed at Club Pilates.

"After Holmes, I plan to continue my soccer career at a university then attend Occupational Therapy Assistant school," Deslatte said.

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Londyn McKenzie Dorsey

Dorsey, a health sciences major, is also a midfielder for the Lady Bulldogs soccer team. Dorsey played in the MACCC/Region XXIII Championship game as well as the NJCAA Women's Division II National Tournament. She was also a member of the team as a freshman when the Lady Bulldogs won the MACCC/Region XXIII Championship title. She played in the NJCAA Women's Division II National HCC Soccer Team tournament, as well. Additionally, Dorsey is a President's List scholar and Phi Theta Kappa member.

"My plans are to pursue a doctorate in physical therapy, and to one day open up my own clinic," Dorsey said.

Jireh Green

Green, a kinesiology and secondary education major (with an emphasis in physical education), played forward for the men's soccer team. He is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa and a President's List scholar. Outside of Holmes, Green works with The Kirkland Group, which is an educational consulting firm in Ridgeland that partners with K-12 schools and districts to support individual student needs, improve academic achievement and build teacher and principal capacity. He also works with the Cleveland Empowerment Foundation, which is a non-profit organization that provides educational training and tutoring.

"After Holmes, I plan to transfer to a four-year college to pursue my bache-

lor's degree," Green said.

Alfredo Marin

Marin, a secondary education (with an emphasis in physical education) and kinesiology major, is captain of the men's soccer team. A forward, he was named an MACCC All-Star for his play this season and participated in the All-Star matches held Nov. 13, 2021 on the Ridgeland Campus. Outside of Holmes, Marin volunteers at Pearl Football Club helping young children to grow and develop in soccer.

"I plan to continue my athletic career while pursuing my degree in kinesiology at a university," Marin said. "After graduating, I aspire to coach soccer at a high school and club team."

Je'la McLin

McLin, a biological sciences major, is vice president for Phi Theta Kappa, a member of STEM Club and a President's List scholar. Off campus, she is a Chick-fil-A team member and has served as a volunteer at the University of Mississippi Medical Center Children's Hospital.

"I plan to attend Mississippi State University for a bachelor's degree in biochemistry with a pre-dental concentration," McLin said. "I want to be employed as an orthodontist."

Junnah Mondejar

Mondejar, a pre-nursing major, is a President's List scholar and member of

Phi Theta Kappa.

"My plan after Holmes is to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing," Mondejar said.

Ava Grace Stegall

Stegall, a biological science major, is an SGA member, a Writing Center tutor and vice president for Honors in Action for Phi Theta Kappa. She is also a President's List scholar, Dean's ACT Scholarship recipient and Chick-fil-A team leader/training champion. She has also volunteered with Timber Creek Camp and served as a kennel technician for Oakdale Animal Hospital.

"After I graduate from Holmes in the spring, I will continue to seek out opportunities to shadow and volunteer," Stegall said. "I plan to apply to the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program (MRPSP). In the fall of 2022, I will attend Mississippi College, majoring in biology, with the intention of pursuing medical school. If I am accepted into MRPSP, my plan is to stay

in Mississippi and attend the University of Mississippi Medical Center. After graduating from medical school and completing my residency, I plan on becoming a locum tenens physician, traveling throughout the country. However, I do plan to eventually settle down and return to the Southern United States to practice full-time in a clinic or hospital."

Jon Stegall

Stegall, an electrical engineering major, is a President's List scholar, Dean's ACT Scholarship recipient, a STEM Club member and a Get2College Corps Internship Scholar. He volunteers with Breakthru Ministries and has also served as a Compassion International volunteer at Christian concert venues as well as a camp host/kitchen staff worker for weekend retreats at Timber Creek Camp in Pulaski.

"My plan is to transfer to Mississippi College this fall and I will be searching for an internship opportunity next year," Stegall said. "Prior to transferring, this summer I plan to work at Timber Creek Camp as a summer staff member."

Joseph N. Williams

Williams, a general college studies major, is a President's List scholar and Phi Theta Kappa member. Outside of Holmes, he is an active member of Grace Primitive Baptist Church, where he volunteers as a greeter and helps handle audio and video. As a freshman, he was promoted to ground manager of a construction crew that he now runs when they roof their buildings.

"I plan to attend Mississippi State University in the summer/fall where I will major in building construction science," Williams said. "After graduating MSU, I plan to take over my father's general contracting company in Flowood."

Goodman Campus announces Hall of Fame 2022

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are Goodman Hall of Fame inductees (left to right) **Lucas Price** of Kosciusko, **Hayley Haffey** of Kosciusko, **Paul Barrett Wood** of Kosciusko, **Will Cook** of Kosciusko, **Lizzie Cain** of Carthage and **Sharad Patel** of Columbia.

Each year, Holmes Community College faculty and staff members select the winners for Hall of Fame. This year, the Hall of Fame inductees from the Goodman Campus included: Elizabeth "Lizzie" Cain of Carthage, Will Cook of Kosciusko, Hayley Haffey of Kosciusko, Sharad Patel of Columbia, Lucas Graham Price of Kosciusko and Paul Barrett Wood of Kosciusko.

Elizabeth "Lizzie" Cain

Cain, a pre-occupational therapy major, is a member of the cheer squad and serves as a work-study in the chemistry department. She is also a student tutor and lab assistant for instructor Heather Jones. Cain received the Scholar Ath-

lete Award, the Most Versatile Athlete Award and is a President's List scholar. She placed first at the UCA Cheer Camp held at Mississippi State University; placed seventh in the Game Day Competition at College Nationals held in Orlando, Florida; placed 10th in the Routine Competition at College Nationals and was awarded a place on Mat for Routine to compete at the College Nationals.

Cain is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Baptist Student Union, as well. As part of the cheer team, she was given several community involvement opportunities. She was involved in the Lexington Christmas Parade and volunteered to tour high school seniors around campus for Freshman

Friday and Major Experience. She has also collected canned goods for food pantries in the Yazoo community.

Cain also teaches Sunday school class for 3- and 4-year-old children every Sunday morning at Rocky Point Baptist Church, and she's active in the choir. Every year, Cain assists with Vacation Bible School and Trunk or Treat. She was also involved in the live nativity scene for the Christmas program in 2021. Additionally, Cain volunteered at the Operation Christmas Child institution in Atlanta, Georgia and has taught swimming lessons at the Carthage Country Club the past two summers.

Cain also worked Deep South Spirit cheer competitions in Memphis, Jackson and Gulf Shores, Alabama on the weekends during the spring semester of 2021. She taught tumbling classes every Wednesday at the Fitness Company in Kosciusko during her freshman year, and she judged cheer tryouts for high schools throughout Mississippi.

After Holmes, Cain plans to attend Mississippi State University to obtain a bachelor's in kinesiology with a concentration in clinical exercise. She will then further her education at UMMC in the occupational therapy program in the fall of 2024.

"I have also had the opportunity to shadow occupational therapists at Premier Rehab in Kosciusko and at the Choctaw Tribal school system in Carthage," Cain said.

Will Cook

Cook, a pre-med major, is a President's List scholar, a Holmes Plus scholarship recipient, a Phi Theta Kappa member, an academic scholarship recipient and an athletic scholarship recipient. A member of the Holmes baseball team, he was named Third Team NJCAA All-Academic in 2020-2021, Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference Academic All-State 2020-2021, Scholar Athlete Award recipient 2020-2021, Cotton States Baseball League All Cotton States Team 2021 and Cotton States Baseball League Pitcher of the Week in 2021. Cook was also chosen to be a 2021 Homecoming Escort.

Outside of Holmes, he is a member of Kosciusko First United Methodist Church where was part of the "Passion" play crew Easter week 2021. He has also volunteered with Kosciusko First United Methodist Church Handicap Ramp Ministries since 2020. Upon graduation from Holmes, Cook plans to continue his medical studies while also pursuing baseball opportunities at the next level. He shadowed Dr. Tal Hendrix during the clinical setting in the summer of 2021 and he plans to apply for the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship.

Hayley Haffey

Haffey, a pre-med major, is a Phi Theta Kappa officer, Holmes Foundation Scholarship recipient, an Ambassador and Student Government Associ-

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ation representative. In 2021, she was voted Goodman Campus Student Body Homecoming Maid. Off campus, she volunteers for Lexington Food Pantry.

After Holmes, Haffey plans to transfer to Mississippi State University to complete her bachelor's in biological science with a minor in business. After graduating from Mississippi State University, she plans to apply for medical school at University of Mississippi Medical School where she will pursue a career in plastic surgery. Haffey's dream is to one day own her own business as a plastic surgeon.

"My time at Holmes has been one of the best experiences of my life," Haffey said. "I am so thankful to call this sweet place my home. I have formed friendships that will last a lifetime here at Holmes and I wish I could stay longer. The teachers and staff here are one of a kind, and I am so grateful to be a part of this college."

Sharad Patel

Patel, a pre-pharmacy major, is an Academic Achievement Award recip-

ient and President's List scholar. On campus, he is part of MOSAIC, Student Government Association and Phi Theta Kappa. He also tutors a friend of his at no cost.

Patel plans to transfer to the University of Mississippi and then go to graduate school for pharmaceutical science at UMMC in Jackson.

"I don't live with my parents here in the United States," Patel said. "They live in India because of my mother's health issues. One day, I want to be successful and tell my parents that 'I did it,' because I will be the first college graduate in my family. My parents don't live with me, but they still give me strength to work on my dreams, even from India."

Lucas Graham Price

Price, an accounting major, was named Mr. Holmes during the 2020-2021 school year. He served as vice president of Phi Theta Kappa in 2021, president of Phi Theta Kappa in 2022 and was on the President's List every semester. Price is also a member of

the Holmes Connection!, Coachmen, Chorale and Baptist Student Union.

Additionally, he is an active member of First Baptist Church of Kosciusko where he serves as a worship leader, youth counselor for Fall Retreat and youth counselor for D-NOW. He also volunteers with Shepherd's Touch.

Upon graduation from Holmes, Price plans to continue his education at Mississippi State University to pursue a career in accounting. His goal is to obtain a bachelor's as well as a master's degree in accounting.

"While going to school at Holmes as a full-time student and participating in many extracurricular activities, I have also worked two part-time jobs," Price said. "I am honored to have had the opportunity to carry out a work-study position at the Holmes Healthplex in Kosciusko. I have really enjoyed my time working there. I also work on the weekends at The Aisle Mississippi Wedding Venue. Both of these jobs have allowed me the opportunity to grow as a person and accept a great deal of responsibility."

Paul Barrett Wood

Wood, an accounting major, is a President's List scholar, ACT Scholarship recipient, Athletic Scholarship recipient and Bulldog football player. He was named All MACCC Academic Team and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Student Government Association.

Wood volunteered to hang the U.S. flags for the Kosciusko Aisle of Honor for Veteran's and Memorial Day. He also helped with fundraising efforts for Kosciusko athletic programs and actively participated in various church activities such as devotionals, scripture reading and prayer leading.

Wood plans to continue his football career and earn a bachelor's and master's in accounting with the end goal of becoming a Certified Public Accountant.

"I overcame a serious injury with ankle reconstruction surgery that could have ended my football career, so I feel blessed to be able to continue to be able to play football," Wood said.

Levy presents 2022 Humanities Lecture

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are (left to right) Coordinator of Academic Programs **Wendy Grace**, English instructor and Humanities Teacher of the Year **LaShonda Levy** and Vice President for Academic Programs **Dr. Jenny Bailey Jones**.

LaShonda Levy, an English instructor on the Goodman Campus, was selected as the 2021-22 Holmes Community College Humanities Teacher of the Year. She deliv-

ered her scholarly presentation, "Beauty and Poise: African American Women Writers of the Harlem Renaissance" on Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. in McMorrough Library on the

Goodman Campus. Levy's presentation explored how, despite the challenges of being African American and female during the Jim Crow era, the women authors of the Harlem Renaissance still managed to write beautiful pieces of literature that are still relevant and culturally important presently.

Three Goodman Campus students also took part in Levy's presentation. Lakesia Smith Smart of Goodman sang, while Bernice Davis of Lexington and Hanadi Hariri of Sallis served as readers.

"This is a program conducted by the Mississippi Humanities Council, and we are honored to present this award to LaShonda," said Dr. Jenny B. Jones, vice president for academic programs.

Levy is in her ninth year as a full-time instructor at Holmes, where she teaches English and serves as an academic advisor for elementary education and childcare technology. She teaches English Composition I and II, African American Literature I and II, Orientation and Intermediate English. Levy has worked in higher education since 2002, previously holding

positions at Jackson State University and Strayer University.

Levy holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts in English from Jackson State University. As a graduate student, she was inducted into the Alpha Epsilon Lambda National Honor Society. Professionally, she is a member of Two-Year College English Association of Mississippi (TYCAM), Two Year College English Association for the Southeastern Region (TYCA-SE) and the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). She also serves as the TYCA Liaison for Holmes with TYCAM.

A native of Carthage, Levy has a son, Erik, and enjoys reading and watching sports in her spare time. She is also a member of Word and Worship Church and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Levy and the other Humanities Teacher of the Year recipients will be recognized at the Council's annual spring Humanities Gala that will be held in Jackson.



Pictured is Holmes student **Lakesia Smith Smart** singing as part of Levy's presentation.



Pictured are (left to right) Holmes student **Bernice Davis**, English instructor and Humanities Teacher of the Year **LaShonda Levy** and student **Hanadi Hariri** following Levy's presentation.



Pictured is **Molly McMillan**, program officer for the Mississippi Humanities Council.

Holmes Goodman Campus announces 2022 Who’s Who

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are, Miss Holmes and Mr. Holmes for the Goodman Campus. Miss Holmes is **Macey Steed** of Kosciusko and Mr. Holmes is **David Michael Jones** of Yazoo City.

The Holmes Community College Goodman Campus announced the 2022 Who’s Who recipients, which includes Mr. and Miss Holmes, Freshman Class Favorites and Sophomore Class Favorites. Mr. and Miss Holmes for the Goodman Campus are David Michael Jones of Yazoo City and Macey Steed of Kosciusko.

Macey Steed, daughter of Melissa and Drew Townsend and Mark Steed, is a marketing major. She is active on campus as a Phi Theta Kappa officer and a member of the Holmes Connection!, Coachmen and Chorale.

Steed is a member of First Baptist Church of Kosciusko, where she leads worship on Sunday mornings. She also volunteers for youth retreats such as D-Now and Kids-Now. Steed also works part-time at an event venue, The Aisle, where she cleans after events and prepares the venue for the next event. Alongside this, she also works for herself through her own business, Cottage Wraps.

In her free time, Steed enjoy decorating, designing, playing guitar and spending time with her friends and family.



Lizzie Cain



Abigail Edge



Kelsey Gilmore



Livi Howell



Jeffrey Jones



Madison Lampley



Chase Langford



Mary Jordan Milton

In 2021, she was recognized as a Christian Leader of The Future, Kosciusko Rotary Club Student of The Year and Kosciusko Exchange Club Student of The Year. In 2022, Steed was nominated for the Holmes Hall of Fame.

Upon graduation from Holmes, she will transfer to Mississippi State University to work toward her bachelor’s degree in marketing.

David Michael Jones, son of Ashleigh Jones, is an industrial technology and architectural technology major. He is a Holmes cheerleader who was awarded the Leadership award from his fellow teammates in 2021. He has also been

on the President’s List and Dean’s List over the course of his three years at Holmes.

Off campus, Jones works at Kudzu Nutrition and he paints for Leal Painting when he can. He has also had the opportunity to work with Deep South Spirit, helping them on weekends with cheer competitions. When he is not working or busy, Jones enjoys hunting and hanging out with friends and family.

Jones’ favorite quote is by Abraham Lincoln, “The best way to predict your future is to create it.”

“I live by this quote,” Jones said. “I

say this because I have always believed your future starts now, not tomorrow. My goal is to find a job in the workforce using the AutoCad system and continuing to draw. Drawing with CAD is something I have enjoyed doing while being here at Holmes.”

Class Favorites for the 2021-22 school year include: Lizzie Cain of Carthage, Abigail Edge of Vaughan, Kelsey Gilmore of Lexington, Livi Howell of Lexington, Jeffrey Jones of Sallis, Madison Lampley of Ridgeland, Chase Langford of McCool, and Mary Jordan Milton of Carrollton.

Holmes Grenada Campus announces 2022 Who’s Who

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are **Nicholas I’kevius Johnson** and **Jamya Faith Benson**, Miss Holmes and Mr. Holmes for the Grenada Campus.

The Holmes Community College Grenada Campus announced the 2022 Who’s Who recipients, which includes Mr. and Miss Holmes and Class Favorites. Mr. and Miss Holmes for the Grenada Campus are Nicholas I’kevius Johnson of Duck Hill and Jamya Faith Benson of Grenada. Class Favorites include: Kayden Ashmore of Grenada, Hope Avery of Grenada, Hannah Briscoe of Gore Springs, Allyn-Claire Gant of Winona, Caitlin Parker of Oakland, Sadie Roberts of Oakland, Tanner Vance of Grenada and Tori Wilson of Gore Springs.

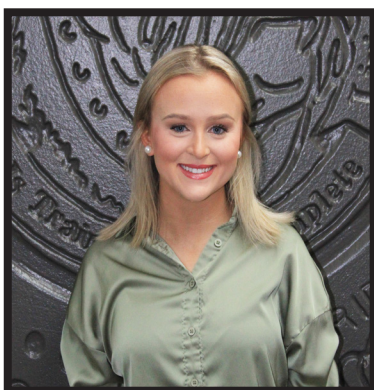
Nicholas I’kevius Johnson, son of Sonya Lawson and Keith Johnson, is an elementary education major with a concentration in both English and social studies. He is a President’s List scholar, Holmes Foundation Scholarship recipient, Outstanding Student for Fine Arts recipient and a Mississippi Economic Council Hobnob Award recipient. Johnson was



Kayden Ashmore



Hope Avery



Hannah Briscoe



Allyn-Claire Gant



Caitlin Parker



Sadie Roberts



Tanner Vance



Tori Wilson

selected to be a Homecoming Court escort and was voted a Freshman Class Favorite, as well.

On campus he is active as an Ambassador, Student Government Association (SGA) secretary and treasurer, Baptist Student Union member, Writing Center tutor and Honors Forum member. As a freshmen, he served as a work-study for Campus Police. Johnson’s community involvement includes hosting a toy drive for underprivileged children of the community, volunteering at the Grenada Campus food pantry sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, hosting a school supply drive for Winona Elementary School, organizing a kindness table during World Kindness Week and leading a Valentine’s Day fund-

raiser for SGA where all proceeds went to the children of St. Jude.

Upon graduation from Holmes, Johnson plans to transfer to Delta State University to pursue a bachelor’s and master’s degree in elementary education as well as administration. He hopes to be an elementary English school teacher for several years and work his way up to being an assistant principal or even head principal after receiving his master’s degree.

Jamya Faith Benson is an elementary/special education major who is active on campus as Student Government Association president, Phi Theta Kappa vice president of communications, and as a Baptist Student Union member. She is a President’s List scholar who received the English Com-position Award, was selected

as Student Body Maid and was inducted into the 2022 Hall of Fame. She also attended the Mississippi Economic Council Hobnob event.

Benson gives back to the local community in a number of ways, such as volunteering for the Grenada Soup Kitchen, volunteering with the Grenada Campus Food Pantry, serving as a vocal advisor for a public high school and middle school and serving as a keyboardist for a local church. She is also a manager at a local arcade. After graduation from Holmes, Benson plans to attend the University of Mississippi to pursue her bachelor’s degree in education with a minor in music. Her dream is to be able to teach students and motivate them to be the best future leaders.

Holmes Ridgeland Campus announces 2022 Who’s Who

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are **Olasade Olagbegi** and **Randy Harris**, Miss Holmes and Mr. Holmes for the Ridgeland Campus.

The Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus announced the 2022 Who’s Who recipients, which includes Mr. and Miss Holmes and Class Favorites. Mr. and Miss Holmes for the Ridgeland Campus are Randy Harris of Madison and Olasade Olagbegi of Jackson.

As for Class Favorites, this year’s group includes Faith Austin of Brandon, Bethany Biggers of Canton, Kathrine Coward of Canton, Alexandria Cyrus of Madison, Brooklyn Gaddis of Flowood, Anna Goodloe of Canton, Elijah Hudson of Madison and Kennedy Keyes of Brandon.

Harris, son of Louise and Randy Harris, is a business administration major from Canton. On campus, he is an active member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and holds a perfect 4.0 GPA. Harris is a U.S. Army Reserves member, as well. Upon graduation from Holmes, he plans to transfer to Mississippi State University. After MSU, Harris plans to attend law



Faith Austin



Bethany Biggers



Kathrine Coward



Alexandria Cyrus



Brooklyn Gaddis



Anna Goodloe



Elijah Hudson



Kennedy Keyes

school and pursue a career in law. Olagbegi, daughter of Miriam and Juwon Olagbegi, is a biology and pre-med major from Jackson. She is active on campus as SGA president and a member of STEM Club. She’s also a Hall of Fame nominee, Dean’s List scholar and Dean’s Scholarship recipient. Off campus, she’s an active choir member at her church and the leader and founder of a youth leadership group called T.G.I.F (Teens Growing in Faith) where she inspires, motivates and encourages other young women to step out on their callings and be who the Lord created them to be.

“After growing closer to the Lord, I saw the potential in other young women like myself,” Olagbegi said. “I knew that I wasn’t the only one who had a goal to want to live for the Lord so I reached out and showed love to the young women in my community. To this day, I have a group of 20 young women from all over the U.S. and we are still learning, reading, praying and praising, all while growing in faith! “Also, I am a participant of Abraham’s Table,” Olagbegi said. “After his diagnosis of a rare blood disease called Aplastic Anemia, my 13-year-old little brother Abraham had the opportunity to grant one

wish for himself. Although he could’ve wished for a typical teenage desire, he decided to wish for the homeless to be fed monthly. This has now turned into a non-profit organization called Abraham’s Table where we go out every third Saturday of the month and feed the homeless. It is an honor to be a part of something so beautiful.” After Holmes, Olagbegi plans to attend Mississippi State University to earn a bachelor’s in pre-med. She then plans to attend medical school to become a pediatrician.

Holmes offers new intramural activities

By Dallan Sisco
Staff Reporter



Sidney Upshaw



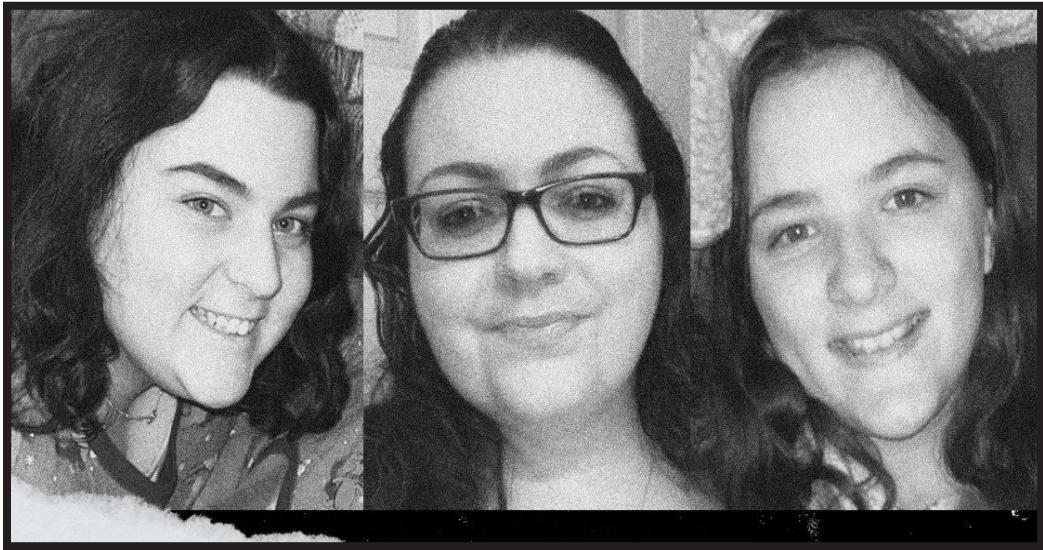
Shanbria Rule

Throughout the month of March, intramurals has held, and will continue to hold, activities such as capture the flag and volleyball on the Holmes Goodman Campus. Following the highly-successful dodgeball tournament, Sidney Kimble, head of the fitness center and intramural director, is set to produce two more intramural activities before the month is over. Although a dodgeball tournament was a vaguely new concept for the Goodman Campus, it gained a substantial following in a short amount of time. The success of the tournament

was directly linked to the inclusivity of the event. Such an event allowed the student body to come together in the light of competition and have a friendly contest. “I wanted to have activities where anyone is welcome,” Kimble said. “A place where we can get everyone excited and active” If you or a friend is interested in any upcoming intramural activities, capture the flag will be held on March 9 at the Band Field and the volleyball tournament will be held on March 30 at the volleyball court.

Teenage girl punished like a dog

By Alek Dickerson
Staff Reporter



Dogs and humans have many things in common when it comes to how they get treated. Dogs are considered part of the family when they are really cared for. One thing that should not be alike

is punishment and abuse. Dogs, nor any animal, should be abused. Humans should not be abuse either, but this families though process was not the same. A 13-year-old teenage girl from

New Jersey was forced to wear a shock collar, that which is initially meant for a dog, as a form of punishment when she was “bad.” The situation was first reported on March 1 after she showed up on the neighbor’s doorstep with the shock collar on. When the cops arrive, they saw that she had some markings on her neck due to the consistency of wearing the collar. The neighbor, Karen Villec, said that when she saw the teen standing there with the collar, she invited the teen inside while her husband called the police. “I open the door and she hands me this dog collar. And I go, ‘Is your dog loose?’ She said, ‘No, they shocked me! They shocked me!’ And she put up her neck and I saw the two marks from

the dog collar,” Villec said, adding that the collar was vibrating as she was holding it, according to WPVI. The teen was taken to Jefferson Hospital in Stratford, New Jersey, for treatment, and the Division of Child Protection and Permanency removed her from the home. The next day, Kelly, Rebecca and Rachel Mennig were arrested and charged with the connection to the abuse and neglect. According to the teen, she has been wearing the collar since she was 9 years old. When police interviewed her, she told them Rachel, 20, “put the collar around her neck and shocked her multiple times and had done this in the past,” according to the affidavit.

Goodman announces Creative Writing Contest winners

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Pictured are the 2022 Holmes Goodman Campus Creative Writing Contest winners. They are *(left to right)* **Dakota Chance** of Pearl, **Rochelle Easterwood** of Kilmicheal, **Macie Manasco** of Mathiston, **Isabella Settlemer** of Kosciusko, **Tallisa Ferguson** of Kosciusko and **LaKesia Smart** of Goodman,

English instructor William Chad Moorer announced the winners of the 2022 Creative Writing Contest for the Holmes Community College Goodman Campus. All winners receive cash prizes furnished by the Holmes Foundation. First and second place winners are forwarded to the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association Contest and will be published in Holmes' literary magazine, *Reflections*.

Lakesia Smart of Goodman took home first and second place in the Poetry Category; first for "Sunday Morning" and second for "The Vase." Tallisa Ferguson of Kosciusko came in third place for her poem "Dear Grandma."

In the Short Story Category, Dakota Chance of Pearl placed first for "The

Beautiful Release," Rochelle Easterwood of Kilmicheal came in second for "The Drama Within" and Isabella Settlemer of Kosciusko placed third for "Welcome to the Jungle."

Next, in the Literary Essay Category, Smart won first place for "Passing by Nella Larson" and Macie Manasco of Mathiston took home second for "Love beyond Tension."

Finally, in the Personal Essay (Creative Non-Fiction) Category, Smart won first for "The Mic," Settlemer placed second for "Gone But Never Forgotten" and Settlemer also placed third for "Animals Are More Than Just Creatures."

Ridgeland Campus announces Creative Writing winners

From Staff Reports/Photos



English instructor Dr. Andrew Kelly announced the winners of the 2022 Creative Writing Contest for the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus. All winners receive cash prizes furnished by the Holmes Foundation. First and second place winners are forwarded to the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association Contest and will be published in Holmes' literary magazine, *Reflections*.

Pictured are the 2022 Ridgeland Campus Creative Writing Contest Winners. They are *(left to right)* **Laura Reilly**, **Emily Huff**, **Junnah Mondejar**, **Bethany Biggers** and **Gladys Wilson**. *Not pictured:* Elizabeth Venarske.

In the Short Story Category, Bethany Biggers of Canton won first for "You Can Make Anything Look Like an Accident," Laura Reilly of Madison placed second for "Sweet Loretta" and Elizabeth Venarske of Ridgeland took home third for "World Without Magic."

In the Poetry Category, Gladys Wilson of Pelahatchie came in first for "The Grass is Green in the Dark," and Junnah Mondejar of Madison placed second for "Little Things of Life."

Finally, in the Personal Essay Category, Emily Huff of Madison won first place for "A New Life."

For more information on the Literary Contest, contact English instructor Dr. Andrew Kelly at akelly@holmescc.edu.

Grenada Campus holds Creative Writing Contest

From Staff Reports/Photos



Each year, the Holmes Community College Grenada Campus holds a Creative Writing Contest. All winners receive cash prizes furnished by the Holmes Foundation. First and second place winners are forwarded to the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association Contest and will be published in Holmes' literary magazine, *Reflections*.

(left) Pictured are the Grenada Campus Creative Writing Contest winners. They are *(left to right)* **Olivia Pharr**, **Jillian Craig**, **Alexander Willoughby** and **Kevion McGee**. *Not pictured:* Benjamin

Winners of the Poetry category were: First Place, Olivia Pharr of Charleston for "Gotta Little Bit of Heaven on My Mind," and Second Place, Benjamin Childers of Carrollton for "Evil Men and Their Fate."

Winners of the Short Story portion included: First Place, Alexander Willoughby of Grenada for "The Forest of Shadow," and Second Place, Kevion McGee of Grenada for "The England Killer." Finally, Jillian Craig of Grenada took home First Place in Creative Non-Fiction for "Burning Icy Bridges."

For more information, contact Amy Land at aland@holmescc.edu.

Three Holmes students place in statewide art competition

From Staff Reports



Mandy Zhang



Mandy Zhang's first place artwork.

Three Holmes Community College students placed in the 33rd annual Student Art Exhibition & Competition of the Mississippi Community/Junior College Art Instructors Association (MCJCAIA). This year, the exhibition/competition was hosted in March by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Jackson County campus.

Ridgeland Campus student Mandy Zhang of Madison came in first place in the Painting Category. Ridgeland student Theresa Ho of Clinton took home second place as well as an honorable mention in Painting, and Goodman student Claire Milford took home an honorable mention for 2D Design.

The annual statewide exhibition featured nearly 200 student works from 13 different Mississippi community and junior college campuses. The works were chosen by the individual instructors from their respective institutions as examples that they considered the best efforts of their students from the academic school year.

Artworks were submitted into the 2-D categories of Drawing, Design, Painting/Mixed Media, Photography, Printmaking and Digital/Computer Art, as well as the 3-D categories of Ceramics and 3-D Design. This year's competition was judged by New Orleans-based artists and educators Sarah House and Phil Sandusky.

Hartley named Grenada Campus Chief of Police

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Chief Garrett Hartley

Grenada native Garrett Hartley has recently been promoted to chief of police at the Grenada Campus and brings over 20 years of experience to the post. Prior to being named chief at Holmes, he served as a campus police officer at the Grenada Campus. “I always heard Holmes was a

wonderful place to work and decided to give it a shot,” Hartley said. “It has been one of the best decisions I’ve made for my family, work and myself. It’s nice to show up to work and always feel appreciated. “Holmes Community College has been wonderful,” he added. “It’s like one big happy family. Everybody is always helping and looking out for one another. It’s a positive atmosphere and always nice to hear ‘Good Morning’, ‘How’s your day?’, ‘Hope you had or will have a good weekend!’ etc. You feel welcome and it makes you enjoy coming to work. A downfall is putting on extra weight because somebody is always bringing food and snacks.” Hartley says the Grenada Campus provides a safe environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors to the campus. “I think we can add a few more lights and cameras to cover a couple of blind spots,” he said to improve campus safety. “For the last 24 years I have worked

in law enforcement in my hometown Grenada,” Hartley said. “I’ve had career opportunities that would have taken me out of Grenada but this is my home. This is my family and friend’s home where most of them will have family members attending programs at Holmes Community College Grenada Campus.” Prior to coming to Holmes, Hartley served as chief of police for the city of Grenada. Before becoming chief, he was the narcotics and training officer moving up the ranks from patrolman to captain. During his career, he also served as an investigator with the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure. He started in law enforcement as a patrolman with the Grenada Police Department. Hartley has a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Delta State University. Prior to attending Delta State, he also took classes at Holmes. He also graduated from the Mississippi Law Enforcement Office Training

Academy in Pearl in the basic law enforcement and the certified investigator programs. He took the handgun/shotgun and tactical rifle instructor course with Total Control Training Institute in Benton, the handgun/shotgun law enforcement firearms instructor course with the National Rifle Association in Tupelo and the Glock armorer’s course in Pearl. He also has training in Title IX, diversity, civilian response to active shooter, officer safety, rapid response to active shooter, pursuit policy, emergency vehicle operation, pharmaceutical diversions, site safety, incident command, interview and interrogation and basic narcotics investigations. Hartley and his wife, Karen, have two sons, Will, 17, and Hayes, 9. Karen has owned and operated Puddleducks in Grenada for the past 16 years. His parents, David and Sherrye Hartley, are both retired teachers in the Grenada School District.

Kimble named fitness center/intramural director

From Staff Reports/Photos



Sidney Kimble

Sidney Kimble has recently come to Holmes Community College’s Goodman Campus as the fitness center/intramural director. Her parents, Todd Kimble and Audra Love Dean, both worked at Holmes for many years as did her grandparents, Bennie and Jo Kimble. Todd attended Holmes as a student and was a successful basketball coach winning three state championships and is a member of Holmes Sports Hall of Fame. Audra taught business classes and worked in the eLearning Depart-

ment at Holmes and served as the cheer and tennis coach. Bennie Kimble also served as basketball coach prior to Todd taking over the reins, and Jo was a math instructor, and both retired from Holmes. Her great grandfather, John Clark Love, Sr. also served on the Holmes Community College Board of Trustees. “I am so excited to be a part of the Holmes family,” Kimble said. “This campus has created many fond memories for me over the years. My parents, grandparents, and great-grandfather left their mark here, and I am thrilled to continue the legacy.” She has many goals in her new job. “My goal for this program is to excite and motivate the Holmes family to set goals, be active, and step outside their comfort zone,” she said. “Intramural activities give students an opportunity to try new things, meet new people, and be active. When I was a student, I found that the intramural program was a place for everyone. The Fitness Center creates space for the entire Holmes family to achieve their fitness goals.” The Fitness Center hours are Monday-Thursday, 12-6 p.m. with faculty/staff hours going from noon-1:30 p.m. each day. So far on the intramural side, she has developed 7-on-7 football on Wednesday nights and 4-on-4 basketball on Monday nights. Students should go to <https://www.imleagues.com/spa/account/registration?schoolId=19651a18380d41089c799f3788dc9dc4> to register.

Kimble has an associate’s degree from Holmes Community College and is currently attending the Mississippi University for Women online and pursuing a business administration degree. She attended the University of Mississippi prior to transferring to MUW. She is a graduate of Madison Central High School. Prior to coming to Holmes, Kimble worked at Mannsdale Animal Clinic, was a senior page for the Mississippi Senate, worked at Central Mississippi Cheer and Victory Athletics, worked at the Madison Healthplex and worked at Susan’s Shoppe. She participated in the Miss Mississippi Outstanding Teen Pageant serving as Miss Southern Magnolia’s Outstanding Teen and Miss Dixie’s Outstanding Teen for two years. She was a Top 10 finalist in 2015 and 2016, the overall lifestyle and fitness winner in 2015 and the people’s choice award in 2015. Other awards included: Mississippi Economic Council Mississippi Scholar, Madison Central PTO Scholarship, University of Mississippi Academic Excellence Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, A-B Honor Roll 2015-2017; Duke of Edinburgh’s Bronze Award 2015; Universal Cheerleader As-

sociation All-American Cheerleader 2012 and 2013; and Rosa Scott High School Freshman Beauty. Kimble’s activities included: Mississippi Senate Page for Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves, 2016 & 2017; Alpha Phi Sorority and M-Power at Ole Miss; basketball, cheer, MC TV broadcaster, library clerk, ornithology club, FCA Huddle Leader, Madison Central High School/Rosa Scott High School/Madison Middle School; Mississippi Braves National Anthem Performer; Jackson Symphony League Sub-Deb; member of Broadmoor Baptist Church; competitive cheerleading squads; dance for three years; voice for three years; and piano for two years. Over the years, she has been heavily involved in community service. Organizations include: Ole Miss Community Service Leader, KidsCAN, American Cancer Society Relay for Life – Jackson & Madison-Ridgeland, Pages of Love Book Drive, MadCAAP Food For Families Can Food Drive, Capitol Easter Egg Hunt, North Mississippi’s Tornado Relief Phone-A-Thon, Madison Central Cheerleaders’ St. Jude Fundraisers, Children’s Miracle Network Fundraisers, Highland Colony Baptist Church Community Improvement Project, Broadmoor Baptist Church Home Build Volunteer, Jackson Street Ministries Blessing Bags and Toys for Tots.

President Biden scrutinized for new smoking kits

By Dallon Sisco
Staff Reporter



As of Monday, Feb. 2, the Biden Harris administration set in action a \$30 million plan to assist racial equity alongside underfunded and overlooked communities with elevated levels of substance abuse. Partnered with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the plan involves pop-up safe injection sites and specialized kits that are equipped with items such as smoking utensils and syringes. The “smoking kit” is described as a safe alternative for anyone struggling with substance abuse. More than 20 million individuals across the nation struggle with drug and substance abuse, and since the early 2000s, nearly 800,000 Americans have fallen due to addictive narcotics. In regard to the sites and kit, the expectancy is that if enough are placed amongst underdevel-

oped communities, more addicts will have a safe way to use as cleanly as possible; this is opposed to sharing pipes and needles. Naturally, a plan that is solely determined to supply addicts with the tools to support their use is frowned upon. All political parties are scrutinizing the president and the HHS for encouraging drug use in America, even if their intentions are just. Many news outlets have focused merely on the distribution of narcotic-based utensils; this ultimately has implanted a skewed outlook on the plan in general. Although these kits are being distributed, the reason is much more vital and relevant. An attempt to help the smaller communities of America with their issues by any means necessary is the true purpose of this plan.

Holmes Indoor Drumline performs Feb. 12

By Dallan Sisco
Staff Reporter



On Feb. 12, Holmes Community College's indoor drumline initiated its first performance of 2022. Led by veteran director Jeffrey Brown, this ensemble of musicians was eager to display their musical prowess in the name of Holmes. Separating itself from all previous band groups like marching band, jazz band and concert band, Holmes's Indoor Drumline is truly an

entity of its own. Comprised of marching drills and theatric plot lines, Brown has conjured up a musical experience like no other. Prior to the concert, Brown said, "I think people of all ages can appreciate what we're trying to do here once we get the final product on the floor in a few weeks."

Pro-Life Candlelight Vigil held at the Mississippi State Capitol

By Elijah Mangum
Staff Reporter



On the 49th anniversary of the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court case, pro-life activists gathered at the Mississippi State Capitol building for Pro-Life Mississippi's 35th annual candlelight prayer vigil on Saturday, January 22nd. The night included many speeches, prayers, and songs with many of whom were from activists, pastors, and physicians in the movement.

Among these speakers were state officials such as Gov. Tate Reeves and AG Commissioner Andy Gipson. Governor Reeves opened the event with prayer and a speech that voiced his opposition against abortion. This comes after the recent Dobbs v. Jack-

son Women's Health Organization Supreme Court case which could overturn Roe v. Wade.

In a press conference following the vigil, Gov. Reeves went on to discuss preparations that the state making to support women in a potential post-Roe v. Wade world stating "Between now and the ultimate decision comes down from the Supreme Court, We going to have an asset map to where our young expectant mothers can come to find those resources".

As always, the vigil ended with the participants holding candles, singing, and praying for the unborn on the steps of the capitol.

February is Black History Month

By Lakesia Smith Smart
Staff Reporter



February is Black History Month. Also known as African American History Month, this is a time to recognize the accomplishments of black Americans and their contributions to the nation.

This annual celebration was started in 1976 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, whose scholarly dedication led to the establishment of the February tradition.

African Americans have a long-distinguished history of serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, defending the Nation with loyalty, honor and patriotism in every war since the American

Revolution.

The annual observance began as Negro History Week in 1926; it officially became Black History Month in 1976. Negro History Week was intended to be a time "in which the contributions of the Negro to the development of civilization would be sufficiently emphasized to impress Blacks as well as whites," as the 1982 Annual Report of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission on National Black History Month expressed it.

Happy Black History Month!

Valentines Day on the Ridgeland Campus

By Elijah Mangum
Staff Reporter

On Valentine's Day morning at the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus, the Student Government Association hosted free photo ops, sweet treats and hot chocolate in the lobby of Ridgeland Hall.

The campus' picture spot was decorated with balloons, hearts and props for fun student photo ops. Next to the picture spot, there were tables with Rice Krispie treats, cupcakes and hot chocolate.

According to Student Activities Coordinator Amanda Lindsey, who advises the SGA, the officers and representatives discuss ideas for activities on campus, many of which are themed around holidays like Valentine's Day.



Odanci A. Ndayisaba and Niyonizigiye Claude pose for a photo.



Morghen McDonald, Faith Austin, Student Activities Director Amanda Lindsey and Chantal Brown pose for a photo.

Farrar named defensive backs coach/recruiting coordinator

From Staff Reports/Photos



Barney Farrar

Kossuth native Barney Farrar has been named defensive backs coach/recruiting coordinator for the Holmes Community College Bulldogs.

He comes to Holmes from Jones College after coaching there for four seasons. He coached linebackers for two seasons and cornerbacks for two seasons.

Farrar joined the Bobcats after six successful seasons at Ole Miss as a lead recruiter and Assistant Athletics Director for High School and Junior College Relations.

He played a vital role in recruit-

ing for the Rebels, which helped Ole Miss land four straight top-15 signing classes, including the 2013 and 2016 hauls that ranked top five in the nation. His contributions also helped Ole Miss reach four straight bowls, including back-to-back New Year's Six games.

Farrar spent 2011 as the head of Southern Miss' player development program and led USM's charge in building and maintaining relationships at the high school level. He moved into that role after three seasons as the tight ends coach for the Golden Eagles.

He was named by Rivals.com as one

of the top "Non-Big Six" Recruiters of the Year for the class of 2010 and was one of only four C-USA coaches selected.

Prior to the Golden Eagles, Farrar had stops at Iowa State, Rice, Clemson and Ole Miss.

He played his collegiate football at Northeast Mississippi Community College and Delta State. He earned a bachelor's degree in physical education in 1983 and a master's degree in physical education in 1985, both from DSU.

Farrar has a son, Clint, and a daughter, Cari.

Damion Willis named new wide receiver coach

From Staff Reports/Photos



Damion Willis

Meridian native and former NFL wide receiver Damion Willis was named Holmes' wide receiver coach.

During his NFL career, Willis played for the Cincinnati Bengals, the Jackson Jaguars, the Denver Broncos, the New York Giants, the Washington Football Team and the Pittsburgh Steelers most recently as a member of the practice squad.

Willis was signed by the Bengals as an undrafted free agent in April 2019 and made his NFL debut against the Seattle Seahawks and had three catches for 30 yards. For the 2019 season, he had nine catches for 82 yards playing in 10 games with two starts.

As a senior at Troy University, he was named to the All-Sun Belt First

Team. He led the conference in catches of 40-plus yards and 30-plus yards; ranked seventh nationally with his seven 40-plus yard receptions and 12th with 10 30-plus yard catches. He finished the season with eight touchdown receptions and averaged 77.5 yards per game and 18.02 yards per catch.

As a junior, he started eight games. He tied the New Orleans Bowl record with 11 catches as he finished with 136 receiving yards and a pair of touchdowns in Troy's 50-30 victory over North Texas. He had 42 catches for 620 yards and three touchdowns averaging 14.8 yards per catch and 47.7 yards per game.

Prior to going to Troy, he played two seasons with East Mississippi Commu-

nity College. He led East Mississippi with 620 receiving yards and an 18.2 yards-per-catch average as a sophomore. He finished the season with six touchdown receptions and had 34 receptions. In his freshman season, he caught four passes for 71 yards.

At Southeast Lauderdale as a senior, he was named to the MHSAA 3A All-State First Team and caught 48 passes for 1,154 yards and 17 touchdowns. It was his third straight season with over 1,000 receiving yards for the Tigers. He played in the Bernard Blackwell All-Star Game is senior year.

Willis holds a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism from Troy University and an associate's degree from East Mississippi.

Les George joins Bulldog football staff

From Staff Reports/Photos



Les George

MACJC product Les George was named assistant head coach/offensive line coach for the Holmes Bulldogs.

Prior to Holmes, George coached at his alma mater, Mississippi Gulf Coast, where he sent a steady stream of players to the next level in addition to paving the way for their fifth national championship in 2019.

On Signing Day, George had three offensive lineman sign with four-year schools including Jimmy Bennett, Jr. at Mississippi Valley State University, Jacob Cox at Central Arkansas and Percy Lewis at Mississippi State University. In 2020, he sent seven to the next level.

In 2021, the Gulf Coast Bulldogs averaged 387.1 yards per game including 185.6 yards per game on the ground and 201.6 yards per game in the air.

The previous three seasons have seen outstanding offensive production behind the Bulldogs' offensive line. The 2020 team went 5-0 playing in a division-only regular-season schedule, and its players ranked high on the national leaderboard. In 2019, the Bulldogs ranked seventh in the NJCAA in total offense (440.6 ypg) with a balanced attack that ranked 10th in rushing (202.2 ypg) and 16th in passing (238.4 ypg). In 2018, Gulf Coast led the MACJC in offense (412.1 yards/game).

George, an East Central High School alum, was an All-Region 23 and All-MACJC performer as a sophomore. He played offensive line at Bacone College, where he got a bachelor's in sports management.

George spent three years as the offensive line coach at Belhaven, where he earned a master's in sports

administration. The Blazers set school single-season and game records for rushing offense and touchdowns in 2012 and ranked in the top 12 in the country in both categories.

He coached AFCA NAIA first-team All-American, All-American Southwest Conference and Conerly Trophy finalist right tackle Matt Hall. At Gulf Coast, he coached NJCAA All-American Martinas Rankin, the most highly recruited community college lineman in the country who was an All-SEC performer at Mississippi State before being picked in the third round of the NFL Draft by the Houston Texans. George also coached D'Marcus Hayes, an All-Region 23 selection who went on to play at Georgia.

George and his wife, Chelsey, have three daughters, Lucy, 10, Louise, 6, and Laura, 2.

Bulldogs have big National Signing Day

From Staff Reports/Photos

Newly-named Holmes Head Football Coach Marcus Wood and the Holmes football team had a big day National Signing Day 2022 on Feb. 2.

Signees include: Chase Wood, OL, Petal; J.J. Grant, RB, West Lauderdale; Joe Moss, RB, Grenada; Jahiem Shack, WR, Grenada; Maxton Woodward, DL, Neshoba Central; Vontrez Rush, ATH, Hollandale Simmons; Jace

Hudspeth, QB, Louisville; Terrion Ross, OL, Greenville Christian; K.D. Rancifer, WR, Greenville Christian; Tony Taylor, DL, D'Iberville; Octavius Robinson, DL, Greenville Christian; Dekari Johnson, WR Leflore County; Jarvis Rush, WR, Louisville; Chris Lanney, OL, Cleveland Central; Logan Johnson, OL, West Lauderdale; Ethan Wood, LS/QB, Kosciusko; Bryce-

ton Spencer, WR, Neshoba Central; Markel Bell, OL, Cleveland Central; Colton DeShazo, WR, D'Iberville; Zyonn Mayes, DB, Biggersville; D'Anthony McGlothan, WR, J.Z. George; Robert Cook, OL, D'Iberville; A.J. Breland, OL, Hattiesburg; Kezerian Wash, DB, Newton; Dandreyus Giles, DB, Holmes County Central; Comondre Cole, DL, West Lauder-

dale; Laterrance Cassels, DE, Prairie View; Tyrese Fields, DL, Germantown; Robert Jennings, LB/DE, Morton; Corion Mathis, DL, Mendenhall; Deriaun Townsend, RB, Winona; Joshua Lloyd, DL, Morton; Jeremiah Kirk, LB/DE, Louisville; Davion Barnes, DB, West Jones.

Kosciusko's Will Carter will kick and punt for the Bulldogs in the fall.

Holmes defeats Northeast 7-2 in men and 6-3 in women

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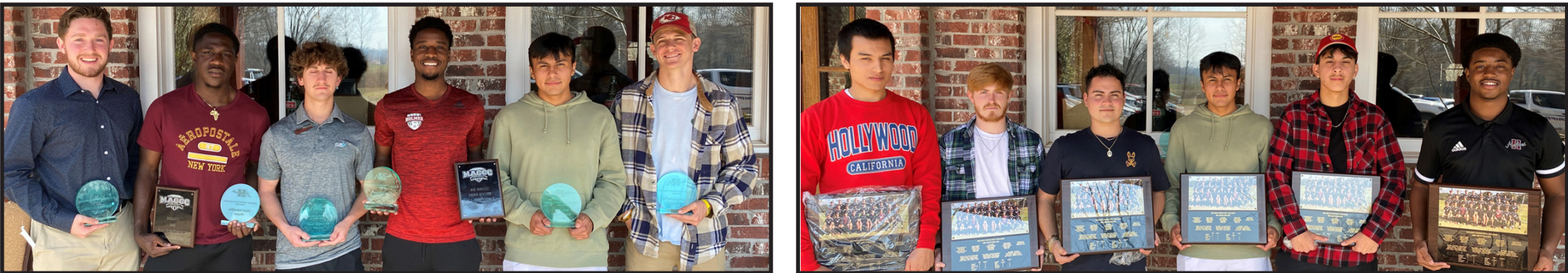
The Holmes Community College men’s and women’s tennis teams picked up wins at home on March 8 versus Northeast Mississippi Community College.

In men’s action, Carson Jones, Carter Knowles, Trey Hallmark and Lathan Burchfield won in singles action. J.D. Camillo fell in his singles match. In doubles, Camillo and Hallmark won their match as did Burchfield and Jones. Knowles-Ethan Woolridge fell in their match.

In women’s action, Ava Peters, Cayley Tiller, Allie Williamson and Rana Paige Davis won in singles while Macie Manasco fell in her singles match. In doubles, Peters and Gregg, Tiller and Davis and Williams and Manasco won in their doubles matches.

Men’s soccer players recognized with team awards

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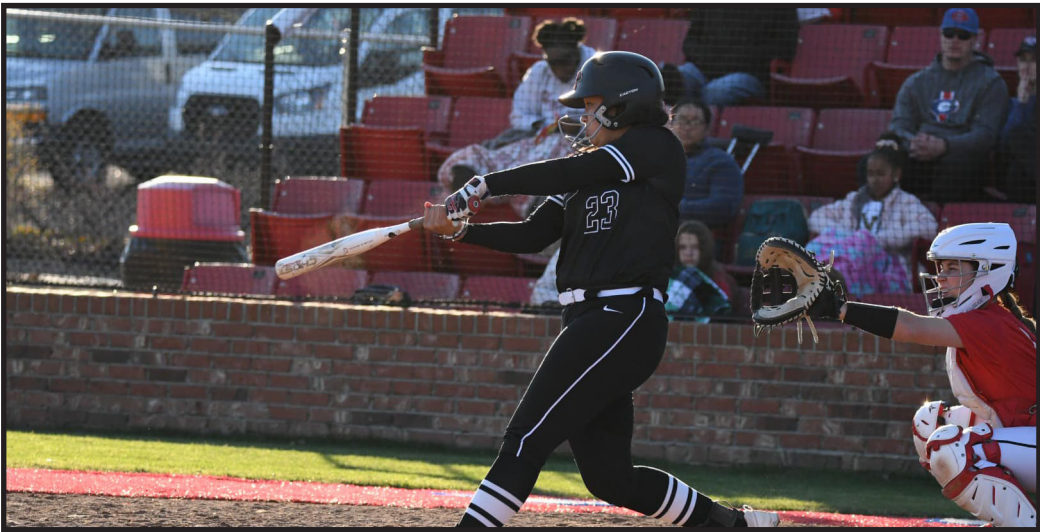
The 2021 Holmes Community College men’s soccer team received their team awards Friday, March 4 at Mama Hamil’s in Madison.

Awards given out included: Niyonizigiye Claude, Most Valuable Player; Mikey Elinski, Most Improved Player; Layton Livingston and Cooper Herington, Sportsmanship Award; Grayosn Dale and Alfredo Marin, Bulldog Leadership Award; Kagma Egide, Best Offensive Award and Jordan Stevens, Best Defensive Award. The sophomores also received their sophomore recognition plaques.

Claude and Egide were named to the All-MACCC team.

Lady Bulldogs sweep South Arkansas Stars, 17-0 and 5-0

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs picked up two wins at home on March 1 over the South Arkansas Community College Stars winning 17-0 and 5-0.

With the win, the Lady Bulldogs improved to 15-1 on the season. Holmes will play their first home game of the season on Tuesday, March 8 at 2/4 pm. vs. Southwest.

In game one, Kelsie Travis picked up the win. She went four innings and gave up no runs on two hits with five strikeouts and one walk.

Julianna Ingram, Hallie Billie, McK-ayla Crowley and Destiny Dill each had two hits. Billie and Leah Kinard each had a double.

In game two, Elleigh Willis got the win. She went six innings and gave up two hits with six strikeouts. Emmagail Kelley went one inning and had one strikeout.

Shelby Lindsay led the Lady Bulldogs with two hits including a triple. Billie had a double.

Holmes falls to Gulf Coast in Region XXIII Tournament 2nd Round

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Bulldogs battled hard at home on Monday, Feb. 28, and trailed Mississippi Gulf Coast by only two at half, but the Gulf Coast Bulldogs pulled away in the second half to take the Region XXIII Second Round game, 92-72.

The Bulldogs ended the season at 11-13.

Gulf Coast led 37-35 at halftime and then outscored the Holmes Bulldogs, 55-37, in the second half to pull out the win.

Jordan Brister led the Bulldogs with 18 points while Tyler Talley had 15, Jourdain Dishmond had 12 and Darrius Clark had 10. Clark led the Bulldgos with 10 rebounds while Eric Green had seven.

Holmes shot 41.3 percent from the floor (26-of-63) and 34.5 percent from the three-point line (10-of-29).

Lady Bulldogs’ season ends in Region XXIII play-in game vs. Delgado

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs’ season came to an end at home on Friday, Feb. 25, in the Region XXIII play-in game with a 63-50 loss to Delgado Community College.

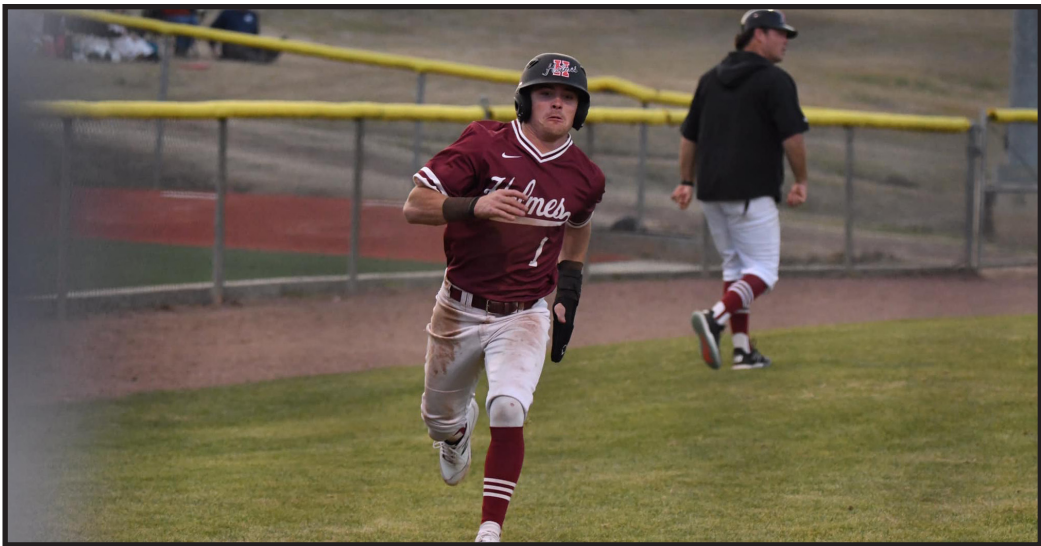
The Lady Bulldogs ended the season 1-23 overall.

Delgado led 19-14 after one period and then outscored the Lady Bulldogs, 16-9, in the second period to lead 25-23 at halftime. Delgado outscored Holmes, 28-27, in the second half for the win.

Shanbria Rule led the Lady Bulldogs with 22 points. Santia Robinson led the Lady Bulldogs with nine rebounds while Rule and Amarie Anderson each had seven.

Bulldogs pick up wins over Co-Lin and Miss. Delta

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Bulldogs picked up two wins at home on Feb. 15, a 3-1 win over Copiah-Lincoln Community College and a 15-7 win over Mississippi Delta Community College.

Holmes returns to action on Saturday

at 1/4 p.m. vs. South Arkansas Community College in Goodman.

Versus Co-Lin, Brody Wilkins got the start and picked up the win. He went five innings and gave up one run on four hits with two strikeouts. Will Cook went two innings and picked up

the save.

Parker Knight, Hayden Beall, Matthew Koch and Ethan Parmegiani each had one hit.

Versus Delta, Eric Gibbs got the start and went three innings. He gave up four runs on three hits with three strikeouts and two walks. Cordarius Brown came in the game in the fourth and went two innings and gave up one run on two hits with two strikeouts and one walk and picked up the win. Heath McBride and Abbott Hankins also pitched an inning in the game. McBride gave up two runs on three hits with one strikeout while Hankins had one strikeout.

Carson Buckner and Hankins each had three hits vs. Delta. Hankins had a three-run homerun and a double while Buckner had a solo homerun and a double. Evan Scott and Parker Knight

each had two hits with Scott adding a triple. Beall added a double.

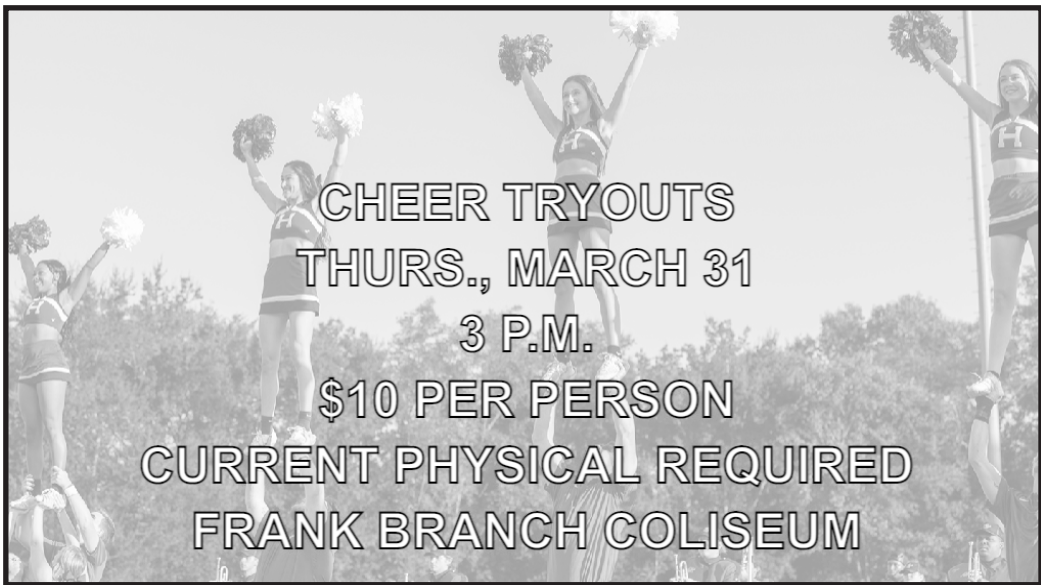
On Friday, the Bulldogs played in Millington, Tenn. vs. Dyersburg State and Lake Michigan. Holmes fell to Dyersburg, 9-0, and Lake Michigan, 2-1.

Kenneth Moore, Parmegiani, Hankins and Scott each had a hit vs. Dyersburg. Keegan Cormier suffered the loss in 4 2/3 innings of work. Jaden Clinton and Jake McKay also pitched in the game.

In game two vs. Lake Michigan, Koch went five innings and gave up two runs on five hits with six strikeouts and three walks. Cook also pitched in the game and gave up one hit. Moore, Reese Smith, Scott, Hankins and Ryan Davis each had a hit.

Cheer tryouts set for Thursday, March 31 in Frank Branch Coliseum

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Cheer Squad will hold tryouts on Thursday, March 31 at 3 p.m. in Frank Branch Coliseum. The cost of the tryout is \$10 per person and each participant must have a current physical.

The squad is offering open gym dates to prepare for the tryouts on Tuesday,

March 8 at 3:00, Tuesday, March 22 at 3:00, Monday, March 28 at 3:00 and Tuesday, March 29 at 3:00. These will be held in the cheer gym located in the Vocational-Technical Building on the Goodman Campus.

A stunt clinic is set for March 6 from 3-5 p.m. for cheerleaders in grades

9-college. Cost is \$25.

Stunting Requirements :

Male – Toss Chair (all males)

Shoulder Stands (all males)

Coed – toss extension lib (difficulty varies)

Multibase – quick toss lib

Elite stunt

Tumbling is not required, but highly recommended

All Female – toss straddle (either base or top)

Shoulder stand (either base or top)

Female Coed Top – Toss Chair

Toss Extension Lib (Difficulty Varies)

Elite Transitional Stunt

Female Multibase Top – toss chair Quick

Toss Lib

Transitional Stunt

Female Multibase Base – quick toss lib

2 person stunt (walkin or j-up)

Elite transitional stunt

Tumbling is not required but highly recommended

Fight Song and Chants:

Fight Song and (2) Chants will be posted on our Social Media.

***Evaluations of these (3) and the incorporated stunts will be at Tryouts*

For more information, contact Coach Heather Jones at hjones@holmescc.edu.

Russell signs with Mississippi College

From Staff Reports/Photos



Holmes Community College sophomore defender Abbi Russell signed a national letter of intent with the Mississippi College Lady Choctaws on Tuesday, Jan. 4 in Ridgeland.

Russell from Brandon played her high school career at Northwest Rankin.

During the 2021 season, the Lady Bulldogs won their sixth straight North Division title and finished as the MACCC/Region XXIII runners-up. She had two goals and three assists this season. During her freshman year, the

Lady Bulldogs won their fifth straight North Division title and their second straight MACCC/Region XXIII titles. They then made an incredible run in the first-ever NJCAA Division II Tournament finishing as national runner-up.

The Lady Choctaws finished the 2021 season with a 12-4-2 record. Mississippi College fell to Florida Tech on PK's in the NCAA Division II Women's Tournament in Cleveland, Tenn. in late November.

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Alek Dickerson

Dickerson is a sophomore from Biloxi, but moved to Ridgeland in 2017. When deciding a major, she originally wanted to do criminology because her Abuelo (grandfather) is a lawyer, but then realized that she would not enjoy it and it didn't fit her personality. Someone introduced her to Public Relations. Because Holmes does not have a Public Relations major, she is majoring in Journalism/Mass Communications. She plans to transfer to The University of Southern Mississippi and obtain a career in activism journalism, broadcast journalism, investigative journalism or event/wedding planning. Outside of school, she loves to interact with friends and family, create anything with her hands and participate in events around her. She is also very into different cultures because she is the daughter of a Puerto Rican mother and a Jamaican father.



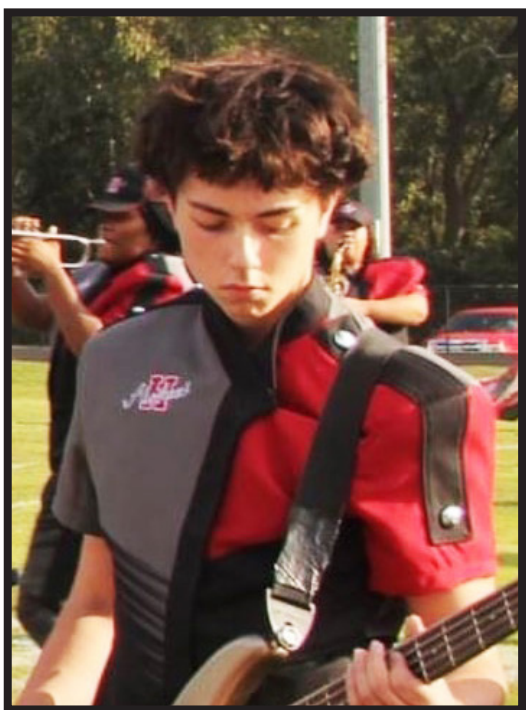
Elijah Mangum

Mangum is a freshman on the Ridgeland Campus from Florence. He is majoring in journalism and mass communications with hopes of transferring to Mississippi College and going into broadcast journalism. He has been a member of the FHS News team at Florence High School, an intern at Darkhorse Press and has a weekly news YouTube channel, Mangum Studios. He is an active member of Cleary Baptist Church and enjoys spending time with family, videography, writing and public speaking.



Callie Grace Pope

Pope is a sophomore pre-med major from Madison. She is an active member of Pinelake Church and has been working in childcare at Burn Bootcamp in Madison Ms since 2017. Callie plans to transfer to Ole Miss with an end goal of gaining employment at a children's doctor's office. In her spare time, she likes to paint, hang out with friends and family and shop.



Dallan Sisco

Dallan Sisco, a second-semester freshman, joins the newspaper staff, the Growl, at Holmes CC Goodman. Previously occupying a position on his former high school's newspaper staff, he is ecstatic to continue his journalistic journey at Holmes. Not only does he partake in this school-organized activity, but Dallan also indulges in the niceties of almost every aspect of his college campus. These include playing guitar for the Holmes Band and even working part-time at the fitness center.



Lakesia Smith-Smart

Smith-Smart has always had a passion for music. She is a sophomore on the Holmes Goodman Campus who began singing in her church choir at an early age. This sincere passion has followed her throughout her lifetime, for she has traveled extensively performing and entering several musical contests abroad. After finishing high school, she continued indulging in her passion by attending Holmes with a concentration in vocal performance. In 2019, Lakesia opened her own dance school in Lexington, MS named House of Mannassah: Kessey's Kiss. She continues to grow as an independent artist, sharing her musical talents and gifts with the world.